



HAH Happenings

March 2025



The Horticultural Alliance of the Hamptons
P.O. Box 202, Bridgehampton, NY 11932-0202

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at the Bridgehampton Community House



On Sunday, March 9, 2025 at 2:00 pm

Please join us on **Zoom** (watch your email for link)

for a talk by **Heather Holm** on

Native Predatory Wasps: Their Role as Pollinators and Beneficial Insects

Native bees and predatory wasps share the same lineage and also share many behaviors and habitat requirements. Predatory wasps feed their offspring insects (and spiders) and bees diverged from this carnivorous diet to feed their offspring plant-based food (pollen and nectar). Flower-rich landscapes provide critical habitat for both adult bees and wasps because they each consume flower nectar; in addition, wasps need diverse, flower-rich landscapes to hunt for their prey. Heather will highlight many amazing natural history and biology facts about native wasps illustrating their nesting habitat, prey specificity, and the ecosystem services they provide - pest insect population control and pollination.

Heather Holm is a pollinator conservationist and award-winning author of four books: ***Pollinators of Native Plants*** (2014), ***Bees*** (2017), ***Wasps*** (2021), and ***Common Native Bees of the Eastern United States*** (2022). Both ***Bees*** and ***Wasps*** have won multiple book awards including the American Horticultural Society Book Award (2018 and 2022 respectively). Heather's expertise includes the interactions between native pollinators and native plants, and the natural history and biology of native bees and predatory wasps. Her work has been featured in the New York Times, Minneapolis Star Tribune, and many local publications. Heather is also an accomplished photographer and her pollinator photos are frequently featured in print and electronic publications.

Heather serves on the boards of the following non-profits: Friends of Cullen Nature Preserve and Bird Sanctuary, Friends of Minnetonka Parks, and the new Minnesota Oak Savanna Chapter of The Prairie Enthusiasts. In her spare time, she is an active community supporter, writing grants, and coordinating and participating in volunteer ecological landscape restoration projects. The latest project is a 13-acre oak savanna restoration that will provide thriving habitat for pollinators, birds, mammals, and passive, nature-based opportunities for people.

HAH EVENTS - MARCH 2025

Saturday, March 1 - Roundtable - 10:00 am - 12 pm at the HAH Library - see p. 3

Sunday, March 9 - Lecture - 2:00 pm on Zoom - see above

Saturday, March 15 - Winter Book Group - 11:00 am on Zoom - see p. 4

Sunday, March 23 - 'See the Seals' Boat Trip - 9 am - see p. 4

for registration: hahgarden.org/tickets



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



March is such a hopeful month in the garden. Stick season seems likely to be ending any minute and of course spring starting is going to be an even ramp toward summer, each day warmer than the last, right? Is that a snowdrop, crocus, eranthis, jonquil over there? Hellebores definitely are eager to open, look at those buds. Gardeners are almost as optimistic as dogs (there's nothing more optimistic than a dog) and if Pavlov had done experiments with us he'd likely have gotten us to salivate by showing us bulbs pushing buds up through mulch.

Reality is that there's still some pretty cold days ahead, perfect for HAH's upcoming programming: a Roundtable focused on all things birds; a Zoom lecture about the importance of wasps; the last chance this winter to grab some tea and enjoy Winter Book Group. Of course there's still time to order seeds and plants sitting by a fire with actual catalogs or your iPad. It's not too soon to start fantasizing about the HAH Garden Fair, you can even buy a ticket at www.hahgarden.org/PreviewParty to be sure you get first pick of the exciting offerings at old-school prices.

If you missed February's excellent Zoom lecture on native plants by Carolyn Summers, she covered not only the importance of native plants to insects and birds, but ornamental uses to create beautiful garden design. The lecture, and many others that have been on Zoom, can be found on the HAH website at www.hahgarden.org/videos.

Michael Longacre

HAH 2025 Officers and Board of Directors

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The Library Chairperson (who serves on the Board with a vote) is Joan DiMonda.

On occasion the board may appoint someone to fill an unexpired term if necessary.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR - Elaine Peterson

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PHOTOS this month: Pamela Harwood, Michael Longacre, Janis Murphy, Elaine Peterson, Lydia Wallis. Thank you all!

HAH - Friends of The Garden (FOG)

Friends of the Garden (FOG) is composed of volunteers who take care of the garden in front of the HAH Library/Meeting Room on School Street, in Bridgehampton, off the parking lot behind the Bridgehampton Community House.

FOG will start its 2025 program on Thursday, April 10 and will meet every 4th week thereafter.

Please note that the dates for this year are all on **Thursdays**:

**April 10, May 8, June 5, July 3, July 31,
Aug 28, Sep 25, Oct 23 and Nov 20**

The time: 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Anyone interested is invited to attend and help, for one or as many meetings as you would like. Looking forward to gardening with you!

Cornelia Bostwick



HAH Roundtable Program

In Person at the HAH Library

Saturday, March 1, 2025 at 10:00am – Noon

Gardening “For the Birds!” How Your Garden Can be a Bird’s Best Friend

Moderated and with Photos by Pamela Harwood

It's now the very beginning of March and we gardeners and garden lovers are eagerly anticipating spring. What do we think of as one of the first signs of spring? It is not only the first emerging bulbs and other flowers that are the harbingers of spring, but also the sight and sound of birds. Whether they have remained all winter or are returning to us from a warmer winter home, or stopping by on their migratory flight, birds are our welcome companions.

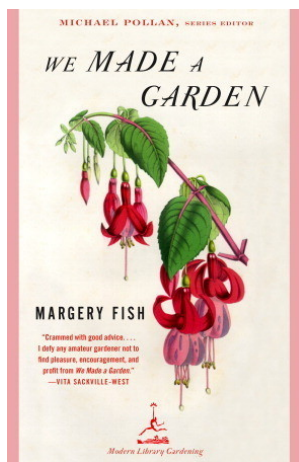
One of our greatest pleasures in the garden is to stop and watch the birds as they eat, drink, build nests, fly to and fro, and to enjoy listening to their birdsong. Their presence can bring us joy, amusement, relaxation, and contentment. To increase the numbers of birds that will visit your garden, there are a number of things you can plant and incorporate that help to fill their needs for shelter, food, and water.

Here are some topics we'll discuss:

- The role of native plants in sustaining local birds
- Varieties of trees that provide the best shelter and food sources
- The role of various shrubs
- The best berrying trees and shrubs and their timing as a food and water source over the seasons
- The benefits of evergreen and deciduous trees and shrubs
- Dioecious trees and shrubs: why having a male and female is necessary for producing berries
- Annual and perennial flowers whose shapes, colors, and other properties cater to the needs of different kinds of birds
- Various kinds of water sources for drinking and bathing are also beautiful ornamental focal points
- Birdhouses
- Man-made bird feeders: pros and cons
- Protection from predators

We will begin the program with a slide show of photographs for inspiration and questions followed by our always lively discussion. We welcome all samples for show and tell. By the end of the program, if there are attendees who have additional gardening questions about these or any other topics, please feel free to stay a while longer and talk to one of our knowledgeable members.





Winter Book Group

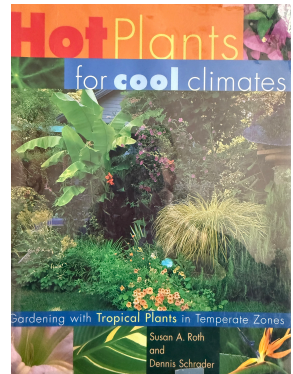
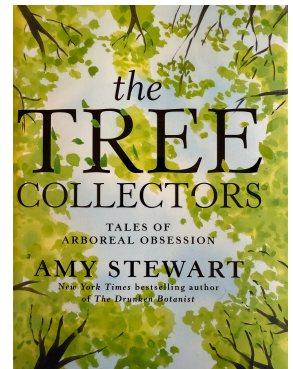
Saturday, March 15th at 11am

On Zoom

Look for our email with the Zoom link

All are welcome

And just like that, this will be the final book group of our 2024/25 season. Thank you to all of our presenters and to everyone who attended. It is always lovely to see you on the Zoom screen. Sharing our love of gardens and of books is one of life's great pleasures.



This month we have another fabulous collection of books and wonderful presenters:

1. ***We Made a Garden*** by Margery Fish, presented by Nancy Gilbert
2. ***The Tree Collectors: Tales of Arboreal Obsession*** by Amy Stewart, presented by Elaine Peterson
3. ***Hot Plants for Cool Climates: Gardening with Tropical Plants in Temperate Zones***, by Susan A. Roth and Dennis Schrader, presented by Derek Scarpino

"See The Seals" - HAH Workshop

Sunday, March 23, 2025 9:00 a.m. Sharp

Rain or Shine. Aboard the R/V Peconic, a U.S. Coast Guard inspected 45' catamaran
Narration by Chris Paparo, "The Fish Guy"

Location: The Marine Science Center, Stony Brook University, 8 Little Neck Road, Southampton, NY
 Cross Street: Montauk Highway

There is a parking lot just beyond the Marine Science Building. Look for the **HAH** sign.

Chris Paparo is a wildlife photographer, writer, and lecturer who enjoys bringing public awareness to the diverse wildlife that calls Long Island home. His passion for coastal ecology, fishing, and the outdoors led him to obtain a BS in Marine Science from LIU/Southampton and he currently manages the Marine Science Center, School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences, Stony Brook University. Chris will narrate our two hour cruise to look for seals and other diverse wildlife in and around our local waters at this time of year. He encourages us to observe and learn about coastal ecology and wildlife on Shinnecock Bay.

- Waterproof shoes are strongly recommended.
- There is a water cooler onboard but no cups so bring a reusable water bottle with you.
- Better yet, bring a thermos with the hot beverage of your choice!
- Bring binoculars if you have them.
- "BUNDLE UP"

The workshop is limited to 35 people.

Non-refundable fee: \$30 members, \$35 non-members. Visit hahgarden.org/tickets to register.

This Workshop will be cancelled in the event of severe weather. There is no rain date. No refunds for individual cancellations. If the trip is canceled due to weather, refunds will be issued to all.

The Digs Top 40 Picks for 2025

If you are contemplating donating plants to the Garden Fair, here's a list of desirable plants to help guide you. Please be sure donations have good root systems and have been potted up at least 2 weeks prior to our sale so they present well to the buyer. If you have an abundance of plants, please email me so we can schedule a Dig. Your plant donations are 100% profit for the HAH and truly appreciated.

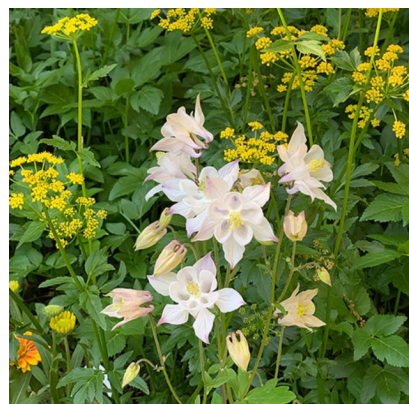
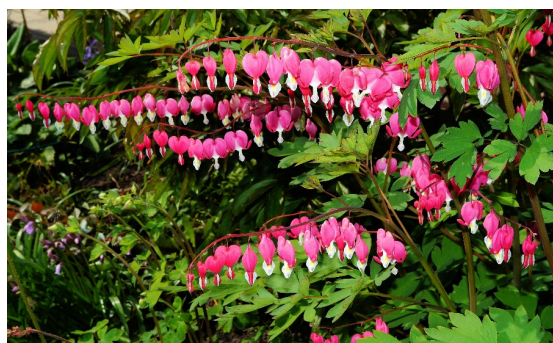
Thank you. Lydia Wallis lydiapbw@optonline.net

Achillea millefolium (yarrow)
Aconitum (monkshood)
Agastache (anise)
Alchemilla mollis (lady's mantle)
Allium (ornamental onion)
Amsonia (blue star)
Aquilegia (columbine)*
Arisaema triphyllum (Jack-in-the-pulpit)
Aruncus dioicus (goat's beard)
Astilbe (false goat's beard)
Asarum (ginger)
Baptisia australis (false indigo)
Brunnera macrophylla (Siberian bugloss)
Convallaria majalis var. rosea (pink lily-of-the-valley)
Dendranthema (chrysanthemum)
Digitalis (foxglove)
Epimedium (fairy wings, barrenwort)
Eryngium (sea holly)
Euphorbia (spurge)
Ferns (all but invasives)
Galium odoratum (sweet woodruff)
Geranium (cranesbill)
Helleborus (Lenten rose)
Hemerocallis (daylilies—interesting ones)
Iris cristata (crested iris) & Iris siberica
Lamprocapnos spectabilis (bleeding hearts)*
Liatris (blazing star)
Lupinus (especially native)
Mertensia virginica (Virginia bluebells)
Monarda (bee balm)
Nepeta (catmint)
Phlox paniculata (garden phlox)
Podophyllum peltatum (mayapple)
Polemonium reptans (Jacob's ladder)
Pulmonaria (lungwort)
Salvia (sage)
Sanguinaria canadensis (bloodroot)*
Stachys monieri 'Hummelo'
Vernonia (ironweed)
Zizia aurea (golden Alexander)*

* photos

SAVE THE DATES!
FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025
THE HAH PREVIEW PARTY
5 - 7 pm
and SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025
THE HAH PLANT FAIR
9 am - 1 pm

► Our annual Garden Fair is approaching quickly and volunteers are critical to the success of our sole fundraiser! Check your email for the volunteer solicitation and signup. Or you can email Greg Wiseman directly at gman.wiseman@gmail.com to volunteer.





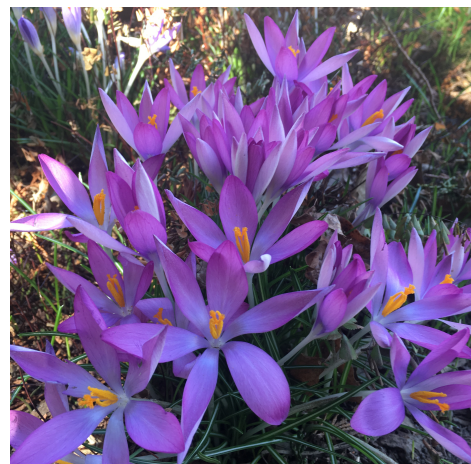
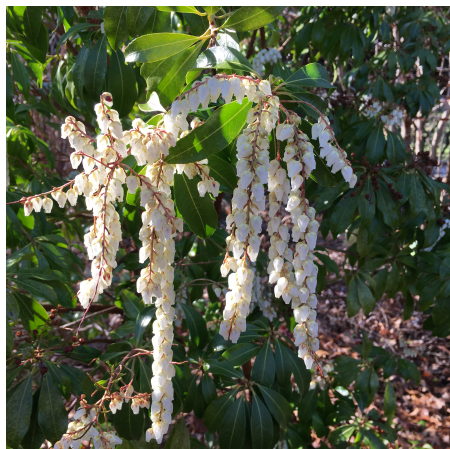
**GOODBYE
WINTER**



HELLO



SPRING



**The Spring Gathering
of the Camellia Group
will meet at the HAH Library
Saturday, April 12th at 10 am**



The meeting is open to anyone and we encourage attendees to bring their own blossoms as well as their questions. We have several very experienced members who grow camellias and others who are new to their cultivation, so come to learn and to share your knowledge. It would be especially appreciated if you are willing to share your stories of how your bushes survived the hard winter and what steps, if any, you might have taken to protect them and their buds. And how did you keep the squirrels away from eating those buds?!

OTHER LI and NYC GARDEN EVENTS - MARCH 2025

Tuesday, March 4, 7:30 am to 4:30 pm. Long Island Horticulture Conference. Brookhaven National Laboratory, Berkner Hall, Upton, NY 11973. \$100/person For more info and to register: <https://ccesuffolk.org/events/2016/01/21/long-island-horticulture-conference>

Saturday, March 8, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Long Island Grown—A Conversation with Our Farmers. Peconic Land Trust, 296 Hampton Road, Southampton, NY 11968. \$20/person. For more info and to register: <https://peconiclandtrust.org/get-involved/events/long-island-grown-a-conversation-with-our-farmers>

Tuesday, March 11, 6:00 pm. Madoo in Manhattan: Tania Compton. Lecture and cocktail reception. The Cosmopolitan Club, 122 East 66th Street, New York, NY 10065. \$135 for Madoo members, \$150 non-members. For more info and to register: <https://www.madoo.org/events>

Saturday, March 22, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. A Landcraft Garden Foundation Spring Preview, Inside and Out with Vincent Simeone and Dennis Schrader. 4342 Grand Avenue, Mattituck, NY 11952. \$75 members, \$85 non-members. For more info and to register: <https://www.landcraftgardenfoundation.org/upcoming-lectures/>

Saturday, March 22, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Starting Seeds at the Farm. Quail Hill Farm, Deep Lane, Amagansett, NY 11930. FREE. For more info and to register: <https://peconiclandtrust.org/get-involved/events/starting-seeds-at-the-farm-4>

Thursday, March 27, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. Three Gardens on the Coast of Maine: Cassie Banning. NYBG, Ross Lecture Hall, 2900 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, NY 10458. \$35 for NYBG members, \$39 non-members. For more info and to register: <https://www.nybg.org/event/25th-winter-lecture-series/>

Saturday, March 29, 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm. Ikebana: Japanese Flower Arrangements. Bayard Cutting Arboretum, 440 Montauk Highway, Great River, NY 11739. \$65/person. For more info and to register: <https://bayardcuttingarboretum.com/event/ikebana-japanese-flower-arrangements/>

Marders Garden Lecture Series. All lectures start at 10:00 am. FREE. 120 Snake Hollow Road, Bridgehampton, NY 11932. More info: <https://www.marders.com/events>

- **Sunday, March 2: What's New & Exciting at Marders for Spring 2025**
- **Sunday, March 9: Spring Gardening Prep: Setting up both you & your garden for success**
- **Sunday, March 16: The How & Why of Self Sowing Seeds**
- **Sunday, March 23: No-Till Gardening: Chuck your shovel & create gorgeous soil using compost/plant waste/wood chips & cardboard**
- **Sunday, March 30: Choosing and Using Hydrangeas**

Ongoing through April 21. The Orchid Show: Mexican Modernism. NYBG, 2900 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, NY 10458. For more info: <https://www.nybg.org/event/the-orchid-show-mexican-modernism/>

2025 HAH Sunday Lecture Program - 2 pm At the Bridgehampton Community House, Main Hall

March 9	Heather Holm - on Zoom (check your email for the link) <i>Native Predatory Wasps - Their Role as Pollinators and Beneficial Insects</i>
April 13	Sam Hoadley - <i>Knockout Natives</i>
May 4	Beronda Montgomery – <i>Lessons from Plants on Human Thriving</i>
June 8	Noel Kingsbury – <i>Planting Wild Style Gardens – What We Need to Know</i> <i>no lectures in July or August</i>
September 7	Nick McCullough – <i>American Roots</i>
October 19	Katherine H. Kerin – <i>Innisfree: Lessons in Slow Gardening</i>
November 9	Signe Nielsen – <i>Little Island: More than Meets the Eye</i>
December 14	Stephen Searl - <i>Sylvester Manor: Past, Present and Future</i>

First quarter Moon 🌑 March 6 morning

Last Quarter Moon 🌑 March 22 morning

Full Moon 🌕 March 14 morning

New Moon 🌑 March 29 morning



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