



HAH Happenings

April 2025



The Horticultural Alliance of the Hamptons
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at the Bridgehampton Community House



On Sunday, April 13, 2025 at 2:00 pm

Please join us at the Bridgehampton Community House,
Main Hall, for a talk by **Sam Hoadley** on

Knockout Natives

Join Sam Hoadley, the Manager of Horticultural Research at Mt. Cuba Center, in Hockessin, Delaware, as he highlights knockout native species and cultivars from their trials. Top performers and favorites of Phlox, Echinacea, wild hydrangea, Carex, Amsonia, and Vernonia represent some of the best native plants for the mid-Atlantic region and beyond. Sam will discuss their horticultural and ecological performance and will share important information on standouts that will make beautiful additions to your garden.

Sam Hoadley is the Manager of Horticultural Research at Mt. Cuba Center where he evaluates native plant species, old and new cultivars, and hybrids in the Trial Garden. When Sam is not in the gardens he can be found working as a liaison with the mid-Atlantic horticultural and nursery community to help promote the use of beautiful and ecologically valuable plants from Mt. Cuba's evaluations. Sam grew up in East Granby, Connecticut where his passion for plants and the natural world grew and led him to the pursuit of his degree in Sustainable Landscape Horticulture at the University of Vermont.

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 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am**

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

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 EVENTS - APRIL 2025

Saturday, April 5, HAH Roundtable, 10:00 am, at the HAH Library - see page 3

Thursday, April 10, FOG HAH Garden care, 10:00 am - see above

Saturday, April 12, Camellia Group Spring meeting, 10:00 am, at the HAH Library

Sunday, April 13 - Lecture - 2:00 pm - see above



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



April means it really IS spring, not just an unusually warm day for winter that's an analog of Lucy and the dang football. Which means daffodils and all sorts of other narcissi will be blooming and releasing their divine scent. One of the bonuses of spring cleanup, this month's Roundtable topic, is encountering a wave of scent as you start work in a new area trimming, raking, mulching, cursing voles. Fun fact: Narcissi really were named in ancient times for the mythical youth and still grow wild in Europe and around the Mediterranean. Erik Brockmeyer's article in this issue brings us up to date on how narcissi are currently categorized.

Be sure also to read Greg Wiseman's report on Southern Pine Beetle havoc and plans to hopefully mitigate their spread and damage.

After three months of terrific speakers on Zoom, we'll be back in person for Mt. Cuba Center's Sam Hoadley and his "Knockout Natives" lecture at The Bridgehampton Community House. Which is also, as usual, the location for the HAH Garden Fair, May 16-17. You won't want to miss the choice selection of special plants and auction items at the May 16 Preview Party. Tickets are available online at www.hahgarden.org/PreviewParty.

March was the last meeting of the 2024-25 Winter Book Group but if you missed any they are all on video 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: Erik Brockmeyer, Pamela Harwood, Michael Longacre. Thank you all!

Annuals Cuttings - Free at the Library

Starting April 1st, the LoGerfo Library will have a limited number of free cuttings from three different annual plants... an Impatiens which has rosy red flowers against a backdrop of beautifully variegated leaves, a Coleus of lime green which is a great foil to use with powerful colors like deep purples, royal blues, and shades of lilacs and lastly, a Euphorbia which makes a good filler plant with small round leaves and a plethora of small white/blush blooms.

They are presently rooted in water ready to take home to be kept in water or to be popped into a pot with potting soil. Should you wish to have some, the library is open Tuesday and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. First come, first served until all the cuttings have found new homes.

Joan DiMonda, Library Chair



HAH Roundtable Program

In Person at the HAH Library
Saturday, April 5, 2025 at 10:00am – Noon

The Great Spring Cleanup!

What You Can Do Now to Make Your Garden Look its Best this Season

Moderated and with Photos by Pamela Harwood

Spring has finally sprung! Now it's time to take some very important steps towards your garden looking lovely and being healthy all season. Your previous visit to the garden might have been last autumn and that work might be described variously as 1) you left everything in place to benefit wildlife over the winter, 2) took a moderate approach and cut back some plants and raked some of the leaves, or 3) blew away every leaf in sight and cut back every herbaceous plant. We've probably all, in some year or another, done all three. So depending on or despite what was done previously, there is still lots to do now. That's one of the reasons we love to garden—we're never bored!

Here are some topics we'll discuss at this final Roundtable before our summer break:

- Spring cleanup to prevent disease and make your garden more attractive
- What to do with that thick or light blanket of leaves covering your garden beds or on your lawn
 - Raking, electric leaf blowers, mower shredder attachments, electric leaf shredders
- Spring pruning: which shrubs and trees to prune now, and which should wait until after flowering
 - Assessing winter damage and how to repair your trees and shrubs
 - Pollarding and Coppicing: what are these techniques?
- Edging: your beds, borders, and trees can benefit from a clean line
- Cutting back last year's perennials and annuals, and what to do with that pile!
- Compost: how to start your own
- Checking to see if plant roots are damaged from winter heaving and what to do
- Salt burn remediation
- Look for damage from rodents
- Rose care
- Repairing, cleaning, or replacing planters, birdbaths, paths
- Are organic fertilizers needed, what kinds, and where are they most helpful?
- Creating new garden beds
- Dividing and transplanting: making the most of your existing plants
- Weeds to pull now if you don't want them to spread

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.



DIGS DONATIONS ARE 100% PROFIT FOR HAH

We eagerly welcome divisions you have dug from your gardens. Please remember, plants need to be **potted by May 2nd** to give them time to acclimate prior to our sale. **Tips for potting plants:**

1. Use an appropriately sized pot. Cover holes with a piece of newspaper.
2. Add some soil.
3. Place the plant in the pot and fill with soil, leaving a space of about ½" from the rim.
4. Shake pot to settle soil and water well. Add additional soil.
5. Place plants in indirect light and water as needed.
6. **Thursday, May 15th** groom plants; remove dead leaves, stems and weeds.
7. Question. Would you buy this plant from a nursery the way it looks?
8. Deliver your beautiful donations to the sale on **Friday, May 16th by noon**.
(We need the afternoon for pricing.)

Please send your list of plant donations (color, height, sun/shade) asap so I can have labels ready for you. lydiapbw@optonline.net



PLEASE SIGN UP FOR DIGS – WE NEED YOUR HELP

We have amazing, beautiful gardens lined up for Digs; one has extensive gardens on the water with a view of Montauk and Gardeners Island. We will be digging, dividing, potting and labeling plants. Each of us will take pots home to care for until the sale. Please remember, your effort enables 100% profit for HAH.

Saturday, April 5	East Hampton	10:00 am	6 people
Saturday, April 12	Quogue	10:00 am	3 people
Saturday, April 19	East Hampton	10:00 am	8-10 people
<i>Some strong diggers needed.</i>			
Friday, May 2	East Hampton	10:00 am	8 people

This can only be accomplished with your help. This is a fun way to volunteer, discover new plants and make new friends! No experience necessary.

Please email your availability to: lydiapbw@optonline.net

Lydia Wallis

► 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. Thank you!!!

SAVE THE DATES!
FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025
HAH PREVIEW PARTY
5 - 7 pm
for tickets: hahgarden.org/tickets
SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025
HAH PLANT FAIR
9 am - 1 pm
Free entrance for all

Impacts and Solutions for the Southern Pine Beetle

Greg Wiseman

Perhaps the most visible effect of climate change for us on eastern Long Island is the destruction of swaths of pitch pine trees. The culprit is the Southern Pine Beetle that has moved north as the winters warmed. According to a NY Department of Conservation (DEC) 2024 study, Long Island has already lost about 5000 acres of trees to the beetle. While these beetles will bore into multiple pine tree species, pitch pine is their favorite. They do not attack hardwood trees.

Historically, these beetles did not survive our cold winters. With warmer winters and large areas of their favorite tree, they have taken hold in the NJ pine barrens and across Long Island.

The beetle was first detected on Long Island in 2014. Scientists speculate its arrival and spread was assisted by the driving winds of superstorm Sandy pushing the beetles into our area as the storm moved up the coast. Today the beetles have been detected as far north as Maine but have not yet achieved outbreak status there.

The destruction of tens of thousands of trees has created another problem – increased risk of wildfire. Anybody that was on Long Island in 1995 will remember the 7000 acre “Sunrise Fire” that took place in the pine barrens. In 1995 the forest was dry but not laden with tens of thousands of dead trees. Today the “fuel load” in the form of dead and dying trees is a tinder box that could explode. Just a few weeks ago we had a scare in the form of a wildfire that was quickly knocked down by our dedicated volunteer and professional fire fighters.

NY DEC and New York State Office of Parks are very aware of the wildfire risk and have made plans to mitigate it. They will be hiring a “burn boss” to manage the problem using controlled burn techniques to remove pine needles and other fuel from the understory. They will also gather dead trees into piles that can be burned in a controlled way. In addition, a few “fire breaks” have been created by completely removing trees and brush in a linear path so that the fire can be contained should it break out.

While it's impossible to eradicate the beetle from Long Island, there is hope that new outbreaks can be managed with the help of a natural predator of the Southern Pine Beetle. In the southern US, the population size of the Clerid Beetle is an early indicator of an outbreak of the Southern Pine Beetle. As the population of Clerid Beetles

increases in NY, it's hoped that they will have a suppressing effect on the Southern Pine Beetle population and thereby reduce their destructiveness.

In addition, the Southern Pine Beetle carries an “antagonistic fungus”. When the beetle bores into a tree, this fungus is introduced to the tree. It's hoped that the presence of the fungus will suppress attraction of additional beetles to the tree. Improving the health of our forests is also key to reducing the impact of the beetles. Historically, Long Island experienced occasional natural fires in our grasslands and forests. Mature Pitch Pines could withstand these low intensity fires but smaller trees would succumb. This reduced the density of trees so that the remaining trees had more water and nutrients available to each tree. With modern fire suppression policies, the density of trees increased from a healthy basal area of 70 to as much as 220 here on Long Island.

Thinning the density of woodlands will also impair the ability of the beetle to spread to additional trees. The current high density allows the beetles to easily find a nearby tree. Thinner density reduces the ability of the beetle to “smell” and follow the pheromone trail of other beetles to new living trees.

To get the forest back to a healthy density, proactive tree removal coupled with prescribed burns will be needed. We've largely been educated that fire and cutting down trees is a bad thing. We need to reframe our thinking to understand that humans have disrupted the balance that existed in the past that created a healthy forest and ecosystem.

Controlled burns and proactive tree removal will be necessary to return our forests to a healthy condition so they are better equipped to handle both natural stresses like occasional droughts and new stresses brought on by climate change and non-native pest introduction.

Information Sources:

<https://www.27east.com/east-hampton-press/two-natural-suppressors-could-help-with-pine-beetle-though-human-assistance-still-needed-2342903/>

<https://www.eastendbeacon.com/state-proposes-prescribed-burns-and-felling-of-trees-in-response-to-napeague-pine-beetle-infestation/>

<https://dec.ny.gov/nature/animals-fish-plants/southern-pine-beetle>

<https://ccecolumbiagreene.org/climate-change-and-the-environment/invasive-nuisance-species/invasive-pests/southern-pine-beetle>

Daffodils

Daffodils are instantly recognizable and cherished heralds of spring in our gardens. Beyond their beauty, they are also resilient in the face of late season cold and pest-proof. While we all recognize a daffodil when we see one, I suspect that many of us don't examine them up close, in all of their glorious variety. This spring I hope you'll take a closer look.

There are thirteen descriptive divisions of daffodils based on the RHS system of classification:

- **Division 1: Trumpet Daffodils.** One flower per stem. The corona, or trumpet, is as long as or longer than the perianth segments (flower petals).
- **Division 2: Large Cupped Narcissi.** One flower per stem. The corona or cup is at least one third as long as but not as long as the perianth segments (flower petals).
- **Division 3: Small-Cupped Narcissi.** One flower per stem. The corona or cup is less than one third the length of the perianth segments (flower petals).
- **Division 4: Double Narcissi.** One or more flowers per stem with a doubling of the perianth segments (flower petals) or corona (cup), or both.
- **Division 5: Triandrus Narcissi.** Two or more pendant flowers per stem. The perianth segments (flower petals) are usually reflexed (arched back) to varying degrees.
- **Division 6: Cyclamineus Narcissi.** One flower per stem. The perianth segments (flower petals) are significantly reflexed (arched back) and the flower is at an acute angle to the stem with a short pedicel (neck).
- **Division 7: Jonquilla Narcissi.** One to five flowers per stem. The perianth segments (flower petals) are spreading or reflexed (arched back). The corona is shorter and shaped like a cup or a funnel. The flowers are usually fragrant.
- **Division 8: Tazetta Narcissi.** Three to 20 flowers on a stout stem. The perianth segments (flower petals) are spreading. The flowers are usually fragrant.
- **Division 9: Poeticus Narcissi.** One flower per stem. The perianth segments (flower petals) are usually white. The corona is very short or disc-shaped, usually with a green and/or yellow center and a red rim. The flowers are usually fragrant.
- **Division 10: Bulbocodium Narcissi.** One flower per stem. The perianth segments (flower petals) are insignificant compared to the dominant corona (cup).
- **Division 11: Split Corona Narcissi.** The corona or cup is split for more than half of its length. There are two types of Split Corona Narcissi. *Collar Types:* The corona or cup segments are usually in two layers (whorls) of three segments that can almost cover the flower petals. *Papillon (Butterfly) Types:* The corona or cup is split into two layers sandwiched in between two layers of flower petals, or over one layer of six flower petals.
- **Division 12: Other Narcissi.** This division includes cultivars that do not fall into other divisions.
- **Division 13: Wild types, including daffodils distinguished solely by botanical name.**

But wait, there's more to know! The American Daffodil Society and RHS use a code consisting of a number and at least two letters to describe each variety. The number refers to the division the daffodil belongs to based on its ancestry and form. The letter(s) before the hyphen describe the colors of the petals, starting from the tips. The letters that come after the hyphen are the colors of the trumpet or cup, starting from the base. Y = yellow; W = white; O = orange; R = red; G = green; P = pink

Take a closer look at these beautiful flowers "*tossing their heads in sprightly dance*" this spring and be sure to order some new varieties to add to your garden for next spring!

For more info: <https://daffodilusa.org> and <https://www.rhs.org.uk/plants/daffodils>

Some sources:

<https://oldhousegardens.com/store/category/Daffodil>

<https://brentandbeckysbulbs.com/category/narcissus-fall-planted-bulbs/>

<https://www.vanengelen.com/flower-bulbs-index/narcissi.html>

Erik Brockmeyer

Clockwise from right:
Pheasant's Eye
(13 W-YYR)
Xit(3 W-W)
Minnow(8WY)
Delnashaugh (4 W-P)
Sir Winston Churchill
(4W-O)
April Queen daffodil
(2 W-YYO)
Tête à Tête (12 Y-Y)



OTHER EAST END GARDEN EVENTS IN APRIL 2025

Saturday, April 5, 8 am to 1:15 pm. Cornell Cooperative Extension Spring Gardening School 2025. Suffolk County Farm and Education Center, 350 Yaphank Avenue, Yaphank, NY 11980. For more info and to register: <https://ccesuffolk.org/events/2025/04/05/spring-gardening-school-2025>

Saturday, April 5, 10 am to 11:30, South Fork History Museum, Chestnut walk in Elliston Park. Free. For more info and to register: <https://sofo.org>

Saturday, April 5, 10 am to 12 pm. Southampton Rose Society Rose Planting and Pruning Session with Peter Bertrand. Rogers Memorial Library, 91 Coopers Farm Road, Southampton, NY 11968. For more info: <https://southamptonrose.org>

Saturday, April 12, 1 pm to 2 pm. Spring Ephemerals – Early Color in the Garden. Winds Way Farm, 73 Winds Way, Laurel, NY 11948. \$10/person. Space is limited, reservations required. Heavy rain cancels. For more info and to register: <https://peconiclandtrust.org/get-involved/events/spring-ephemerals-early-color-in-the-garden>

Thursday, April 17, 1:30 to 3:30 pm. Spring Break at Rogers Mansion: Historic Plants & Farming. A program for all ages. Southampton History Museum, 17 Meeting House Ln, Southampton, NY 11968. For more info: <https://www.southamptonhistory.org/event-details/spring-break-at-rogers-mansion-historic-plants-farming>

Saturday, April 19, 11 am to 4 pm. Garden Conservancy Open Day at the Garden of Dianne B. Pre-registration is required. Capacity is limited and no walk-ins will be allowed. For more info and to register: <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/garden-directory/open-days/the-garden-of-dianne-b>

Saturday, April 19, 2pm to 3pm. Spring Colors Walk: Bulbs and Beyond. LongHouse Reserve, 133 Hands Creek Road, East Hampton, NY 11937. Free for members, \$20 non-members. For more info and to register: <https://longhouse.org/collections/this-week-at-longhouse/products/spring-colors-walk-bulbs-bulbs-bulbs>

Friday, April 25-Sunday, April 27. Hamptons Doc Fest presents Docs Equinox, its Earth Day weekend program of films, speakers, and receptions at the Southampton Arts Center, which coincides this year with National Arbor Day on April 25. This year the theme is *Deep Roots: Our Connection to Trees, Woodlands, Forests*. For more info and to purchase tickets: <https://www.hamptonsdocfest.com>

Saturday, April 26, 1 pm to 3 pm. Getting the Vegetable Garden Started. Bridge Gardens, 36 Mitchell Lane, Bridgehampton, NY 11932. \$5 suggested donation, free to Bridge Gardens Members. Space is limited, reservations required, rain cancels. For more info and to register: <https://peconiclandtrust.org/get-involved/events/getting-the-vegetable-garden-started>

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

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 🌒 April 4 evening EDT

Last Quarter Moon 🌔 April 20 evening EDT

Full Moon 🌕 April 12 evening EDT

New Moon 🌑 April 27 afternoon EDT



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