



# HAH Happenings

## May 2025



The Horticultural Alliance of the Hamptons

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P.O. Box 202, Bridgehampton, NY 11932-0202

at the Bridgehampton Community House



**On Sunday, May 4, 2025 at 2:00 pm**

Please join us at the Bridgehampton Community House, Main Hall, for a talk by **Dr. Beronda L. Montgomery** on

### **Lessons from Plants on Human Thriving**

Dr. Montgomery will explore the question: "How can plants teach us to be better humans?" She encourages us to consider how insights gathered from plant physiology, phenotypic plasticity, and other plant growth phenomena can help us improve our lives and our society. Genetically identical plants can have very different appearances, metabolisms, and behaviors if the external environments in which they are

growing differ in light or nutrient availability, among other environmental differences. Plants are even capable of transformative behaviors that enable them to maximize their chances of survival in dynamic and sometimes unfriendly environments, while also transforming the environment in which they exist in the process. In this talk, Dr. Montgomery will focus on insights for humans derived from lessons from plants. These lessons focus on how plants achieve their own purposes by following common principles of the universe on thriving and resilience as individuals and in communities.

Beronda L. Montgomery, PhD, is a writer, science communicator, and plant biologist. For more than 20 years as a professor, her primary laboratory-based research has been focused on the responses of photosynthetic organisms (i.e., plants and cyanobacteria) to external light cues. Additionally, she pursues the theme of how organisms perceive and respond to their environment in the context of effective mentoring and leadership of individuals, and the role of innovative leaders in supporting success. Dr. Montgomery has been named one of the journal *Cell's* Inspiring Black Scientists in America and was awarded the 2021 Cynthia Westcott Science Writing Award, 2022 Adolph E. Gude, Jr. Award for outstanding service to the science of plant biology, and 2023 Hutchinson Medal of the Chicago Horticultural Society. She is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Society of Plant Biologists, the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, and the American Academy of Microbiology. In 2025, she was named recipient of a Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring, the Nation's highest honors for mentors. Dr. Montgomery is author of *Lessons from Plants* (Harvard University Press, 2021) and *When Trees Testify* (forthcoming from Holt in January 2026).

### **HAH EVENTS - May 2025**

**Sunday, May 4 - Lecture - 2:00 pm - see above**

**Thursday, May 8, FOG HAH Garden care, 10:00 am - see p. 2**

**Friday, May 16 and Saturday, May 17 - HAH GARDEN FAIR - see inside pages for information!**



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



In April and May you might see our native West Virginia White butterfly (*Pieris virginiensis*\*) and think it's an early Cabbage White (*Pieris rapae*), its pesky invasive European cousin. Look carefully, a West Virginia White does not have the black dots on its wings that the Cabbage White does and appears briefly starting in early spring. Unlike the Cabbage White, the West Virginia White has been in decline for some time and is listed as "vulnerable" in New York State. Its habitat is woods, so urbanization is a factor, but the primary culprit is another invasive pest, Garlic Mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*), also from Europe, first reported in the US in 1868 on Long Island.

West Virginia White larvae can survive on only two of our native plants, Cardamines (*Dentarias*) *diphylla* and *laciniata*, aka Toothwart. Unfortunately, female West Virginia Whites mistake Garlic Mustard for Cardamine and lay their eggs on it. Both plants are in the mustard family but Garlic Mustard is toxic to West Virginia White larvae. Toothwart leaves and tubers, btw, are edible by humans—Native Americans both ate them for food and used the tubers as medicine.

So you've been doing your part for our native pollinators by removing Garlic Mustard all these years. But another thing you might do—that I can vouch for working—to give you an early crop of butterflies, is plant Cardamine. I will be bringing Cardamine *diphylla* plants from my garden to be sold in the "digs" section at the HAH Garden Fair, May 16-17 if you're interested. Toothwart is a charming spring ephemeral with pretty dark green leaves and bracts of delicate white flowers.

To be sure to get first choice of all the best plants, don't miss the May 16 Preview Party. Tickets are available online at [www.hahgarden.org/PreviewParty](http://www.hahgarden.org/PreviewParty). Start your gardening month on May 4 by attending our exciting lecture on new ways of looking at plants. Dr. Beronda Montgomery will be sharing insights from her book, *Lessons from Plants*.

Michael Longacre

\*<https://guides.nynhp.org/west-virginia-white/>

Photo: Tom LeBlanc, courtesy of NYHP

### HAH - Friends of The Garden (FOG)

**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.

Please note that the dates for this year are all on **Thursdays from 10:00 am to 11:30 am**  
**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 2025 Officers and Board of Directors

#### OFFICERS: (an officer serves for a 1 year term)

President	Michael Longacre
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Second Vice President	Bettina Benson
Recording Secretary	Janet Donohoe Ollinger
Corresponding Secretary	Marie DiMonte
Treasurer	Patricia Matheson

#### DIRECTORS: (a director serves for a 3 year term)

Pamela Harwood	'25
Erik Brockmeyer	'25
Kathie McGinty	'26
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Laurie Gibbs	'27
Olivia Motch	'27

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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Please join us for our  
**Spring Garden Fair Preview Party**  
**Friday, May 16, 2025**  
**5:00 - 7:00 pm**  
**Single admission \$50 in advance**  
[hahgarden.org/gardenfair/](http://hahgarden.org/gardenfair/)  
**\$60 at the door**



**Our SILENT AUCTION** of Beautiful Planted Containers and Garden Items, donated by local nurseries as well as by our generous members, is a highlight of the evening at Friday's Party. You will see many unusual and extraordinary items to delight your eyes and tempt your bids!

*The HAH Board of Directors has decided that this year all proceeds from the sale of our incredible Garden Fair Auction will benefit the HAH Karish Scholarship Program. As Auction Chair, I hope to raise the largest amount possible by tapping the creative energy of many of our own members. If you would like to donate an item for the auction - gardening and plant related items are the theme of the auction - I look forward to hearing from you. You can reach me by emailing [HAHMember@gmail.com](mailto:HAHMember@gmail.com). With special thanks, Bettina Benson.*

**HAH 2025 HONOREE, Jackson Dodds**, an East End native, has been spending time amongst the trees and plants of the Hamptons for as long as he can remember. Jackson began his career at a local tree company and at age 18 was recognized as the youngest Certified Arborist in New York State. He graduated magna cum laude from Farmingdale State College with degrees in landscape design and turf management, and a minor in business. A past President of the Long Island Arboricultural Association, he continues to be a steward for the responsible growth of the tree care and landscaping industry on Eastern Long Island. He founded Jackson Dodds & Company, Inc. in 2011.

Community minded, Jackson has played a significant role in supporting the Long Pond Greenbelt, a vital ecological preserve. His environmental advocacy has supported habitat restoration and educational programs. Jackson Dodds and Company were on the forefront of adopting electric-powered equipment, reducing emissions and minimizing noise pollution. Jackson put his tree knowledge to work while saving a historic elm tree in East Hampton through pruning and cabling. As a long-time member and supporter of the Horticultural Alliance, Jackson has lead workshops dating back to the early 2000's. His tool maintenance workshop is still being talked about and his tree pruning workshops are always filled to capacity, educating and delighting us. When called upon, Jackson has always been willing to donate his time and talent. The Horticultural Alliance of the Hamptons is thrilled to honor Jackson Dodds at our 2025 HAH Preview Party!





## Perennials and Vines at the Fair

***These are chosen from Glover Perennials' amazing inventory and there will be others added to our collection for you after our visit to the nursery the week before the sale!***

Agastache 'Black Adder' 4 QT  
 Agastache 'Blue Fortune' 4QT  
 Allium maximowiczii 'Album' 1QT  
 Amsonia hubrichtii 3 QT  
 Amsonia tabernaemontana 'Short Stack' 3 QT  
 Angelica 'Ebony' 3 QT  
 Angelica gigas 4 QT  
 Aquilegia 'Black Barlow' 1QT  
 Aquilegia canadensis 3QT  
 Aruncus dioicus 3 Qt  
 Asclepias incarnata ssp. pulchra..1 QT  
 Asclepias verticillata 3QT  
 Aster 'Purple Dome' 3 QT  
 Astilbe 'Snowdrift' 3 QT  
 Baptisia australis..3 QT  
 Baptisia 'Pixie Periwinkle' 3 QT  
 Baptisia tinctoria 3 QT  
 Calamintha 'Compact Blue' 3 QT  
 Calamintha 'Montrose White' 1QT  
 Clematis 'Betty Corning' 4 QT  
 Clematis 'Diana's Delight' 4 QT  
 Clematis 'Diamantina' 4 QT  
 Clematis 'Etoile Violette' 4 QT  
 Clematis 'Sapphire Indigo' 4 QT  
 Clematis 'The President' 4 QT  
 Daphne 'Eternal Fragrance' 2 QT  
 Deutzia gracilis 'Nikko' 6 QT  
 Dianthus 'Greystone' 3 QT  
 Dicentra eximia 3 QT  
 Dicentra spectabilis 6 QT  
 Digitalis ambigua 4 QT  
 Digitalis lutea 4 QT  
 Digitalis 'Snow Thimble' 4 QT  
 Echinacea pallida 1 QT  
 Echinacea tenesseeensis 'Rocky Top' 1 QT  
 Fern polystichum polybleph...Tassel Fern 3 QT  
 Filipendula purpurea 4 QT  
 Geranium macrorrhizum..'Album' 3 QT

Geum 'Totally Tangerine' 3 QT  
 Heliopsis 'Bleeding Hearts' 4 QT  
 Helleborus 'Moondance' 3 QT  
 Heuchera villosa 'Caramel' 3 QT  
 Heuchera 'Green Spice' 3 QT  
 Heuchera 'Guacamole' 3 QT  
 Hypericum 'Hidcote' 6 QT  
 Hypericum frondosum 'Sunburst' 3 QT  
 Hyssopus officinalis 'Dwarf Blue'..3 QT  
 Kalimeris 'Blue Star'..3 QT  
 Kalimeris pinnatifida 'Hortensis' 4 QT  
 Lavendula 'Hidcote' 3 QT & 6 QT  
 Ligularia 'Pandora' 3 QT  
 Lonicera periclymenum 'Serotina' 4 QT  
 Monarda 'Claire Grace' 4 QT  
 Nepeta x faassenii 'Walker's Low'..3 QT  
 Nepeta 'Joanna Reed'..4 QT  
 Nepeta yunnanensis..4 QT  
 Papaver 'Beauty of Livermore' 3 QT  
 Papaver 'Royal Wedding' 3 QT  
 Parthenium integrifolium 2 QT  
 Penstemon 'Dakota Burgundy' 4 QT  
 Penstemon hirsutus 'Pygmaeus' 2 QT  
 Perovskia 'Little Spire' 4 QT  
 Pycnanthemum tenuifolium 3 QT  
 Rodgersia 'Bronze Peacock' 4 QT  
 Rudbeckia 'American Gold Rush' 4 QT  
 Rudbeckia subtomentosa 'Little Henry' 4 QT  
 Salvia nemerosa 'Caradonna' 3 QT  
 Salix 'Hakuro Nishiki' 6 QT  
 Salvia uliginosa 4 QT  
 Sanguisorba 'Lilac Squirrel' 4 QT  
 Thalictrum 'Black Stockings' 6 QT  
 Veronicastrum 'Fascination' 3 QT  
 Vernonia lettermannii 'Iron Butterfly'.. 3 QT  
 Veronica incana 'Pure Silver' 3 QT  
 Zizia aurea..Golden Alexanders 3 QT

**In addition, we will have some plugs of these plants recommended by April HAH lecturer Sam Hoadley of the Mt. Cuba Center:**

Carex woodii  
 Phlox paniculata 'Jeana'  
 Vernonia - NY ironweed



**Our selection of Annuals come from the superb local growers at Beds and Borders and Landcraft Environments**

Acidanthera murielae Abyssinian Gladiolus  
 Agastache cana Heather Queen  
 Agastache x Kudos Ambrosia  
 Agastache x Kudos Coral  
 Ageratum Bumble Blue  
 Amaranthus caudatus Love Lies Bleeding  
 Ammi majus Dara  
 Angelonia a. AngelFace White  
 Angelonia a. Archangel Blue Bicolor  
 Angelonia Aria Soft Pink  
 Anisodonteia hypomandarum African Mallow  
 Antirrhinum Gummy  
 Asclepias physocarpa Balloon Flower  
 Brachyscome iberidifolia Swan River Daisy  
 Begonia x boliviensis Groovy Red  
 Browallia x Endless Illumination Blue  
 Calibrachoa Callie Rose  
 Calibrachoa Callie White  
 Celosia argentea Intenz  
 Ceratotheca tribloba Purple So.  
 AfricanFoxglove  
 Cissus discolor Rex Begonia Vine  
 Coleus Dipped in Wine  
 Coleus Dragon Tongue  
 Coleus Fishnet Stocking  
 Coleus Saturn  
 Cosmos Cupcake White  
 Cosmos Cherry Chocolate  
 Cosmos Choco Mocha  
 Cuphea ignea David Verity  
 Cuphea varia Caribbean Sunset  
 Cynoglossum amabile Ms. Marilyn  
 Dianthus b. Amazon Neon Duo  
 Dichondra argentea Silver Falls  
 Dichondra r. Emerald Falls  
 Erigeron Icarvinskianus Profusion  
 Euphorbia Diamond Snow  
 Euphorbia Flurry  
 Euphorbia Miners Merlot  
 Evolvulus Beach Bum Blue  
 Felecia amelloides Variegata  
 Fuchsia Gartenmeister Bonstedt  
 Fuchsia Lambada  
 Fuchsia Windchimes White  
 Gaura Passionate Blush  
 Gomphrena pulchella Cosmic Flare  
 Impatiens Roller Coaster Candy  
 Impatiens Roller Coaster White Lightning

Lantana Bandana Cherry  
 Lantana Bandana Red  
 Lantana x Confetti  
 Laurentia a. Avante Garde Blue  
 Laurentia a. Avante Garde Pink  
 Leonotis Leonurus Lions Ear  
 Lobelia Regatta Sky Blue  
 Lobularia Stream Compact Purple  
 Lotus bertheloti Parrot's Beak  
 Nicotiana Chocolate Smoke  
 Nicotiana Deep Purple  
 Nicotiana Fragrant Cloud  
 Nicotiana alata Lime Green  
 Nicotiana Sylvestris  
 Nicotiana x Perfume Deep Purple  
 Otocanthus Caribbean Blue  
 Pentas Cranberry Punch  
 Pentas Monarch Bright White  
 Phygellus sequalis Devils Tears  
 Petchoa SuperCal Premium Rose Star  
 Petchoa x SuperCal Blue  
 Petunia Easy Wave Navy Velour  
 Petunia Easy Wave Pink  
 Petunia Easy Wave White  
 Petunia Shock Wave Denim  
 Plumbago auriculata Royal Cape Blue  
 Portulaca grandiflora Double Sunset Fire  
 Ptilotus Joey  
 Russelia equisetiformis Candlelight Yellow  
 Salvia Amistad  
 Salvia Hot Lips  
 Salvia Mystic Spires  
 Salvia Wendy's Wish  
 Salvia coccinea Cherry Blossom  
 Salvia elegans Golden Pineapple Sage  
 Salvia farinacea Fairy Queen  
 Salvia leucantha Santa Barbara  
 Salvia splendens Louis's Orange Delight  
 Salvia uliginosa Blue Spike Sage  
 Scabiosa x Black Knight  
 Scaevola aemula Blue  
 Scaevola aemula White  
 Snapdragon Potomac Summer Berry  
 Tithonia Fiesta del Sol  
 Torenia Large Silver  
 Trachelium caeruleum Dark Knight  
 Verbena Bonariensis  
 Verbena Empress Flair Cobalt Blue  
 Verbena Empress Sun Kiss Pink  
 Verbena Bright Eye  
 Zinnia e. Benary's Giant Orange

## Digs 2025



The Garden Fair is almost here. The Digs section will be offering beautiful plants from members' gardens. Our sincere thanks to all who have donated plants. You have made our Garden Fair even more special.

Those of you who have generously dug, divided and potted plants from your own gardens, please remember the last day for potting is May 2<sup>nd</sup>. This gives the divisions time to acclimate prior to the sale. *No one wants limp, wilting plants; they just don't sell.*

\*Please send me your list by Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> so I can print labels. The label machine *will not be* at the Garden Fair.

\*Please groom your plant donations prior to dropping them off at the GF: clip off sticks, dead growth, yellow leaves and pull weeds. All roots must be covered with soil. Finally, ask yourself: "Would I buy this plant if I saw it in a nursery?"

\*Please drop off your well-groomed plants on Friday morning, May 16<sup>th</sup>, prior to noon. We cannot accept plants prior to that date as we have no way to secure them. Thank you so much.

*Lydia Wallis*  
lydiapbw@optonline.net

**AND THERE IS SO MUCH MORE AT  
THE FAIR  
TOO MUCH TO LIST!**

**SHRUBS, SMALL TREES, ROSES,  
LOTS OF NATIVES, SUCCULENTS,  
TROPICALS, SPECIALTIES TOO!**

**AND**

**THE FAIR CONTINUES ON  
SATURDAY, MAY 17**

**FREE ENTRY FOR ALL  
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](mailto:gman.wiseman@gmail.com)

**SAVE-THE-DATE - JUNE 21, 2025**

**HAH Workshop**

**"Container Gardening for Small Spaces"**

**With a Tour of Whitmores' Private  
Greenhouses**

**Details in the June Newsletter and watch your  
email for announcements and go to  
[hahgarden.org/tickets](https://hahgarden.org/tickets) to register.**

## **OTHER EAST END GARDEN EVENTS IN MAY 2025**

**Events at Bridge Gardens**, 36 Mitchell Lane, Bridgehampton, NY 11932.

- **Saturday, May 3, 10 am to 11:30 am. Growing and Enjoying Dahlias.** \$20/person. Space is limited, prepaid registration is required. In the event of rain, this program will be held virtually via Zoom. For more info and to register: <https://www.peconiclandtrust.org/get-involved/events/event/growing-and-enjoying-dahlias-2025>
- **Saturday, May 17, 2 pm to 4 pm. National Public Gardens Day Tour.** FREE. Space is limited, reservations required. Rain cancels. For more info and to register: <https://www.peconiclandtrust.org/get-involved/events/event/national-public-gardens-day-tour-2025>
- **Tuesdays, May 20 & 27, 3 pm to 4:30 pm. FREE Lawn Care Advice with Paul Wagner.**
- **Saturday, May 31, 1 pm to 3 pm. Herb Garden Tour and Container Workshop.** \$30/person. Space is limited, reservations required. Rain cancels. For more info and to register: <https://www.peconiclandtrust.org/get-involved/events/event/herb-garden-tour-and-containerworkshop-2025>

**Garden Conservancy Open Days.** 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>

- **Saturday, May 10, times vary by garden.** 3 gardens in Wainscott and East Hampton.
- **Saturday, May 24, times vary by garden.** 3 gardens on the North Shore.

**Events at LongHouse Reserve**, 133 Hands Creek Road, East Hampton, NY 11937.

- **Saturday, May 3, 3 pm to 5 pm. LongHouse Talks: Kevin Wiecks on Telling Stories with Trees.** \$25 for members, \$35 non-members. For more info and to register: <https://longhouse.org/products/longhouse-talks-kevin-wiecks-on-telling-stories-with-trees-may-3>
- **Saturday, May 10, 2 pm. LongHouse Talks: Roses in the Garden by Ngoc Minh Ngo.** \$25 for members, \$35 non-members. For more info and to register: <https://longhouse.org/products/longhouse-talks-roses-in-the-garden-by-ngoc-minh-ngo>
- **Saturday, May 17, 2 pm to 3 pm. Red Garden Walk: Art, Design & Nature.** Free for members, \$20 non-members. For more info and to register: <https://longhouse.org/products/red-garden-walk-art-design-nature-may-17>

**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, May 4: Dividing & Prepping Your Dahlia Tubers**
- **Sunday, May 11: Keeping Your Mother's Day Orchid Happy**
- **Sunday, May 18: Organic Rose Care: Tips on choosing, planting, feeding, pruning & enjoying**
- **Sunday, May 25: Gardening to Attract Bees & Butterflies**

**Friday, May 9, 3 pm to 6 pm. Southampton Rose Society Children's Mini Rose Planting & Art Workshop.** Rogers Memorial Library, 91 Coopers Farm Road, Southampton, NY 11968. For more info: <https://southamptonrose.org/2025-events/>



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

May 4	Beronda Montgomery – <i>Lessons from Plants on Human Thriving</i>
June 8	Vincent Simeone - <i>Southern Plants for Northern Climates</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 🌑 May 4 morning EDT

Last Quarter Moon 🌒 May 20 morning EDT

Full Moon 🌕 May 12 afternoon EDT

New Moon 🌑 May 26 late evening EDT

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