



# HAH Happenings

## June 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, June 8, 2025 at 2:00 pm**

Please join us at the Bridgehampton Community House,  
Main Hall, for a talk by **Vincent Simeone** on  
**Southern Plants for Northern Climates**

Southern gardens offer a unique and exotic plant palette that offers exciting opportunities in the landscape. In the past, northern gardeners could only hope to grow some of these temperate plants with the realization that they would have to be sited in a protected location or brought indoors in winter for them to survive. But over the past two or three decades, many of these so-called "tender" plants have become more mainstream in northern gardens of zone 7. With weather trends becoming increasingly moderate along with consistent plant breeding to strengthen cold hardiness, now more than ever plants typically found in southern gardens also work for residential and commercial gardens in the tri-state area. This lecture will explore a whole new world (or not so new) of woody plants of the southeastern United States that have become more adaptable in gardens in the northeast and mid Atlantic states.

**Vincent Simeone** has worked in the horticultural field for over 37 years. He received an AAS degree in ornamental horticulture from SUNY Farmingdale, Farmingdale, New York and a BS in ornamental horticulture from the University of Georgia, Athens, GA. While at Georgia, Vincent studied under well-known professors Dr. Michael Dirr and Dr. Allan Armitage. Vincent also obtained a master's degree in public administration from C.W. Post- Long Island University in 2003.

Vincent has specialized expertise in woody plant id, culture, use and selection of superior varieties. He is an experienced lecturer, instructor and horticultural consultant. He has spoken to many groups nationwide and has appeared on several garden shows including Martha Stewart Living and HGTV. Annually Vincent presents an average of 50 horticultural lectures, workshops and tours to garden clubs, plant societies, professional landscape, nursery and arboricultural trade associations and academic institutions, in addition to teaching classes at the NY Botanical Garden, leading tours to gardens abroad, and working actively in many local and national horticulture organizations. He is responsible for helping create educational symposia and events for over 30 years at Planting Fields Arboretum here on Long Island, where he is the Director. He has been the recipient of many awards in honor of his expertise and accomplishments in the field of Horticulture.

His voice can also be heard in the many excellent books and articles he has written on a great variety of topics and varieties of plants. Vincent's books are great go-tos for info on a number of topics: **Grow More With Less: Sustainable Garden Methods, Great Flowering Landscape Shrubs, Great Flowering Landscape Trees, Great Landscape Evergreens, Wonders of the Winter Landscape** and **New York and New Jersey: Getting Started Garden Guide** And his website [vincentsimeone.com](http://vincentsimeone.com) is full of useful info and links.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Well, THAT was a lot of fun. As always, this year's HAH Garden Fair was the best ever— hope you've got all the plants you bought planted!

Dozens of seasoned and new volunteers made magic for three days of plants, plants, plants. It truly takes a village to produce such a wonderful event. Because HAH is an all-volunteer organization, everything except the passed hors d'oeuvres was planned and executed by volunteers with amazing efficiency and cheerful camaraderie.

It was hard to recognize our 2025 Honoree, Jackson Dodds, wearing a sport jacket, but a pleasure to recognize his contributions to the East End communities and the very generous amount of time he's contributed to educating HAH members on matters horticultural. In addition to honoring Jackson, the 2025 HAH Karish Scholarship recipients were announced—the list is in this newsletter, they're an impressive group of young women.

You won't want to miss the last lecture before a summer break. Vincent Simeone will present "Southern Plants for Northern Climates" on June 8th at the Bridgehampton Community house.

But wait, there's more, HAH fun never stops! Keep an eye on your email inbox for summer garden tour schedules and reminders.

Michael Longacre

Photo by Greg Wiseman

### HAH 2025 Officers and Board of Directors

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Olivia Motch	'27

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**PHOTOS THIS MONTH** - Marie DiMonte, Michael Longacre, Elaine Peterson, Erika Shank, Whitmore's, Greg Wiseman



An enthusiastic THANK YOU to Katrina Vanderlip for conducting a Willow Workshop for ten enthusiastic participants on February 22, 2025. A wonderful time was had by all!

Let us see what you are growing on them now!

### HAH JUNE EVENTS

Thursday, June 5, FOG, 10 am at HAH garden

Sunday, June 8, Monthly Lecture, see p. 1

Saturday, June 21, Workshop, see p. 3

Watch your email for details of local HAH garden tours! We will let you know as soon as we have details confirmed.



## HAH Workshop

### **“Container Gardening for Small Spaces” with a Tour of Whitmores’ Private Greenhouses**

**Saturday, June 21, 2025, 10:00am – 12:00pm**

**Location: Whitmores, East Hampton, New York**



Join us for a tour of Whitmores Greenhouse indoor and outdoor production areas and end with a container gardening session where you can plant a small pot to take home.

Whitmores’ greenhouses grow herbaceous perennials, vegetables, herbs, annuals and more for the gardens they design and maintain for residential clients.

Please wear comfortable, closed toed shoes as some of the spaces have uneven surfaces and we will be touring plant production areas.

This Workshop is limited to 20 attendees and is open to HAH members only. The greenhouses are not open to the public but they are opening their doors for this one-time event.

The Greenhouses are located in East Hampton close to the Village. The exact address will be provided to confirmed registrants in a reminder email that will be sent out in the week prior to Workshop.

Carpooling would be helpful as parking is limited. There will be street parking available. There is no fee for this Workshop.

Visit [hahgarden.org/tickets](http://hahgarden.org/tickets) to register.

## **The HAH Card Has Privileges, Don’t Leave Home Without It!**

**HAH Members receive discounts of 10% at the following nurseries and garden centers.**

**You must show your membership card to receive the discount.**

- Bayberry Nursery, 50 Montauk Hwy, Amagansett
- Charlie & Sons, 26 Montauk Hwy, Amagansett
- Cifarelli's Nursery, 3405 Ackerly Pond Lane, Southold
- Eastland Nursery, 1260 Montauk Hwy, Water Mill
- Holly’s Garden Center, 234 Montauk Hwy, East Moriches
- Marders, 120 Snake Hollow Rd, Bridgehampton (anything green)
- Stillwater Tree Farm, 1401 Deerfield Road, Water Mill
- Trimble’s of Corchaug Nursery, 20985 Main Rd, Cutchogue
- Unlimited Earth Care, 2249 Scuttle Hole Rd, Bridgehampton
- Verderber Landscape Nursery & Garden Center, 459 Main Rd, Aquebogue (10% discount on container materials only. Balled & burlaped plants not included)
- Warren’s Nursery, 779 Montauk Hwy, Water Mill
- Whitmore’s Tree Farm, 80 Rte 114, East Hampton
- Wittendale’s Florist & Greenhouses, 89 Newtown Ln, East Hampton (bedding plants, herbs, vegetables only)



**THE 2025 HAH GARDEN FAIR WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!!!**

**ONCE AGAIN OUR VOLUNTEERS CREATED A FEAST OF PLANT SELECTIONS FOR OUR MEMBERS AND ALL OTHERS WHO APPRECIATE OUR EFFORTS AT BRINGING THE BEST PLANTS WE CAN FIND TO OUR ANNUAL SPRING SALE**





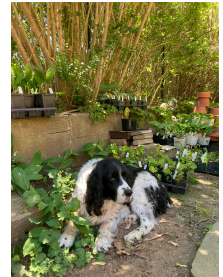
## 2025 Digs

We were invited into some amazing gardens this spring for our Digs. The plant material was beautiful, healthy and abundant. Our heartfelt thanks to our garden Digs hosts and hostesses for their generosity.

The Digs team along with members who dug plants from their own gardens were extraordinary. We offered over 1,000 terrific plants for our sale and all but about 50 plants sold. An exceptional team effort. As one member reported, "We were like a pit crew!"

Thank you all for your time, effort, ability and wealth of knowledge. You were fun to work with and to get to know.

Happy Gardening,  
*Lydia*



## 2025 Auction

As in past years, we were fortunate indeed to have so many supporters generously donate the most extraordinary planters and other garden related objects and creations to our fabulous auction. THANKS to all of you and THANKS to all who participated as enthusiastic buyers and bidders. If any of you were disappointed that you were outbid, don't give up, but come back next year to try again! It is worth it just for the fun and seeing these beautiful works! All of this year's auction proceeds will go toward our Karish Scholarship Fund. This year's recipients are introduced to you on the next page.



Part of HAH's original and ongoing mission has been to engage gardeners in sharing their knowledge and experience with others. And for nearly 40 years we have been doing just that and seeing how that sharing keeps on giving! Here is a photo of Rhododendron 'Goldfort', blooming recently in founding member Erika Shank's garden. It was given to her by the late Paul Karish soon after the HAH was started in 1986. Paul went on to help start the library and left money to HAH to start up a scholarship fund. Thank you Paul, Erika and all of you!



## 2025 HAH Karish Scholarship Recipients



**Leah Fromm** is the 2024 salutatorian of EastHampton High School, and previous Karish Scholarship recipient in 2024. She has now completed her freshman year at Cornell University studying Plant Sciences.



**Jocelyn Garcia** is an outstanding student, athlete, and leader from East Hampton High School. A fluent Spanish speaker, she will be a first-generation college student next fall attending George Washington University, majoring in biology.



**Elizabeth Scianno** is a student at SUNY Farmingdale, pursuing an Associate of Science degree in Horticulture while working for Girls in the Garden as Head Gardener and Supervisor.



**Jillian Swiatocha** is a top student at Southampton High School. Jillian is planning to attend Wake Forest University pursuing a double major in Environmental & Sustainability Services and Business.

**Since 2001 over \$85,000 in HAH scholarships have been granted in 54 awards to 44 different recipients.**

**You can donate to the scholarship fund at [www.hahgarden.org/KarishFund](http://www.hahgarden.org/KarishFund).**

## LOCAL EAST END GARDEN EVENTS IN JUNE 2025

**Events at Bridge Gardens**, 36 Mitchell Lane, Bridgehampton, NY 11932. More info: <https://peconiclandtrust.org/get-involved/events>

- **Tuesdays, June 3, 10, 17 & 24. 3 pm to 4:30 pm. Landscape Advice with Paul Wagner.** FREE.
- **Saturday, June 14, 10 am to 1 pm. Native Plant Sale.** FREE. Rain or shine.

**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>

- **Sunday, June 22, times vary by garden.** 7 gardens total: 1 in Water Mill, 1 in Bridgehampton, 4 in East Hampton, and 1 in Montauk.

**Garden Conservancy Virtual Talks.** \$5 GC members, \$15 non-members.

- **Thursday, June 12, 2 pm to 3 pm. Sleepy Cat Farm, The Making of a Garden: Four-Part Virtual Program, Part II: SUMMER EPISODE Pathways and Places with Charles J. Stick, Landscape Architect.** For more info and to register: <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/events/sleepy-cat-farm-the-making-of-a-garden-four-part-virtual-program-part-ii>
- **Thursday, June 26, 2 pm to 3 pm. Photographing for Gardening with Nature at the New York Botanical Garden.** For more info and to register: <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/events/photographing-for-gardening-with-nature-at-the-new-york-botanical-garden>

**Events at Landcraft Garden Foundation.** 4342 Grand Avenue, Mattituck, NY 11952. For more info and to register: [landcraftgardenfoundation.org/upcoming-lectures/](http://landcraftgardenfoundation.org/upcoming-lectures/)

- **Saturday, June 14, 10 am to 12:30 pm. Flower and Foliage Arrangements with Lilee Fell.** \$135 member, \$150 non-member.
- **Wednesday, June 18, 10 am to 12 pm. Making More Plants—Propagation with Amanda Profera.** \$25 member, \$30 non-member.
- **Wednesday, June 25th, 10 am to 11 am. Botanical Curation with Dr. Jonathan M. Lehrer, PhD.** \$15 member, \$20 non-member.

**Marders Garden Lecture Series.** All lectures start at 10:00 am. FREE. 120 Snake Hollow Road, Bridgehampton, NY 11932. More info: [marders.com](http://marders.com)

- **Sunday, June 1: Native Plants vs. Diverse Gardens—Planting for our Future**
- **Saturday, June 7: Pollination—Guest Lecture By John Potente**
- **Sunday, June 8: Designing & Creating Gardens to Attract Hummingbirds**
- **Sunday, June 15: Companion Planting to Attract Beneficials & Pollinators**
- **Sunday, June 22: Brix: Using sugar to battle beetles & encourage root growth**
- **Sunday, June 29: Cottage & Cutting Gardens : What's your style?**

**Saturday, June 14. Much Ado About Madoo.** *Garden Market* from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. FREE and open to the public. *Garden Cocktail Party* from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. \$315 for members, \$350 non-members. Madoo Conservancy, 618 Sagg Main Street, Sagaponack, NY 11962. For more info and to purchase tickets: <https://www.madoo.org/much-ado-about-madoo/p/much-ado-about-madoo>

**Saturday, June 14, beginning at 7:30am. Southampton Rose Society Annual Rose Show & Rose Day.** Morris Room at the Rogers Memorial Library, 91 Coopers Neck Road, Southampton, NY 11968. For more info: [southamptonrose.org/2025-events/](http://southamptonrose.org/2025-events/)

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

**June 8**      **Vincent Simeone - *Southern Plants for Northern Climates***  
*no lectures in July or August*

**September 7**   **Nick McCullough – *American Roots***

**October 19**    **Katherine H. Kerin – *Innisfree: Lessons in Slow Gardening***

**November 9**   **Signe Nielsen – *Little Island: More than Meets the Eye***

**December 14** **Stephen Searl - *Sylvester Manor: Past, Present and Future***

**First quarter Moon** 🌔 **June 2 evening EDT**

**Full Moon** 🌕 **June 11 morning EDT**

**Last Quarter Moon** 🌘 **June 18 afternoon EDT**

**New Moon** 🌑 **June 25 morning EDT**



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