



# HAH Happenings September 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, September 7, 2025 at 2:00 pm**

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

## **American Roots**

Follow the journey across the US and take a closer look at gardens that designer Nick McCullough captured on his quest to celebrate the American garden in his new book *AMERICAN ROOTS* (Timber Press). You will explore a selection of gardens created by 20 creative gardeners across our vast land from Big Sur, California, to the shores of Rhode Island. Gain inspiration, planting tips, and an expanded notion of what an American garden is.

Award-winning garden designer Nick McCullough has developed a distinctive style he calls *Midwest Modern*, one that relies on a balance of natural paving and innovative perennial plantings. Based in Ohio, he and his team at McCullough's Landscape & Nursery create and maintain plant-centric gardens in and around the Midwest that are both ecologically sensitive and family-forward. His recently published first book, *AMERICAN ROOTS*, was co-authored with his wife Allison and Teresa Woodard.

## **HAH EVENTS - September/October 2025**

**Sunday, September 7, Lecture, 2 pm, see above.**

**Thursday, September 25, 10:00 am - 11:30 am, FOG - Friends of the Garden meet to tend the HAH garden. All are welcome to come help.**

**Saturday, October 4, 10 am, Roundtable, in the Library.**

**Saturday, October 18, HAH Yard Sale, 9:30 am -12:30 pm, see p. 3**

**Sunday, October 19, Lecture, 2 pm.**

**Thursday, October 23, 10:00am - 11:30 am, FOG meets.**

**Watch your email for notices re: Garden Tours and Workshops!!**



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Wait, is it fall already? I irritate people by pointing out summer actually lasts 'til mid-September - the 22nd this year to be exact - but at Labor Day, back to school, we are used to thinking fall starts pretty much September 1.

HAH won't disappoint in terms of Lectures, Roundtables, Winter Book Group, Workshops starting back up, there's dates for most of what's coming up in this issue, so you can mark your calendar. Back to school starts at HAH on September 7 with Nick McCullough's "American Roots" lecture.

I know we all enjoyed another stellar season of HAH garden tours put together by Pamela Harwood and Erik Brockmeyer. As we do fall cleanup, bulb planting, revising and planning our gardens for next year, we have had a lot of inspiration to recall and smile about.

I write this just after seeing so many members at the lovely annual summer party hosted by Derek Scolpino and Ron Lense. Derek's gardening interest and skill is breathtaking, what fun and what a perfect day for it.

And, oh hey, it's not too early to start looking around the basement or garage at items to donate to the annual HAH Yard Sale in mid-October, you'll need to make room for the great stuff you'll buy!

Michael Longacre

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**PHOTOS THIS MONTH** - Erik Brockmeyer, Elaine Peterson, Erika Shank, Greg Wiseman



HAH Summer Party host Derek Scolpino releases a box of Painted Lady butterflies to augment his native insect population.  
Photos: Erik Brockmeyer



## HAH Program dates for 2025-2026

### Lectures

#### 2025

September 7  
October 19  
November 9  
December 14

#### 2026

January 11                      September 13  
February 15                  October 18  
March 15                      November 15  
April 12                      December 13  
May 3  
June 14  
*no lectures July and August*

### Roundtable

#### 2025

October 4  
November 1  
December 6

#### 2026

January 3  
February 7  
March 7  
April 4  
October 3  
November 7  
December 5

### Book Group

#### 2025

December 20

#### 2026

January 17  
February 21  
March 21  
December 19

## SAVE THE DATE for our HAH ANNUAL YARD SALE

**Saturday, October 18, 2025**

**9:30 am - 12:30 pm**

You are invited to join us at our annual yard sale, Saturday, October 18, on the grounds of the Bridgehampton Community House, outside of the HAH John LoGerfo Library, on the corner of Montauk Highway and School Street in Bridgehampton.

This is an opportunity to share your gently used garden items with others for the benefit of the HAH Library. Please donate gently used items such as: tools, garden odds and ends, plant shelving, garden pots and containers. Non-plant donations can be dropped off at the HAH LoGerfo Library on Tuesdays and Saturdays between 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

There will also be pots and plants to purchase. If you donate a plant please be sure it is potted and labeled. Your plant divisions can be dropped off on the day of the sale beginning at 8:30 a.m.

You will find a place full of unique finds and plenty of bargains among the donated items. Looking forward to seeing you.

Joan Dimonda, Library Director

Interested in assisting at the sale, please email us at [hahmember@gmail.com](mailto:hahmember@gmail.com)



# Grow Garlic from 'Seed?'

## Greg Wiseman

One of my favorite autumn jobs is planting garlic. While the payoff in terms of fresh scapes and garlic cloves is many months away, it's an easy plant to grow and it adds deliciousness to so many dishes! It starts out by setting roots in the warm autumn soil and sends up a few green shoots. It then settles in for the winter and doesn't appear to be doing much.

In spring, radish seeds planted between the garlic rows mature before getting shaded out by the garlic leaves. The nearby garlic provides protection for the radishes by deterring beetles that eat the leaves and worms that infect the radish root.

Visible growth of garlic begins in spring and continues until early summer. To maximize the size of the garlic bulbs that are growing below the soil, one needs to harvest the scapes (flower stalk) when they appear. The scapes have a mild garlic flavor and can be used in a stir fry or pesto or soups. If you let the scapes go to bloom, they will produce seeds. While it's possible to grow garlic from the true seeds, it's a multi-year process while the plants grow into harvestable garlic bulbs. But it only takes one growing season to get full garlic bulbs when you plant the individual cloves of the bulb. It's also possible to grow garlic from bulbs you harvested earlier in the year. I tend to eat all of the garlic I grow so I never have any left to plant!

In the many years I've planted garlic, I always purchased garlic bulbs from a nursery. It always struck me as very expensive – much more expensive than garlic at the grocery store. I had read that grocery store garlic might be sprayed with a chemical that inhibits germination while it's being stored. So I kept buying the expensive nursery garlic.

Last autumn I was shopping at Costco and saw a huge bag of garlic for an exceptionally low price. I know Costco prides itself on premium quality products and as low environmental impact as possible so I decided to buy a bag. I figured the low price made the risk of planting it a pretty low-cost experiment. If it didn't sprout, I would lose just a few dollars.

I planted several rows of hardneck and elephant garlic from the largest cloves of nursery bought seed and several rows of the largest Costco sourced cloves. You only want to plant the largest cloves because a small clove will produce a small garlic bulb. To my mild surprise, all of the Costco sourced garlic sprouted and sent up the autumn leaves. As spring turned to summer the garlic plants matured. Then the leaves began to turn brown in mid June. That's a sure sign that it'll soon be time to harvest it. By early July the leaves had died back enough that I knew it was officially harvest time. I dug the plants (never try to pull garlic from the ground) and was pleasantly surprised to find the Costco garlic had outperformed the nursery seed garlic by producing, on average, bigger bulbs!

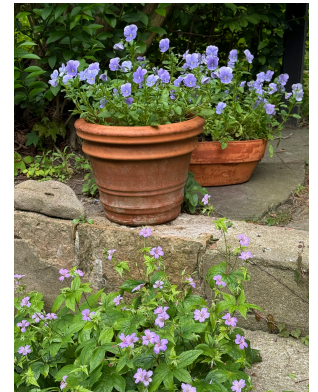
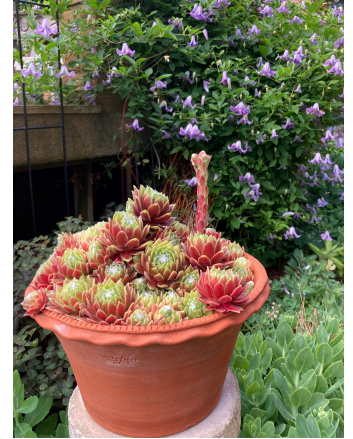
While I can't promise that garlic you purchase from Costco or any grocery retailer will sprout and produce an excellent crop, I was happy with the results of my experiment and I plan to do it again this autumn. If I don't see growth emerging from the planted cloves within 2-3 weeks, I'll resort to buying seed from a local nursery to guarantee I have a fresh supply of scapes and garlic next year!



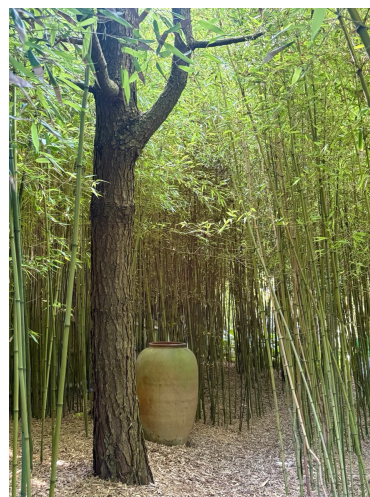


## SUMMER POTS

Summer pots are both fun to create and are also a wonderful way to highlight particular plants that you love. Many of them can be extended to an off-season existence inside a house, greenhouse or unheated coldframe. Here are a few seen this summer at local HAH tours...



Annuals are always popular choices to include, but herbs and some perennials can also thrive in pots. Succulents are excellent candidates to showcase in attractive or simple pots and can be quite happy for years in the same pot.



A grouping of pots can be used to excite or define an area, as can pots with nothing in them bring their own beauty to enhance a quieter planting in the garden.



## The Enchanted Earth: How Nature Heals Through Our Stories

Maureen Calamia will give a book talk and signing of her new book on **Saturday, Oct 11, 2025** at 12:00 PM at the **Landcraft Garden Foundation**, 4342 Grand Ave, Mattituck, NY, 11952. Admission to the garden is \$20 for adults; \$17 for seniors & students; \$5 for kids under 12. Free to Landcraft members & kids under 2. Signed copies of *The Enchanted Earth* will be available for purchase for \$20 (cash, Venmo, PayPal will be accepted). What will finally motivate humanity to change our destructive behavior toward the Earth? Rather than scientific data, Maureen feels that the answer lies within our hearts. Sharing our stories of relationship with the natural world, stories that move us, has the capacity to move others. And that provides a window of opportunity for the shift to happen. Maureen reveals how these personal experiences are not only important for us to recall, but urgently need to be shared with others. Maureen will read a few passages from her book, *The Enchanted Earth: Embracing the Power of Nature to Discover the Wild in You* (Mango, 2024). Reservations are not necessary, but you can RSVP to the author: [maureen@luminous-spaces.com](mailto:maureen@luminous-spaces.com)

### Suffolk Alliance for Pollinators



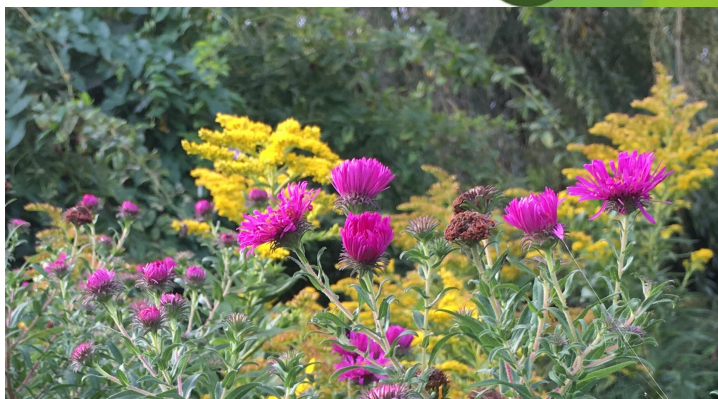
The Suffolk Alliance for Pollinators (SAP) invites you to a complimentary tour of 5 private pollinator gardens in Quogue, Quogue and Remsenburg.

**Saturday, September 13th**  
**9am - 12pm**



First stop and sign in at the  
Quogue Library Pollinator Garden  
90 Quogue Street, Quogue 11959

- At sign in you will receive a list with the locations of the gardens on the tour.
- Garden hosts will be on hand to share useful information with fellow gardeners.
- Learn how to incorporate native and pollinator plants into your landscapes and be inspired.



### Editor's Garden Notes for next year.....

#### What the rabbits ate:

Alliums, to the ground  
Asclepias  
Asters, low variety  
Coreopsis, demolished  
Heliopsis, demolished even at 3'  
Hosta  
Iris, dwarf sibirica  
Kalimeris, low variety  
Liatris, to the ground  
Rudbeckia, to the ground

#### What the rabbits didn't eat (in same areas as above):

Agastache	Amsonia	Arabis
Baptisia		
Calamintha	Calluna	Caryopteris
Erigeron	Erica	Epimedium
Fern	Filipendula	
Gaura	Geranium	
Hyssop		
Lavendar	Ligularia	
Nepeta		
Oreganum		
Penstemon		
Salvia	Sanguisorba	Sedum
Thalictrum	Thyme	
Veronica		

#### What was most stressed by drought:

Astilbe	Cardiandra
Clematis	Daylilies
Japanese painted fern	
Ligularia japonica	Lonicera
Kirengeshoma	Rose



## MORE EAST END GARDEN EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER 2025

**Garden Conservancy Open Days.** Pre-registration is required. Capacity is limited and no walk-ins allowed. For more info and to register: <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/garden-directory/open-days>

- **Saturday, September 13, times vary by garden.** 6 gardens total in Water Mill, Bridgehampton, Sag Harbor, Wainscott, and East Hampton.

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

- **Tuesday, September 9, 2 pm to 3 pm. Back to the Land, a New Way of Life in the Country.** For more info and to register: [gardenconservancy.org/events/web25-back-to-the-land-9-9-2025](https://www.gardenconservancy.org/events/web25-back-to-the-land-9-9-2025)
- **Thursday, September 25, 2 pm to 3 pm. 'A Garden Inferior to Few': The Williamsburg Garden of John Custis IV.** For more info and to register: [gardenconservancy.org/events/web25-john-custis-9-25-2025](https://www.gardenconservancy.org/events/web25-john-custis-9-25-2025)

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

- **Sunday, September 7: Fall Lawn Care**
- **Sunday, September 14: Talking Transplants. When Can You Start?**
- **Sunday, September 21: Cannabis Culture: Preparing the Harvest**
- **Sunday, September 28: Lecture by Kids for Kids: Growing Mushrooms**
- Also, on **Saturday, September 20, 3:30-5:00. Marshall Watson: Defining Elegance.** Book Signing & Garden Discussion. RSVP at 631-537-3700 or [info@marders.com](mailto:info@marders.com)

**Peconic Land Trust Events.** For more info or to register for an event: [peconiclandtrust.org](https://peconiclandtrust.org)

- **Saturday, September 6, 10-11:30 am. Tour, Tasting, and Apple Picking at Milk Pail Farm.** 50 Horsemill Lane, Water Mill, NY 11976. \$10. Space is limited, reservations required. Rain cancels.
- **Friday, September 12, 10am -12pm. Walking Tour of LI Horticultural Research and Extension Center.** 3095 Sound Avenue, Riverhead, NY 11901. \$5 suggested donation. Space is limited, reservations required. Heavy rain cancels.
- **Saturday, September 13, 10am-12pm. What's Up with My Lawn? Renovation and Repair Workshop.** 36 Mitchell Lane, Bridgehampton, NY 11932. FREE. Space is limited, reservations required. Rain or shine.
- **Friday, September 19, 2-3:30 pm. Autumn Planting—Tips for Success.** 48455 Route 48 Southold, NY 11971. \$25/person. Space is limited, prepaid reservations required. Rain or shine.

**Southampton Rose Society** For more info: [southamptonrose.org/2025-events/](https://southamptonrose.org/2025-events/)

- **Sunday, September 7, 4-6 pm. Member Garden Party**
- **Saturday, September 20, 11 am. Annual Meeting and Luncheon/Lecture** featuring Farmer Nick. The Peter Marino Art Foundation, 11 Jobs Lane, Southampton, NY 11968.

**Saturday, September 6, 1 to 4 pm. Southampton History Museum Insider's View Tour of Southampton Homes & Gardens.** Tickets from \$175. For more info and to register: [southamptonhistory.org/iv](https://southamptonhistory.org/iv)

**Saturday, September 13, 9am-12pm. Suffolk Alliance for Pollinators Garden Tour.** Meet at Quogue Library Pollinator Garden, 90 Quogue Street, Quogue, NY 11959. 5 private pollinator gardens in Quogue, Quogue and Remsenburg.

**Sunday, September 28, 2pm. Bonsai As Art.** LongHouse Reserve, 133 Hands Creek Road. \$200 members, \$225 non-members. For more info and to register: [longhouse.org/products/bonsai-as-art-sept-28](https://longhouse.org/products/bonsai-as-art-sept-28)

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

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>

Full Moon 🌕 September 7 afternoon EDT - Total Eclipse 2:11 pm EDT

Last Quarter Moon 🌖 September 14 morning EDT

New Moon 🌑 September 21 morning EDT - Partial Eclipse 3:41 pm EDT

Equinox September 22 afternoon 2:19 pm EDT

First quarter Moon 🌒 September 29 evening EDT



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