



HAH Happenings November 2025



The Horticultural Alliance of the Hamptons

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at the Bridgehampton Community House



On Sunday, November 9, 2025

at 2:00 pm

Please join us at the Bridgehampton Community
House, Main Hall

for a talk by **Signe Nielsen** on

Little Island: More than Meets the Eye

Signe Nielsen has been practicing as a landscape architect and urban designer in New York since 1978. Her body of work has renewed the environmental integrity and transformed the quality of spaces for those who live, work and play in the urban realm. Ms. Nielsen believes in using design as a vehicle for advocacy to promote discourse on social equity and community resilience and has served on multiple panels to effect positive change. A Fellow of the ASLA, she is the recipient of over 100 national and local design awards for public open space projects and is published extensively in national and international publications. Ms. Nielsen is a Professor of Urban Design and Landscape Architecture at Pratt Institute in both the Graduate and Undergraduate Schools of Architecture and is the former President for the Public Design Commission of the City of New York. Born in Paris, Ms. Nielsen holds degrees in Urban Planning from Smith College; in Landscape Architecture from City College of New York; and in Construction Management from Pratt Institute.

Little Island, opened in 2021, offers 2.5 acres of new waterfront park within Hudson River Park. Born from a collaboration of UK-based Heatherwick Studio and NY-based landscape architecture firm MNLA, led by Signe Nielsen, FASLA, Little Island provides an intersection of nature, art, and community.

Nielsen's landscape design for Little Island was conceived as a leaf floating on water—a space designed for every season, that could be both surprising and inspiring for New York City. She will share insights into the design process, from the park's dynamic topography that minimizes environmental impacts to its diverse planting selection, which includes 35 species of trees. From views of the city's skyline at its highest point to the embrace of the warm palette of plantings at pier level, Nielsen will also discuss the importance of the park's choreography and how its pathways allow visitors to choose their own unique experience.

November Events at HAH

Saturday, November 8, 10:00 am, Roundtable, HAH Library- see p. 4

Sunday, November 9, HAH Annual Meeting and Monthly Lecture, 2:00 pm,

Main Hall, Bridgehampton Community House - see above

Saturday, November 15, 10:00 am, HAH Library, Camellia Group, see p. 3

Thursday, November 20, 10:00 am, HAH Friends of the Garden, see p. 3



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hope you're enjoying fabulous purchases from last month's Yard Sale. Once again, a delightful treasure hunt to benefit the HAH LoGerfo Library. Applause for tireless HAH Librarian Joan DiMonda and her good-humored crew of volunteers who show up even with recently-set broken bones. HAH members take the "all volunteer organization" aspect very seriously.

This month we'll be back with a Roundtable, Camellia Group, and the last Friends of the Garden get together to put the Marie Donnelly garden to bed for winter. The Annual Meeting to elect next year's Board of Directors is on November 9, which will be followed by Signe Nielsen's lecture, "Little Island: More than Meets the Eye."

What the weather looks like may be very different from recent years as the La Niña that started in September may bring colder cold snaps, more snow, even more nor'easters our way. Or, maybe not, it's, you know, the weather.

Oh, and did you mail back the 2026 membership renewal you received in October? You'll want to keep getting emails, newsletters, attend lectures, garden tours, workshops in 2026, so renew by December 31st when memberships expire. You can also renew online at <https://hahgarden.org/join-us>.

Michael Longacre



HAH 2025 Officers and Board of Directors

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

President	Michael Longacre
First Vice President	Greg Wiseman
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
Alex Sipkes	'26
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

WEBSITE EDITOR - Michael Longacre

MEMBERSHIP & MAILING - Bettina and John Benson

PHOTOS THIS MONTH - Pamela Harwood, Michael Longacre, Janis Murphy, Elaine Peterson

The 2025 HAH Board is pleased to present the proposed HAH 2026 Officers and Board of Directors

The following slate of officers for 2026 and two directors (who will serve through 2028) will be presented for the membership's vote at the annual meeting on Sunday, November 9, 2025 at 2:00 pm.

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David Reese	'28

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Thank you to the 2025 Nominating Committee -

Erik Brockmeyer, Chair, Bettina Benson, Carleen Borsella, Janet Ollinger and Richard Russo

Membership Renewals Mailed

As a calendar year organization, we mail renewal forms in late October for the year 2026. Included in this mailing you will find a comprehensive listing of the HAH Benefits of Membership. We are always updating this form, therefore, be sure to review carefully. Look for your renewal form and mail back to us early to continue receiving our monthly Newsletter and to be advised of upcoming events. You can also provide us with your email address so that you will be sure to receive timely reminders of the dates/times of lectures, workshops, roundtables, and special events. We will also need your email so that we can forward timely ZOOM links for virtual programs utilizing Constant Contact. Please be assured that we never share, or sell, our mailing list with other organizations.

Questions regarding Membership can be directed to Bettina Benson at hahmember@gmail.com

FOG - Friends of the Garden meets on Thursday, November 20 at 10:00 am until 11:30 am for our final work meetup for 2025. Volunteers welcome to help!



The Camellia Group meets for its annual fall gathering at the HAH Library on Saturday, November 15, 2025 at 10:00 am. We invite anyone with an interest in Camellias to join us and bring their questions and, if possible, blossoms. Many of us are beginners, but we have experts too.

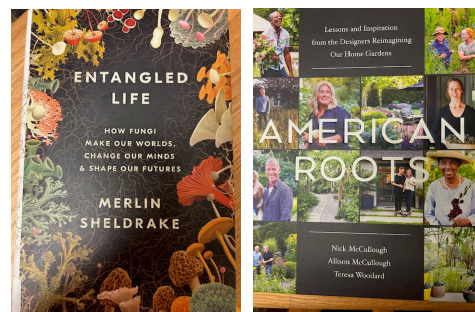
Julie Burmeister

SPOTLIGHT on the LIBRARY

Over the years, HAH members and friends have enjoyed an outstanding, amazing group of Sunday lecturers. Many have donated books to our LoGerfo Library and two books are now available to take out for a month at a time. This will allow you to delve into their philosophies on your own time and in your own comfortable chair.

Merlin Shelldrake wrote Entangled Life. Upon hearing his lecture many volunteered that it was one of the best ever. Located at: QK 603 2022

Nick McCullough wrote American Roots. Stories regarding different gardeners who have impacted the horticultural world. Located at: SB 457.53 .M36 2022



When you read the shelves looking for books you will see numerous brown stained vertical moulding strips across the bookshelf wall. Do not read across these but rather go back to the prior brown moulding strip, go down one shelf and continue your search.

Joan DiMonda, Library Chair



HAH Roundtable Program

In Person at the HAH Library

Saturday, November 8, 2025 (note: second Saturday this month!)
10:00am – Noon

Beyond Flowers: Foliage and other Plants for Color, Texture, and Shape in the Garden all Year Long

Moderated and with Photos by Pamela Harwood

Foliage plants can be the bones, the anchor, the walls, and often the striking focal points of our gardens. Many can as well add striking color and brightness that can be equal to or surpass the effects of many flowering varieties. As we look toward winter, there are also a surprising variety of shrubs and trees that offer striking color through their branches and bark. The shape, texture, and color of these plants can be as eye-catching and lovely as flowers.

Here are some topics we'll discuss, giving specific examples:

- Plant varieties that are chosen for their spring and summer foliage color:
 - Silver
 - Chartreuse
 - Burgundy
 - Variegated color combinations
- Trees and shrubs whose foliage color changes dramatically from spring to summer to fall to winter, such as certain Japanese Maples and Willows
- Evergreens with variegated foliage
- Semi-deciduous varieties whose leaves turn coppery brown and hang on in winter until being replaced with new growth in spring, such as Hornbeam and certain Oaks
- Shrubs and trees whose branches and twigs turn bright red or yellow during winter
- Shrubs and trees with exfoliating bark that provide striking variegated color and texture
- Shrubs and trees with colorful berries (and the birds love them too!)
- Plants whose size, texture, and shape become anchor plants most of the year, such as Amsonia
- Perennials that can be brought indoors as houseplants during the winter
- Cacti and succulents with beautiful shapes and colors, can withstand a bit of benign neglect, and be brought indoors during winter
- **HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT FALL CLEAN UP? PLEASE ASK ABOUT THAT AS WELL.**

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 on these or any other topics, please feel free to stay a while longer and talk to one of our knowledgeable members.



More Local and Zoom Garden Events for November 2025

Garden Conservancy Virtual Programs, \$5 for Garden Conservancy Members, \$15 non-members.

- **Tuesday, November 4, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm.** Garden to the Max: Joyful, Visionary, Maximalist Design. For more info and to register: <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/events/web25-garden-to-the-max-11-4-2025>
- **Tuesday, November 18, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm.** Life with Flowers: Inspiration and Lessons from the Garden. For more info and to register: <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/events/web25-life-with-flowers-11-18-2025>

Events at Third House Nature Center, 1929 Montauk Highway, Montauk, NY 11954. For more info: <https://www.thirdhousenaturecenter.org/calendar>

- **Saturday, November 15.** Lichens, Lichens, Lichens with James Lindener.
- **Saturday, November 22.** Plant Pressing for Art and Science with Daniel Atha.

Tuesday, November 4, 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Walter Hood: Cultural Storytelling Through Design, part of the NYBG Landscape Design Portfolios Lecture Series. (ONLINE) \$37 for NYBG members, \$41 non-members. For more info and to register: <https://www.nybg.org/event/27th-annual-landscape-design-portfolios-lecture-series/walter-hood-cultural-storytelling-through-design/>

Saturday, November 8, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Connecticut College SALT Conference: The Resilient Landscape: Gardening for Extreme Weather. \$70. Connecticut College, New London, CT. For more info and to register: <https://www.conncoll.edu/salt/>

Sunday, November 23, 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Wreath Making Workshop. Marders, 120 Snake Hollow Road, Bridgehampton, NY 11932. \$125 for adults, \$85 for children; all materials provided. Prepaid reservations required and space is limited. For more info and to register: <https://www.marders.com/events>

Plant Propagation Workshop Series

Learn basics of sexual propagation, vegetative propagation, and micropropagation via Zoom

<https://blogs.cornell.edu/plantpropagation>

Presenter: Dr. Mark Bridgen, *Professor of Horticulture, Cornell University*
Teacher of plant propagation & micropropagation for over 30 years.

Dates/Times: Tuesdays and Thursdays, November 4-December 9, 2025 (no class 11/13 and 11/27)
2-4pm (EST)
3 modules, with 3 two-hour sessions within each module
Participants can attend all modules or register for individual modules.

Fee: \$150 per person/per module. All three modules: \$400. **Save \$50!**

Participants must have access to Zoom to participate in real time. Lectures will be recorded and available to participants after live sessions.

Module #1 – Sexual Plant Propagation: November 4, 6 & 11

Module #2 – Vegetative/Asexual Plant Propagation: November 18, 20 & 25

Module #3 – Plant Micropropagation: December 2, 4 & 9

Online registration at: <https://plantpropagation.securepayments.cardpointe.com/pay>

HAH GARDEN TOURS 2025

We would like to thank the following hosts for their generosity in welcoming us into their beautiful gardens this season: Pat Garrity, Kyle Buckner, Sarah Hunnewell & Jim Ewing, Alexandra Munroe & Robert Rosenkranz, Ted Porter & Steve Godeke, Stella Sands, Marilyn Alper, Jane Iselin, Pamela Harwood & Peter Feder, Michael Derrig/Landscape Details, Marcia Previti & Peter Gumpel, Abby Jane Brody, Carole Campolo & Don Cirillo, Sarah Cuyler, Vincent Covello & Carol Mandel.

In addition, we wish to thank the following for their particular help facilitating and/or guiding us on these tours: Chris Tice, Anna & Emilia DeMauro, Jack Chalkley & Tom Rowley from David Harber Studios.



Pamela Harwood & Erik Brockmeyer, Garden Tour Co-Chairs

July - Southampton, Water Mill, Sag Harbor, North Haven



August/September - East Hampton, Springs, Bridgehampton, Sag Harbor



2025 -2026 HAH Sunday Lecture Program - 2 pm At the Bridgehampton Community House, Main Hall

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>
January 11	Gordon Hayward - <i>Garden Rooms: Ideas and Inspirations (On Zoom)</i>
February 15	C.L. Fornari - <i>Houseplant Happiness (On Zoom)</i>
March 15	Helen O'Donnell - <i>Gardening In a Changing World</i>
April 12	Leslie Duthie - <i>Native Ferns and Wildflowers for Shade Gardens</i>
May 3	Teresa Woodard - <i>Garden to the Max: Joyful, Visionary, Maximalist Design</i>
June 14	Christian Douglas - <i>The Food Forward Garden: Explore the Art and Science of Edible Landscape Design</i>
September 13	Roy Diblik - <i>Growing Plants in Communities</i>
October 18	Dr. Eve Beaury - <i>Seeding Ecosystems of the Future</i>
November 15	Michael Gibson - <i>The Gibson Method: Reimagining Topiary As Living Art</i>
December 20	Roman Roth - <i>How to Grow and Achieve World Class Vineyards Right Here on the East End</i>

Full Moon  November 5 morning EDT

New Moon  November 20 morning EDT

Last Quarter Moon  November 12 midnight EDT

First quarter Moon  November 20 morning EDT



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