



HAH Happenings

June 2026



The Horticultural Alliance of the Hamptons
P.O. Box 202, Bridgehampton, NY 11932-0202

631.537.2223 hahgarden.org
at the Bridgehampton Community House

On Sunday, June 14, 2026 at 2:00 pm

Please join us in the Main Hall of the
Bridgehampton Community House
for a talk by **Christian Douglas** on

Gardens with Purpose:

The Art and Ecology of Designing with Food



In **Gardens with Purpose: The Art and Ecology of Designing with Food**, landscape designer Christian Douglas explores how beauty, function, and responsible stewardship can coexist in the modern home garden. This inspiring talk reveals how edible landscapes can restore ecological balance, inspire cultural shifts, and strengthen our connection to food.

Christian Douglas is a multi-award-winning landscape designer who has been creating beautiful and productive outdoor spaces for over 30 years. Combining formal training in classical European design with a passion for regenerative agriculture, he has created innovative landscapes in his native England, the Middle East, and the United States, with food at the heart of his work. Before settling in the US, Christian owned a design studio in the UK for many years, followed by extensive global travel learning strategies for farming and survival in desert environments.

Endlessly inspired by the shared connection traditional cultures have to their environment and food production, Christian believes modern landscape design has a significant role and responsibility to play in restoring our relationship to the natural world—beginning with food. His work has been featured in *Architectural Digest*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and the *Financial Times*. He published his first book on food-forward design philosophy, "***The Food Forward Garden: A Complete Guide to Designing and Growing Edible Landscapes***", in 2024.

June Events at HAH

Thursday, June 4, 10:00 am, Friends of the Garden meet, see p.2.

Sunday, June 14, 2:00 pm, Lecture, in the Community House, see above.

Please watch your email for notices about HAH Local Garden Tours which take place in summer months. There will be some wonderful gardens to see, as always!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



May is always about the HAH Garden Fair, and, as always, this year's HAH Garden Fair was the best ever! With perfect weather cooperating for a beautiful weekend—hope you got all the plants you bought planted before our rainy Memorial Day Weekend. Perfect to settle in new planting if not so much for bbq and beach.

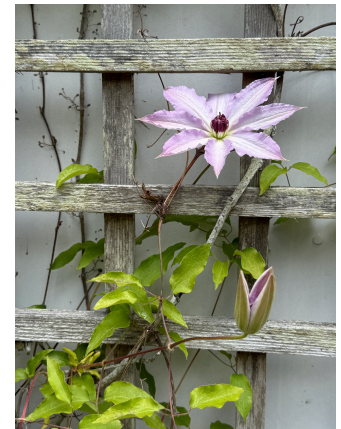
Shout out to the dozens of seasoned and new volunteers who made it all happen for three days of plants, plants, plants. It truly takes a village to produce such a wonderful event. Because HAH is an all-volunteer organization, everything except the passed hors d'oeuvres was planned and executed by volunteers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

And how wonderful to recognize our 2026 Honorees, Marie DiMonte and Bettina Benson, sisters who are known and loved by us all for the many, many (many) things they bring to HAH. Janet Ollinger, Garden Fair Chair, has a point when she says they are the heart and soul of HAH.

You won't want to miss the last lecture before a summer break. Christian Douglas will present "Gardens with Purpose: The Art and Ecology of Designing with Food" on June 14th at the Bridgehampton Community house.

And keep an eye on your email inbox for summer garden tour schedules and reminders, the fun never stops with HAH.

Michael Longacre



HAH 2026 Officers and Board of Directors

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

President	Michael Longacre
First Vice President	Erik Brockmeyer
Second Vice President	Pamela Harwood
Recording Secretary	Janet Donohoe Ollinger
Corresponding Secretary	Marie DiMonte
Treasurer	Bettina Benson

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

Nancy Gilbert	'26
Alex Sipkes	'26
Laurie Gibbs	'27
Olivia Motch	'27
Greg Wiseman	'28
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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

WEBSITE EDITOR - Michael Longacre

MEMBERSHIP & MAILING - Bettina and John Benson

PHOTOS this month: Michael Longacre, Elaine Peterson

HAH - Friends of The Garden - FOG

FOG are 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 the dates for this year are all on Thursdays: June 4, July 2, July 30, Aug 27, Sep 24, Oct 22 and Nov 12.

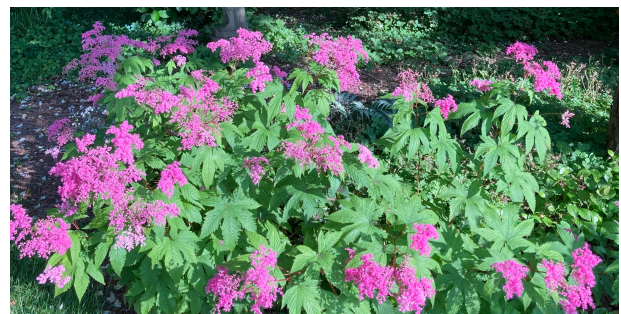
Rain date: the following Thursday

The time: 10am to 11:30am

Anyone interested is invited to attend and help, for one or as many meetings as you would like.

Looking forward to gardening with you!

Elizabeth Berg



Dear Chairs of the Garden Fair,

We get out of an organization what we put in, and my goodness, every one of you put in SO much to make this a special event. Through a lot of laughter and sore backs we always look back and say “well, that was fun”!



Dear Volunteers,

Each and every one of you brings expertise, joy and hard work. Being an all-volunteer organization NONE of this is possible without you. It is always a pleasure to work alongside you.



Dear Membership,

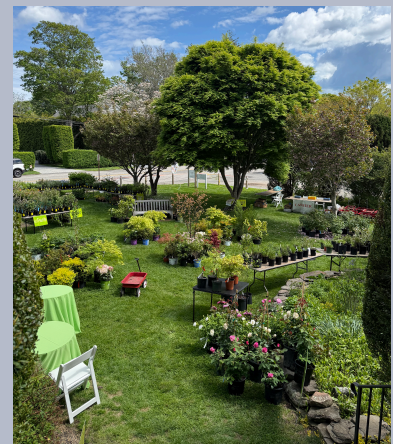
Thank you for your support of the Horticultural Alliance of the Hampton's Preview Party and Plant Fair. Your support allows us to continue offering all of the programming that you have grown to enjoy and anticipate. HAH is an ALL volunteer organization so every dollar of your support goes back into the organization.

We will look forward to seeing you at the Preview Party and Fair next year!

Janet Donohoe Ollinger

**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR EXCEPTIONAL VENDORS FOR 2026!
We would never be able to have such a successful Plant Fair each year if it weren't for an extraordinary group of growers on Long Island.**

- Bed & Borders**
- Buckley's Tree Farm**
- Eastland Farms**
- Glover Perennials**
- Jackson Dodds/Stillwater Tree Farm**
- Landcraft Environments**
- Provenance Natives**
- Schlecht Nursery**



AND A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS!

Underwriters, \$1000+

Pat Handal, Olivia Motch, Greg Wiseman

Benefactors, \$500-\$900

Bettina and John Benson, Erik J. Brockmeyer & Scott J. Sottile,
Diana Elghanayan, Nancy Gilbert & Richard Wines, John Hill,
Janet & Mark Ollinger, Tony Piazza: *Piazza Horticultural* & Steven Gugliotti,
Bob Strubel: *East Hampton Bayberry*, Alicia Whitaker

Sponsors \$250-\$400

Pamela Abrahams, Jon Ambrose & Jim Brasher,
Frederico Azevedo: *Unlimited Earth Care*, Ken Block: *Eastland Farms*, Rick Bogusch,
Jeffrey Carter & Timothy O'Connor, Marie DiMonte,
Jackson Dodds: *Jackson Dodds and Company*, Donna Dorian, Anna Lou Fletcher,
Nina Gillman, Jane Iselin, Elizabeth Lear: *Elizabeth A. Lear Landscaping Assoc.*,
Brad Learmonth & Jon Gilman, Michael Longacre, Mary Maran, Elaine Peterson,
David & Jeanne Reese, Tish Rehill: *Gardeneering*, Charles C. Savage,
Margaret Sieck & Bob Baldwin, Marlene & Loren Skeist

Patrons \$150-\$200

Harriet Anreder, Azade & Robert Ardali, Aimee Aryal, Lori Barnaby, Theresa Berger,
Mike Blaustein, Cornelia Bostwick, Lorraine Bracco, Mary Ellen Brockmeyer,
Nick Brown, Mary Busch, Carole Campolo & Don Cirillo, Isabel Carmichael,
Ernest Cavallo & Arthur Thomson, Abby Clough-Lawless, Terry Coppola,
Anthony Coron & Jonathan McCann, Kathleen & Rick Courtney,
Vincent Covello & Carol Mandel, Catherine Crane, Jane Crotty, Tracey Dedrick,
Jenice Delano, Jim Ewing & Sarah Hunnewell, Judith Faer,
Steven & Sue Felsher, Patricia Garrity, Judith Garson, Carolyn Gemake,
Laurie Gibbs, Robert Gibbs, Norma Giorgetti,
Pamela Harwood & Peter Feder, Diane Herold, Betsy Horn, Bernard Hyman, Karen Keogh,
Steven Kossak, Dawn Lesh & Dr. John Czepiel,
Jacqui LoFaro & Deborah Kooperstein, Barbara Macklowe,
Alejandro Saralegui: *Madoo Conservancy*, Margery Mailman, Tripp March,
Sanjiv Mehra, Laura & Neil Mitchel, Laura Moore & Vigo Kuplins,
Janis Murphy, Harry Neyens, Mark Obenhaus,
Peconic Land Trust, Kathy Kennedy, Sallie McNeill Rynd, Derek Scolpino, Erika Shank,
Andrea Stewart, Barbara & Chris Talbot, Kate Tyree, Katrina Vanderlip, Lydia Wallis,
Sandra Walser, Marshall Watson, Charles C. Weilman, Mariah Whitmore, Grant Wilfley,
Erich Winkler & Nancy Allerston, William & Jenny Winkler, Adrienne Woodduck



Some of the 2026 auction items which helped produce the most successful auction we've ever had! Thank you to everyone who donated and to the bidders!

And thanks to the many members who contributed plants dug from their own gardens or grown by them in their homes, greenhouses and cold frames. Like Ernie Cavallo who grew a slew of Arisaema ringens 'Black Mamba' from seed for the Connoisseur Table - a 2 year venture! And Mary Maran who not only grew a whole table of many varieties of 'scented geranium' pelargoniums for us but drove them up from her home in PA where she relocated recently.



And, of course, thanks go to all the diggers and those who allowed us into their gardens to dig plants for the Fair. This is a huge endeavor and so much appreciated by HAH as every plant sold is full profit for us. Thanks go to our new chair of the Digs, Laurie Gibbs, for taking on this daunting task and learning from our veteran Digs leader, Lydia Wallis.

Now it is time to treat ourselves to some lovely garden tours! Keep an eye out for HAH's garden tour notices in your email this summer. Pamela Harwood and Erik Brockmeyer are busy organizing them. And the Westhampton Garden Club has already posted this notice of theirs.



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 Lane, East Hampton (bedding plants, herbs, vegetables only)

The 2026 Paul Karish Scholarship award goes to William Dupree

William is a Southampton High School Honor student and athlete - and a 13th generation year round worker on the family fruit farm -The Milk Pail Farm and Orchard. His job experiences at The Milk Pail include planting, cultivating, spraying, pruning and training, repairing machinery, harvesting, transporting - basically all the functions of a working farm. As his letter of recommendation states: "He is the type of student who can excel in an advanced classroom, and then step directly onto the farm field, tractor, or workshop floor and put that knowledge to practical use."



In his personal statement - William talks about his unique childhood growing up with a 60 acre fruit farm as a backyard. His grandfather "refused to believe the fact that was ever a time with nothing to do on the farm." Now, William finds that "one of a farm's greatest strengths.....After working part time on the farm for many years, I can say that each year has presented itself with new problems and opportunities leaving minimal space for boredom. I'm proud to say that I have chosen an agricultural major for college to come back to my family farm and make a career out of it."

He continues: "The farm constantly presents itself with new problems and time-consuming jobs which is what I hope to efficiently counteract with a degree in Agricultural Sciences and Engineering. I am determined to become a powerful problem solver that can minimize time consuming practices such as planting hundreds of fruit trees, spraying fruit orchards, and weeding entire fields. Often these time-consuming jobs that must be done routinely can prevent lots of other, less important jobs from being done. A farm with lots of un-finished jobs is a declining business, however, a farm that has its workload efficiently tackled every day to the best of the workforce's ability is a business that has the highest chance of massive success." William will be attending Cornell University next fall.

OTHER EVENTS IN JUNE

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

- **Tuesdays, June 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30. 3 pm to 4:30 pm. Landscape Advice with Paul Wagner.** FREE.

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, June 27, times vary by garden.** 8 gardens total: 1 in Southampton, 1 in Water Mill, 2 in Bridgehampton, and 4 in East Hampton.

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

- **Tuesday, June 30, 2 pm to 3 pm. Designing the Lush Dry Garden.** For more info and to register: <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/events/web26-designing-the-lush-dry-garden>

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

- **Friday, June 5, 11 am to 1 pm. Dynamic Plants for Garden Challenges Indoors and Out.** \$27 member, \$30 non-member.
- **Saturday, June 13, 11 am. The Land Before Landcraft: From 17th Century Wilderness to 21st Century Gardens.** \$27 member, \$30 non-member.

Marders Lecture Series. FREE. 120 Snake Hollow Road, Bridgehampton, NY 11932. More info: <https://www.marders.com/events>

- **Sunday, June 7, 2 pm to 3 pm. Cookies, Coffee & Conversation: Organic Rose Care: Tips on choosing, planting, feeding, pruning & enjoying roses.**
- **Sunday, June 14, 10 am to 11 am. Garden Talk: Medicine Making—Teas, Tinctures & Tonics with Herbs and Flowers.**
- **Sunday, June 21, 2 pm to 3 pm. Cookies, Coffee & Conversation: The Unending Battle—Fighting Pests & Fungus with Sugar, Oil & Beneficial Insects.**
- **Sunday, June 28, 2 pm to 3 pm. Cookies, Coffee & Conversation: How to Attract Birds & Butterflies & Beneficials.**

Saturday, June 6, 4 pm to 5:30 pm. LongHouse Talk: A Tour of English Gardens. 133 Hands Creek Road, East Hampton, NY 11937. \$25 members, \$35 non-members. For more info and to register: <https://longhouse.org/pages/programs>

Saturday, June 13, 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: <https://southamptonrose.org/2026-events/>

Saturday, June 13, 11 am. Landscape Therapy Workshop cohosted by Perfect Earth Project and Duck Creek Arts Center. FREE but pre-registration is requested. For more info and to register: <https://perfectearthproject.org/events/>

Saturday, June 20. 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. Tickets start at \$400. Madoo Conservancy, 618 Sagg Main Street, Sagaponack, NY 11962. For more info and to purchase tickets:

HAH Sunday Lecture Program - 2 pm
At the Bridgehampton Community House, Main Hall
2357 Montauk Highway, Bridgehampton, NY

June 14 **Christian Douglas - *Garden with Purpose: The Art and Ecology of Designing with Food***

No lectures in July and August

September 13 **Roy Diblik - *Growing Plants in Communities***

October 18 **Dr. Eve Beaury - *Seeding Ecosystems of the Future***

November 15 **Michael Gibson - *The Gibson Method: Reimagining Topiary As Living Art***

December 20 **Roman Roth - *How to Grow and Achieve World Class Vineyards Right Here on the East End***

Full Moon 🟡 **May 31 morning**

Last Quarter Moon 🌘 **June 8 morning**

New Moon 🟩 **June 14 evening**

First Quarter Moon 🌑 **June 21 afternoon**

Full moon 🟡 **June 29 evening**



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