HAHappenings

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HAH MONTHLY LECTURE
SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2015 - 2 PM
Gregg Tepper - THE SENSORY APPEAL OF NATIVE PLANTS

Join Horticulturist Gregg Tepper as he explores the unique and intriguing ways in which Native Plants appeal to each of our senses: Sight, Smell, Touch, Taste, and even Sound. Learn fascinating facts, hear entertaining true stories, and see outstanding photographs of the wildflowers we love of the forest and field.

Gregg is a professional horticulturist, lecturer, consultant and life-long native plant enthusiast. After studying Ornamental Horticulture at the University of Delaware and several years creating his own ornamental and native plant gardens, Gregg started a horticultural maintenance business designing and managing private gardens in the Delaware Valley. Thereafter Gregg worked at Mt. Cuba Center in Hockessin, DE where he held the positions of Horticulturist, Woods Path Horticulturist and Director of Horticulture. He has lectured on native plants extensively in the United States as well as at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew and Wisley in Great Britain. He volunteers annually as a horticulture passer at the Philadelphia International Flower Show and Co-chairs the Watering Committee. He never misses a chance to pursue botanizing excursions, where he photographs and studies plant communities, throughout the year. He is now Director of Horticulture and board member ex officio of the newly-formed Delaware Botanic Gardens at Pepper Creek.

HAH EVENT SCHEDULE

Tuesday, APRIL 7 - 10 am - Friends of the Garden, HAH garden, (p. 3)
Sunday, APRIL 12 - 2 pm - Lecture upstairs in the big hall. (p. 1)
Saturday, APRIL 18 - 10:30 am - Workshop: Pruning with Jackson Dodds. (p. 11)
Saturday, APRIL 25 - 10 am - Camellia Group Meeting in the HAH Library, (p. 3)

Friday, May 15, 6 - 8 pm
HAH GARDEN FAIR PREVIEW PARTY
Saturday, May 16, 9 am - 1 pm
HAH GARDEN FAIR
Never have the snowdrops and witch hazels been so welcome as after the big melt in March. And on it will go throughout the spring as we revel in the rewards of surviving the winter of ’15.

Please take a close look at the following pages where there is much HAH news about the May Garden Fair, upcoming events, trips and so much more. Spring is popping up all over the HAH as well as in your gardens.

As always, we need your help as volunteers to make our Fair the success it always is, so please do think of a way to find time to assist us, before, during or after the Fair. Invitations to the Preview Party will be heading to you soon. Please come!! This is great fun, and it’s your cause you are supporting by being there.

Thanks so much for your support!

Elaine

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Our new website is now in place at the usual address. You will find a whole new look and a new format. We have tried to keep it simple and easy to navigate both for members and for those who don’t know us yet.

The first page will have updated postings on events at HAH as needed. There are many ‘pages’ on the site to explore, but if you want to return to the first page from anywhere else, just click on the HAH at the top of the page and you will return to page 1 (the home page.)

When you click on the titles in the menu banner you can go to a title entry page or directly into one of the drop down sections. The entry pages are mainly images and links, and the drop downs have more extended content.

Throughout the site there are many links to take you elsewhere. Links are underlined or darkened when the cursor touches them. Then click to go there.

We will continue to add new content to the site frequently, so check back often. A copy of the current newsletter will always be available on the site. Take your time finding your way around the site, or use the ‘search’ feature at the top of the page.
FOG : Friends of the Garden

April hath put a spirit of youth in everything.  
~William Shakespeare  🌷

We invite you to join us as we plant, maintain and celebrate the HAH garden. This year our season will begin on Tuesday, April 7, at 10:00 AM. Please join us for some well deserved time outside in the sun. Whether you’re a novice gardener or a veteran, we welcome you – the only requirement necessary is your love of gardening. Our 2015 dates are listed below. Rain dates are Thursdays of the same week.

- April 7
- May 5
- June 4 **
- June 30
- July 28
- August 25
- September 22
- October 20
- November 17

** Note the date change to Thursday, June 4, due to the HAH trip to NYBG on Tuesday, June 2

Please consider setting aside a few hours a month to garden with friends. We couldn’t do it without you and we are appreciative of any time you can give us. Our sessions are roughly two hours followed by refreshments and conversation. Feel free to contact Mike Monaco (mmichaeldr@optonline.net; 631-324-6980), or me (gershwingleal@optonline.net; 631-998-4250) if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you.

Cathie Gottschalk

SAVE-THE-DATES

**Tuesday, June 2 - HAH goes to the New York Botanical Garden by Jitney**

**Saturday, June 6 - HAH Local Garden Tour in East Hampton**

**Monday, June 8 - HAH Photography Workshop with Erika Shank**

**August 3 - 10 - HAH trip to Seattle and Puget Sound gardens. See all details on the HAH website or at the office and sign-up ASAP!!**  (See more on trip p. 6)
DIGS

2015 Preview Party and Garden Fair
May 15 and May 16, 2015

We are already planning to make our 2015 fair this year bigger and better. As you all know, we usually contact you in early spring asking to hold a ‘dig’ at your home for plants to sell at our Garden Fair. Dig plants are extremely important to us since 100% of the proceeds go right back into HAH which enables us to bring to you the finest library, tours, workshops and a wonderful array of speakers.

For those of you who have held ‘digs’ at your home before, we thank you and hope you will consider participating again this year. For those of you interested in having a ‘dig’, don’t hesitate to contact me with any questions. Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you.

Bettina Benson  bbettina@optonline.net
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Bill Donnelly 1915-2015

We are so sorry to report that dear HAH friend Bill Donnelly passed away on March 7, a few months shy of his 100th birthday. Bill and his late wife, Marie, became members of HAH soon after its inception in 1986 and were active members for many years, including leading the group as co-presidents.

A respected ophthalmologist, Bill enjoyed seeing plants in ways that many of us didn’t even think about. He enjoyed studying the timing of plant growth from seed to seedling and the opening of buds into flower, so much so that he made an amateur time-lapsed film of these movements long before it was common to do so. Many of us learned a lot from his efforts at capturing the progress of plant growth, in addition to enjoying his dry, quick wit.

We extend our sympathies to Bill’s children and grandchildren. He was buried here near Marie in Southampton.

PLANT DONATIONS FOR THE FAIR

If you prefer to dig your own plants here are some easy guidelines:

Containers – clean clay or plastic, 1 qt. minimum

Potting – complete potting at least two weeks prior to sale so plants can acclimate. Make sure there is a strong root system to support the plant.

Label – make one label for each variety of plant you bring. We will make more labels on the day of the Fair if necessary. Include the botanical and common names along with the cultivar, growing conditions, mature plant size, and bloom time and color and if deer resistant.

Care – Protect your newly potted plants from sun and wind and be sure they do not dry out. Always ask yourself if you would buy these plants yourself or give them as gifts!
GARDEN PRUNING IN LATE WINTER AND EARLY SPRING

Moderated and reported by Pamela Harwood

We had a grand turnout of 27 attendees, both members and non-members. We were fortunate to have in attendance Rick Bogusch, Manager of Bridge Gardens, part of the Peconic Land Trust (and an HAH board member), as well as garden professional George Biercuk. We also welcomed Jessica McDermott and Greg Nelson of Marder’s nursery.

Though several feet of snow still covered the ground and the air outside was bitter cold, the longer days and promise of March just around the corner brought us all together, hoping it would soon be time to get back out in the garden and starting doing something!

In addition to informational handouts, it was most useful to have some visual aids. Jay Hunt brought along several of his own pruning tools and did a wonderful show and tell of the different equipment that is optimal for different jobs. I’d have to say that the one that seemed to elicit the most oohs and ahs was his Fiskars Pruning Stik®, described on their website (that right, I couldn’t help myself – I had to know more) as follows: “our versatile, rope-free tree pruner extends up to 12’ to take down high branches without a ladder or make low cuts without kneeling or bending.” Jay also made the important point that in order to make the work easier and most efficient, it is necessary to use sharp tools. One way to do this is to buy new tools (many are not expensive) at the beginning of every season. He often brings a dinner host a new set of hand pruners as a gift. I immediately invited Jay over for dinner…

But for those who want to keep the tools they have sharpened and properly cared for, we announced that Pat Wood has arranged for another HAH Pruning Workshop with Jackson Dodds on April 18th (see p. 11.) At the last workshop we did with them in 2013, they spent a good deal of time showing us how to sharpen tools.

We also posted several illustrations on the easel to demonstrate where to make pruning cuts on various kinds of shrubs and trees for different purposes. George brought in a sample branch that we also used for demonstration.

Various aspects of pruning were covered, all detailed in a 3-page handout. Following is a list of the topics, and lively discussions that ensued. If you would like a copy of the in-depth 3-page handout, please contact me at pamharwood@aol.com or pick up your copy at the HAH Library.

Why Do We Prune?
Timing: Why Should We Prune Certain Plants Only In Late Winter And Early Spring?
Which Plants Do We Prune In Late Winter-Early Spring (Mid February - Early March)?
What Should I Not Prune While Plants Are Dormant In Late Winter And Early Spring?
Prune Sub Shrubs In Early Spring, Prune Spring-Flowering Shrubs And Trees After They Flower, But Not Later Than The End Of Spring, around June 20th - Followed By List Of Examples, Glossary Of Pruning Terms, List Of Tools, Techniques

HAH LoGerfo Library HOURS
Saturdays 10 - 12
After Sunday monthly lectures or by appointment. Call 537.2223
This is not your ordinary tour of Seattle. This tour is all about gardens, gardens and more gardens. Throughout the tour, you will benefit from Cole’s expertise and connections to the Seattle gardening community. We will go behind the scenes to see many extraordinary private gardens and talk to their designers. Summer is a great time to visit the Pacific Northwest, and the gardens will be in full flower. Join us on this one-of-a-kind garden adventure—you’re sure to be inspired!

The tour includes a visit to Windcliff for a private tour and dinner with noted plantsman, Daniel J. Hinkley, as well as a visit to the newly renovated Heronswood Botanical Garden. Other stops include the famed Bloedel Reserve, a masterpiece of sublime modern design, the Elizabeth Carey Miller Garden, lovingly designed by a Northwest gardening icon and philanthropist, the Pacific Rim Bonsai Collection, the Chase Garden, and numerous private gardens. We’ve also incorporated nursery visits with innovative retailers like Dig Floral and Garden, a Seattle Flower Show Gold medalist, to satisfy your appetite for plants and garden accessories.

Hotel Vintage: The Hotel Vintage’s newly redesigned boutique hotel accommodations have been transformed into urban havens finessed with the style and substance of Washington wine country. You can expect all the extras and amenities that are part of the Kimpton boutique hotel experience.

Tour Host C. Colston Burrell is an avid gardener, naturalist, designer and educator, has devoted a lifetime to studying plants in the wild and in gardens. He holds an MS in Horticulture and an MLA in Landscape Architecture. He enjoys escorting garden and natural history tours to introduce people to beautiful places throughout the United States and abroad.

Tour includes: Tours of 20 private and public gardens; 7 nights accommodations in Seattle; deluxe motorcoach transportation; 5 group lunches; 2 group dinners; Carlson Wagonlit Travel escort; and more.
Land-Only Tour Package
From $2,995* USD per person
*Price is per person based on double occupancy and a minimum of 24 participants. Additional cost for single accommodations is $1,175 per person. Airfare is additional. Carlson Wagonlit Travel air coordinators can assist you with flight reservations.

NOT INCLUDED:
Round-trip airfare, any airline fees for checked luggage, additional nights, optional sightseeing activities, gratuities to individual garden guides, meals not indicated in the itinerary, travel insurance, other items not specifically mentioned as included in the itinerary.

Deposit: $1,000 per person due at the time of registration. Please see the payment and cancellation policy on the registration form. Registration is subject to availability and limited to just 24 travelers. To register, please fill out the registration form and contact Carlson Wagonlit Travel at (800)533-0324, attn: Bonnie Michel.

Please see the full itinerary (lots of photos) and registration form on the HAH website, hahgarden.org, or stop in at the HAH office where you may copy them.

AND
don’t delay - this terrific trip is filling up quickly!
Unrelenting Winter

George Biercuk

Never, in all the many years we have left New York for our Caribbean escape to St. Martin, have we done so from such an alien frozen landscape. The prolonged persistent deep snow pack and record shattering cold temps were unprecedented. Cold, as early as November, was vanquished by December’s unseasonable warmth with Snowdrops, Helleborus orientalis and Daphne odora ‘Aureomarginata’ pushing flower buds and several Hamamelis x intermedia cultivars in bloom. Visions of an early spring were dancing before our eyes. As we edged into January, spring’s embrace was becoming ever sweeter. Lulled into sanguinity, we were unprepared for old man winter’s rapacious seizure of our weather.

Late January through early March, the landscape remained virtually unchanged, the only difference the increasing duration and angle of sunlight which offered no additional warmth. The “Tundra Lock” was firmly entrenched. March arrived with yet more snow. What need had we of Snowdrops, when the garden was encased in “early glacier?” Daphne odora ‘Aureomarginata’s sweet fragrance was somewhere under the snow. We hadn’t seen her in over six weeks. Hamamelis x intermedia were seen only from afar, thus missing their fragrance.

Though we have moved our vacation to earlier months over many years, we have always returned before “high” gardening was in full swing. Originally we were away the first two weeks of May so we could have our tans finished before Memorial Day. Working in Manhattan, living in Elmont with a second home in Wainscott, we were able to experience spring “peaks” separated by about a week at each location due to geographical differences.

Initially we wondered how fully the trees would be leafed out upon our return as the early spring bloomers were already finished. As we pulled back into April, so did the phase of spring’s awakening. We finally settled into a mid March to early April time frame, hoping there would be less chance of snow delaying our departure. Initially we adjusted for calendar slip but haven’t done so for the last dozen years. Concurrently with climate change, we have seen the garden awakening earlier and earlier even as we have been leaving earlier. One year some of the Daffodils were waning when we returned in late March. Ironically one day the high temperature in New York approached that on St Martin. This year the “state of the garden” was diametrically opposite, as everyone well knows. What was happening under the snow was anyone’s guess. Most likely the voles and mice were actively enjoying the relative warmth beneath the deep snow pack. Post snow melt, their runs would be all too evident. Absent, thankfully, were squirrels. Hopefully they’ll stay away and leave the swelling Virburnum buds alone. Despite extremely frigid temps, some mornings birds were singing raucously, as though spring were in the air. Late winter pruning remained undone. We would have to play catch-up.

March has historically been our “mud season” when the ground thaws and the surface liquefies. Hopefully it would not extend into April, further delaying early season tasks.

Patience will define the upcoming season and will be required in abundance. The effects of the brutal coupling of extreme cold and high winds will, unfortunately, begin to manifest itself as the season progresses, especially among evergreens which can’t replace transpired moisture from the frozen soil. Buds which began to break in December are also going to have suspect viability.

The garden will renew itself. If we are patient we will not exacerbate that which has been thrust upon the garden this past winter. Think spring!

Also – thank you to those who extended condolences for Moka.
We have already started planning for our one fundraising event of the year – the **2015 Preview Party & Garden Fair** which will be held on Friday, May 15 and Saturday, May 16, 2015.

Volunteers are needed and vital to the success of the event. We’ve listed below the critical times when your assistance is requested. Please let us know by email the dates and times that would be most convenient for you. You can also use this page and circle the day and time you’re available and mail it to HAH, P O Box 202, Bridgehampton, NY 11932.

**Any amount of time that you can provide would be most appreciated:**

**Thursday, May 14 beginning at 8am and continuing until about 1pm**

- We will be accepting plant container donations for the silent auction; sometimes small items will require pick-up from donors. Would you be willing to pick up plant containers?
- Delivery of the pre-sale annuals will need to be unloaded from trucks and sorted.
- Perennials which will be sold at the fair will need to be unloaded from the trucks and sorted.

**Friday, May 15 beginning at 8am and continuing through 3pm**

- Additional plant deliveries will be arriving on Friday morning and again we will need your assistance unloading the trucks and setting up the displays.

**Friday, May 15 beginning at 5pm until closing at 8pm & Saturday, May 16 beginning at 8am and continuing through closing at 1pm**

- Would you like to be a cashier or assist at check-out?
- Would you be willing to help out in the ‘holding area’? Patrons place their plants here until final check-out.
- Would you share your plant knowledge with others who are choosing plants at the fair?
- Would you be willing to sell silent auction raffle tickets (Friday night only)?

**Saturday, May 16 Clean-up of grounds area continuing through 3pm**

- Would you be willing to help with clean up?
VOLUNTEERS cont.

Plant Digs from Member Gardens – this is an extremely important aspect of our fundraiser since it represents 100% profit to HAH

- Would you like to host a ‘dig’ at your garden?
- Would you like to volunteer to dig and plant up perennials at a host garden?
- Would you be willing to ‘plant-sit’ perennials and/or shrubs which are dug from member gardens?
- For those of you who are already plant-sitting – THANK YOU! Bettina Benson will be in touch with you soon or you can contact her directly at bbettina@optonline.net or at 631.728.1981.

Please provide your name, telephone number and email and specify what date, time, and area you would be willing to assist us. Again, any amount of time that you can provide would be most appreciated. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact us. We look forward to hearing from you. For questions, please contact our Volunteer Chair, Cathie Gottschalk at gershwingal@optonline.net or call her directly at 631.998.4250.

There is also a sign-in sheet at the Library.

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Your name______________________________________________________________

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When you can help_____________________________________________________  

Where you can help______________________________________________________

THANK YOU!
JACKSON’S BACK!  
And better than ever!

Jackson Dodds will host and lead a workshop on “Pruning & Tool Maintenance”

This workshop includes a hand’s-on demonstration of pruning methods and the importance of maintaining and sharpening our tools.

Date/Time:  Saturday, April 18th at 10:30 a.m.  
Location: Harvest Acres, 793 Ocean Road, Bridgehampton.  
Rain or shine.

Because we will be guests of Jackson Dodds & Company, this free workshop will have a limited enrollment of 15 participants. Please sign up early! This is a free event and is only open to members of HAH.

Yes! Sign me up for the April 18th Pruning and Tool Maintenance Workshop, with Jackson Dodds.

Name: _____________________________________________

Email: _____________________________________________

Phone: _____________________________________________

Send to: HAH, P. O. Box 202, Bridgehampton, NY 11932  
Or email your sign up information to hahmember@optonline.net  
Or visit our website at hahgarden.org for information on all HAH events and how to become a member.
HAH 2015 SUNDAY MONTHLY LECTURES - 2 PM

**April 12** - Gregg Tepper - The Sensory Appeal of Native Plants

**May 3** - Thomas Rainer - Planting in a Post-Wild World: Designing Plant Communities for More Resilient Landscapes

**June 14** - Andy Brand - Year Round Appeal - Plants with Pizzazz All Year Long

**September 13** - Roxanne Zimmer - The High Line: Lessons for Our Gardens

**October 18** - Anne Spiegel - Rock Garden Plants - At Their Homes and at Yours

**November 8** - Catie Marron - City Parks: Public Places, Private Thoughts

**December 13** - John Lonsdale, Phd. - Unusual Geophytes and Cyclamen

No lectures in July or August

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**East End Garden Events - April 2015**

**Madoo Conservancy** - On Site Workshops, Saturdays, 10 am

April 4 - Pruning Roses for Spring Growth, Catherine Warren, Broadview Gardens

April 11 - Trimming and Training Trees, Michael Gaines, CW Arborist

April 18 - The Perfect Lawn and Compost Teas - Edwina vonGal

LongHouse Reserve - www.longhouse.org

Saturday, April 25, 2-5 pm - Rites of Spring: Opening Day

Bridge Gardens - www.peconiclandtrust.org

Saturday, April 4, 12-5 pm - Spring Opening Day

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