Catie Marron’s career has included investment banking, magazine journalism, and public service. She is currently Chairman of the board of directors of Friends of the High Line; a trustee of The New York Public Library, where she was chairman of the board for seven years; and a contributing editor of Vogue magazine.

Catie’s book, *City Parks: Public Places, Private Thoughts*, fulfills a long time desire to see a book written on the many magnificent public parks in the world. In it are captured the spirit and beauty of eighteen of the world’s most loved city parks though the extraordinary photographs of Oberto Gili, taken over the course of a year, and through the remarkable writings of contributors whose reflections focus on a particular park that holds special meaning for them.

Copies of this lovely book will be available for purchase.

**HAH AMARYLLIS WORKSHOPS 2015**

Free workshops on amaryllis bulb planting for children in grades K - 3 have been underway. They are held in local libraries with HAH providing all the materials needed: bulbs, soil, pots, and planting directions as well as instruction sheets with growing tips for the participants to bring home with their bulbs.

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If you are able to assist at either of these last two programs, please contact Terry Coppola 668-3022 or e-mail montaukdaisy668@aol.com Each program lasts approximately 45 minutes.

**UPCOMING HAH EVENTS**

**NOV. 7** - CAMELLIA GROUP - 10 AM

**NOV. 8** - HAH ANNUAL MEETING - 2 PM, immediately followed by the monthly lecture

**NOV. 17** - FRIENDS OF THE GARDEN - 10 AM

**NOV. 21** - ROUNDTABLE - 10 AM

**NOV. 21** - FRESH GREENS WORKSHOP 2-4 PM

**DEC. 5** - BOOK GROUP - 11 AM

**DEC. 13** - HAH ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY, immediately after the 2 pm lecture
Rosemary is for remembrance, it is said by old gardeners. Now that I am one of those, I find myself in agreement. Rosemary’s bloom this late in the season reminds me of all the great beauty I have enjoyed this year in the garden. And I will welcome its joining me inside soon for the cold months ahead, reminding me that there will be another season of growth after a time of rest.

The winter garden is essential to my experience of the dark months inside and succulents are as big a part of it as are ferns, scented pelargoniums and herbs. See HAH member Michael Longacre’s helpful tips on overwintering these gems on page 6.

The HAH Roundtable and Camellia groups will help us with plans for growing Fruit at home next year and Camellia care this winter - see pp. 3 - 4. Is there really a down time for gardeners? Not in this group! Come join us!

Elaine

REPORT OF THE 2015 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

It is with great pleasure that the Nominating Committee proposes the following slate of officers for 2016 for the membership’s vote at the ANNUAL MEETING on Sunday, November 8th at 2 pm.

OFFICERS: (an officer serves for a 1 year term)
President…………………………Janet Ollinger
First Vice President………………Pamela Harwood
Second Vice President………Marie DiMonte
Recording Secretary………………Susan Brackett
Corresponding Secretary………Patricia Wood
Treasurer…………………………Bettina Benson

DIRECTORS: (a director serves for a 3 year term)
Terry Coppola………’16
Rick Bogusch………’16
Alicia Whitaker……’17
Greg Wiseman…..’17
Elaine Peterson…..’18
Mary Maran……..’18

The Library Chairperson (who serves on the Board with a vote) is currently: Susan Kennedy Zeller

Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee,

Bettina Benson, Chair
Susan Edwards
Pam Harwood
Pat Matheson
Janet Ollinger
REMINDER: HAH SEED - SHARING PROGRAM

HAH has begun its seed-sharing and selling program. Members donate properly ripe and dried seeds from plants in their gardens that are placed in labeled envelopes or other containers and, prior to each monthly lecture at the Community House, you can either trade your package(s) for another member’s donations or, if you have no seeds to donate and trade, you can purchase seeds that others have donated. All proceeds benefit the HAH’s educational programs.

If you miss attending a lecture, you can also trade/donate/purchase seed packets at the monthly Roundtables. Each package of seeds is sold for $2.00, typically contains many more seeds than commercial packets, and the money goes to a good cause!

Pamela Harwood

GOOD SHEPHERD FARM

As we work at putting our gardens to bed for the winter it is time to begin planning for the 2016 growing season. If fabulous tomatoes, delicious string beans, fat red and yellow onions, large heads of garlic and a variety of herbs and cutting flowers just won’t fit into your landscape, then this is the time to consider joining a communal growing group. HAH member Jay Hunt, the new Farm Manager for Good Shepherd Farm here in Bridgehampton, says that there may be spaces available for next year. The members work together preparing the rows, planting the seeds and plants, weeding, harvesting and dividing what is grown. Mostly organic methods are used on the 56 sixty-foot rows. So, if you have a couple of hours 2 or 3 mornings a week to spend working with approx. 20 other vegetable “farmers” please contact Jay at jayhunt125@yahoo.com and he will give you more information.

Ann Cully

JIM JEFFREY CAMELLIA GROUP

I hope you will be able to attend our annual fall meeting on Saturday, Nov. 7th at 10:00 at the HAH library. As a few members confirmed, the past winter was very hard on our camellias. But, judging from my garden, they seem to have recovered and hopefully there will be blooms to share in November and also next Spring. Our cuttings meeting this past summer was enthusiastically attended and we look forward to hearing the results. (Not very good in my case.) So come and share your thoughts with fall blooms in hand or not.

We look forward to seeing you.

Bridget DeCandido

FRIENDS OF THE GARDEN

"I prefer winter and fall, when you feel the bone structure of the landscape - the loneliness of it, the dead feeling of winter. Something waits beneath it, the whole story doesn't show."

Andrew Wyeth

So here we are at the end of another season. At this time we'd like to thank our faithful volunteers who have braved all kinds of weather - but mostly our days were sunny - to keep our garden neat and lush: Bettina Benson, Cornelia Bostwick, Susan Brackett, Don Cirillo, Joan DiMonda, Marie DiMonte, Antone Hugel, Lynne Molnar, Heloise Pressey, Ginny Ward and Pat Wood. It would have been a daunting, and a lot less fun, endeavor without you. Our final meeting of FOG for this year will be Tuesday, November 17, at 10:00 AM. Please join us as we prepare the garden for its winter repose.

Cathie Gottschalk & Mike Monaco

Ben DiMonte

July 26, 1936 – September 28, 2015

Ben DiMonte passed away peacefully at his home in Hampton Bays after a long illness. An accomplished artisan of wood-carving and stained glass he created many pieces which he donated for charitable causes. In addition, he volunteered his time to St. Rosalie’s Food Pantry and to the Horticultural Alliance of the Hamptons.

Ben grew up in Astoria, Queens where he met and married his wife, Marie. After careers in New York City, they settled in Hampton Bays where they’ve permanently resided for the last twenty-five years. Happily married for 55 years, Marie and Ben enjoyed travel and gardening together. His humor, creativity, generosity and warm smile will be missed by all who knew him, and most especially by his friends here at HAH.

Pamela Harwood
Roundtable Program Continues on Saturday, November 21, 10am - Noon.
Main Topic: Fruit Trees, Shrubs, and Vines.

Interest in growing our own edibles is increasing, so we look forward to questions and answers about selecting the best varieties for our area, choosing planting sites, pruning techniques and tools, practical and decorative espaliering, and disease prevention and treatment.

As always, the floor will be open for general questions. See you on the 21st!

Pamela Harwood

LIBRARY FOOTNOTES - NOVEMBER 2015

Susan Kennedy Zeller

Book Sale: Thank you to everyone who donated books, assisted setting up and taking away and to all who purchased! Every dollar helps our Library and all our programming that is done there. RIGHT NOW: donations will only be accepted during a couple of months each year. Watch the newsletter for when that will be in 2016. In the meantime if you are thinking of donating to HAH Library please store your books in a safe and dry place for us. We have no storage space that will accommodate books so we rely on our thoughtful Members to do it for us.

Advance Notice: Book Discussion Group: Mark your calendar as the return of the successful DO NOT READ THIS BOOK talks will begin on December 5. Remember - each presenter will be doing the reading for everyone, so no need to prepare anything. Just come, relax, bring your own coffee, tea or whatever and munch a cookie or two we provide and enjoy your morning. Carolyn Gemake is Moderator so if you would like to be a presenter just call our office number - 631-537-2223- and leave your contact information.

Need BULBS or other FALL Plantings? See our collection of catalogues in the holder beside our computer. You are welcome to use the computer for ordering OR copy any pages from any catalogue. Please just leave them in the Library so others may use as well.

Library Open Hours: Winter. Every Saturday (except the Saturdays after Thanksgiving and Christmas) from 10 AM to noon and after our Sunday Lectures. As an extra convenience we are also open most Tuesdays 10-12! If you need special time just give us a call at 631- 537-2223.

NOTICE!!!! HAH ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 8 - 2 PM - IN THE BRIDGEHAMPTON COMMUNITY HOUSE PRIOR TO OUR MONTHLY LECTURE.
October is, for us, the transition month in the garden, summer segueing into the beginning of the garden’s quiet interlude. Late August and/or early September “cold” snaps historically signaled to the tropicales that it was time to begin to shut down. Not so this year. Record warmth until the end of September kept the garden in a high summer state. Early October’s myriad weather phenomena radically set the stage for changes. In the span of a week torrential downpours, a nor’ easter, a glancing blow from a hurricane and well below normal temperatures changed the game board. Our psychological mindset due to the heat and humidity was still mid-summer and the pool remained a refreshing oasis. The change, consequently, was all that more jarring for the tropical flora and the human fauna. As a result of several days of a relentless blow we began the initial stages of the autumnal clean-up and bedding down. Having had a good shake the trees littered the garden with twigs and branches of all sizes. Their removal now makes it easier to grind our leaves resulting in clean leaf compost that come next spring is easily spreadable, a free non-disease and pesticide laden organic mulch that is as beautiful a top dressing as it is healthy for the garden. Not only that, it’s a superlative soil amendment for any in-ground planting both spring and fall as well as the organic component that should be incorporated into the, many times, less than ideal dirt/near-soil found as one gardens closer to the terminal moraine when new beds are created. You’re merely returning to the ground what nature would have done if left alone.

Coincidentally I’m often asked by people who tour the garden, after looking up at the oak canopy, how we clean up in autumn. When I explain that we recycle all the leaves on the property they immediately want to know how. How to us is secondary to why. Ascertaining their particular circumstance which usually includes space where leaves can be staged for grind-up, usually by a ride-on lawn mower with a grass catcher, I ask them “Why don’t you or your lawn people collect the ground-up leaves along with the grass clippings, which are the nitrogen component needed to “digest” the leaf (carbon) component, and store them in an inconspicuous spot on your property?” I tell them they’re going to pay for the leaves to be removed anyway and they won’t charge you the dump fees for hauling your leaves away. Come spring the stored leaf compost can be spread in the garden without any materials cost to them. An added and MOST IMPORTANT consideration is that they will have a high degree of confidence that what they are putting into their garden is healthy. “You control what goes into your

compost or leaf pile, discarding diseased material, weeds gone to seed, herbicide laden material or other unknowable stuff which ultimately winds up somewhere. Know where your mulch is coming from because you may be doing more harm than good to your garden in the long run. Where do you think the diseased material and weeds gone to seed that you dispose of wind up anyway? You’ve taken pains to remove this stuff from your property so why risk the very good possibility of reintroducing the “undesirables” back into your garden?”

To answer the “how” mentioned earlier, leaves are raked onto a few hard and open surfaces and ground-up to smithereens, collected into 30 gallon garbage cans, then stored in wire bins for a year. As I’m building the piles, there are two so they can be in constant rotation, I sprinkle some slow release 10-6-4 atop each wetted layer of brown material because we have insufficient green material to get the pile cooking. Since our pulverized leaf/compost base is CLEAN it doesn’t have to cook to a very high temperature needed to kill any undesirable “stuff” which could be harmful to our garden. When spread atop the garden in early spring it provides a nourishing topping that will eventually enhance the health and robustness of the garden’s plantings for years to come via a more vibrant microbial soil which is essential for a healthy, self-sustaining, petrochemical free landscape that doesn’t exacerbate ground water pollution.

Oak leaves benefit the most from grinding, which speeds up their breakdown, since they are extremely tough and slowly lose their convoluted shapes, thus preventing matting when the leaves fall naturally in the woods, unlike something such as Norway maple leaves which crumble readily soon after leaf drop yet will form an impenetrable mess if left to accumulate more than a few layers thick. Our local soil’s chemistry, evolved over the last ten thousand years since the formation of Long Island at the end of the last glacial epoch, is sustained by the decomposition of naturally acidic flora which in turn provides nourishment for succeeding generations of flora thus keeping the cycle in balance. The acid/base chemistry of our soil varies by locale throughout the entirety of the island, nonetheless locally we are reliably acidic and therefore should plant material appropriate for our conditions so that their healthy and robust growth will negate the necessity of an “intravenous” dependent landscape having the potential to pollute our sole source of potable water. We all know the adage admonishing us to eat a healthy diet, “You are what you eat”. The same is applicable to our landscapes. Do you really want a garden filled with “junkies” addicted to petrochemicals? Proper soil prep is the key to a robust, lush landscape.

The cycle continues. The bountiful remains of the past season will provide nourishment for the upcoming rebirth. Compost diligently.
Overwintering Succulents

Michael Longacre is a HAH member who donated a great variety of succulents to our annual garden fair. Many of us now grow them but wonder how to care for them over the winter, as they are not hardy in our climate. (Sempervivums - hens and chicks - are another story and do well outside in our winters.). Here is what Michael recommends for winter care of succulents:

The most important aspect of overwintering succulents is light, the more the better. They will all tolerate temperatures to the upper 30s, most even a light frost, so don't worry that your windowsill will get too cold.

Second, they will use less water, but they will still need to be watered. It's easy to overwater a succulent but quite commonly people treat them like cactus and although they survive, they don't thrive. Succulents' water and fertilizer needs are much closer to regular plants than cactus.

So start by doubling the time between watering used in sunnier months.

The clue to under watering is: lower leaves dry up; the clue to over watering is: the lower leaves get mushy.

As Spring approaches, they will start wanting to grow. By mid-February the sun is as strong as it is now in October, many people associate the cold of February with dim light, but in fact days have been getting longer and sun stronger since just before Christmas.

Starting around March I feed using the same sort of "blooming" liquid house plant fertilizer I use for orchids. Speaking of blooms, jade plants bloom in response to a combination of short days and near freezing temperatures. Having a jade plant outdoors until night time temps are in mid-30s will usually produce blooms by early December that last several weeks. Strikingly similar to the bloom needs of cymbidium orchids.
A SAMPLING OF TENDER SUCCULENTS - ECHEVERIAS

Top left - Echeveria ‘Fire and Ice’
Middle left - Echeveria ‘Rosea’
Middle right - Echeveria ‘Topsy Turvy’
Bottom left - Echeveria ‘Perle von Nurnberg’
Bottom right - Echeveria ‘Black Prince’

photos: Elaine Peterson
HAH 2015-2016 SUNDAY MONTHLY LECTURES - 2 PM

November 8 - Catie Marron - City Parks: Public Places, Private Thoughts
December 13 - John Lonsdale, Ph.d. - Unusual Geophytes and Cyclamen
January 10 - Deborah Nevins - Landscape Thoughts and Current Work
February 7 - Duncan Brine - Naturalistic Landscape Design: Breaking Rules on Principle
March 13 - Ernest Cavallo - Galanthophilia, A Good Kind of Love
April 10 - Dan Snow - Listening to Stone
May 1 - Michael Wojtech - Bark: Get to Know Your Trees
June 12 - Stephen Orr - The New American Herbal

No lectures in July & August

East End Garden Events - Fall 2015

MADOO CONSERVANCY - open Fridays and Saturdays 12-4 pm - info@madoo.org
BRIDGE GARDENS - open Wednesday - Saturday 10 - 5, Sundays 12 - 5 www.peconiclandtrust.org
Wednesdays, 2-5 pm - Free Lawn & Landscape Advice with arborist Paul Wagner of Treewise Organics
Sunday, December 6, 2 - 4 pm - Annual Holiday Wreath Workshop, $30 pp, reservations required. Rain or shine.
MARDERS - 120 Snake Hollow Road, Bridgehampton, 631-537-3700 info@marders.com
Friday, November 17th, 4 pm - in the Gallery at Marders, call to reserve a seat
A talk by Arne Maynard about his new book, The Gardens of Arne Maynard

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