ALL THE PRESIDENTS' GARDENS

Marta McDowell lives, writes and gardens in Chatham, New Jersey. She shares her garden with her husband, Kirke Bent, their crested cockatiel, Sydney, and assorted wildlife. Her garden writing has appeared in popular publications such as Woman’s Day, Fine Gardening and The New York Times. Scholars and specialists have read her essays on American authors and their horticultural interests in the journals Hortus and Arnoldia.


Marta teaches landscape history and horticulture at the New York Botanical Garden. A popular lecturer on topics ranging from design history to plant combinations, she has been a featured speaker at locations ranging from the Arnold Arboretum to the Philadelphia Flower Show to the Beatrix Potter Society's Linder Lecture at the Sloane Club in London. With artist Yolanda Fundora, Marta wrote A Garden Alphabetized (for your viewing pleasure) in 2008.

Marta interned at Wave Hill, Frelinghuysen Arboretum, the Royal Horticultural Society's Rosemoor in Devon, England and at the Chelsea Physic Garden. She worked as a horticulturist for five years at Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit, NJ. Her recent book about the history of American gardening as seen through the gardens and grounds of the White House was published by Timber Press in April, 2016. Marta is on the Board of the NJ Historical Garden Foundation at the Cross Estate in Bernardsville, New Jersey. Her garden is included in the Smithsonian's Archive of American Gardens.

HAH 2016 ROUNDTABLE PROGRAM RESUMES ON SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 8th*, 10 am sharp - 12 noon, in the HAH Library

TOPICS WILL INCLUDE:
1. HOW WAS YOUR SUMMER GARDENING SEASON? SHARING SUCCESSES AND CHALLENGES
2. PLANTS FOR THE FALL GARDEN
3. PREPARING FOR WINTER: TIPS FOR PUTTING THE GARDEN TO BED

See you then! Pamela Harwood

*Please note earlier date this month than usual!
What a fantastic September! With the summer behind us, we were back to HAH business starting with an amazing Karish Seminar. Special thank you to Elizabeth Lear, Brian Mahoney and all of the homeowners who allowed us entrée into their beautiful gardens. We are continuing our lecture series and I would like to extend a huge thank you to Bettina Benson and Susan Kennedy Zeller for arranging this amazing and diverse series, this is no small task!
Thanks to all who donated and volunteered to make our fall yard sale a huge success. The proceeds from this sale go to our library so we will continue to have an updated and interesting collection.

Onward to October! Pamela Harwood will continue as your moderator of our very popular Roundtable Series. Mark your calendars for what is sounding like a fun and informative season. October 16th Marta McDowell will bring us “All the Presidents’ Gardens” which sounds absolutely delightful and I cannot wait.

Reading over my President’s letter I noticed how many people I have to thank each month. I am truly grateful for the entire HAH team, our board and our active membership. THANK YOU!

Happy Fall, Janet

REPORT OF THE 2016 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

It is with great pleasure that the Nominating Committee proposes the following slate of officers for 2017 for the membership’s vote at the annual meeting in November:

OFFICERS: (an officer serves for a 1 year term)
- President: Janet Ollinger
- First Vice President: Bettyn Benson
- Second Vice President: Marie DiMonte
- Recording Secretary: Susan Brackett
- Corresponding Secretary: Erika Shank
- Treasurer: Pamela Harwood

DIRECTORS: (a director serves for a 3 year term)
- Alicia Whitaker: 2017
- Jeffrey Glick: 2017
- Elaine Peterson: 2018
- Mary Maran: 2018
- Rick Bogusch: 2019
- Lydia Wallis: 2019

The Library Chairperson (who serves on the Board with a vote) is currently: Susan Kennedy Zeller
On occasion the board may appoint someone to fill an unexpired term if necessary.

At the general meeting of the membership in October, further nominations will be taken from the floor by the Nominating Committee. Nominations from the floor must be accompanied by a verbal or written consent of the nominee.

Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee,
Alicia Whitaker, Chair
Janet Donohoe Ollinger
Alejandro Saralegui
Terry Coppola
Charles Savage
SUPPORT THE KARISH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

When you renew your membership this year, please consider adding a contribution in support of the Karish Scholarship Program. Simply complete the donation line on the membership form and increase your payment accordingly. Your gift will be transferred to the Scholarship Fund.

Paul Karish was a horticulturalist extraordinaire and one of the founding members of the Horticultural Alliance of the Hamptons. When he died in 1991, he left a bequest to the HAH which the Board designated as an education fund in his memory to help promote awareness and excellence in the art and science of horticulture. Additional contributions from members brought this fund to a level allowing scholarship awards.

Since 2001, more than $40,000 has been distributed in the form of 29 Scholarship grants ranging from $1000 to $2500. Almost all recipients are local high school graduates or have ties to the five East End towns. Their interests include subjects such as farming, food production, environmental science and landscape architecture.

As it has been several years since any active fundraising has taken place specific to the Scholarship Program, it is now time to start replenishing the fund balance. Note that while no membership fees are directed to the Scholarship Fund, 100% of donations identified on the renewal form in support of future scholarships will be deposited into our account with the Long Island Community Foundation (which administers all Scholarship monies). These funds cannot be spent on HAH operating expenses - as they are available ONLY as scholarship grants.

Through its programs, HAH fosters the art and science of horticulture, an effort intended to ensure that the great traditions of gardening and agriculture on the East End continue to prosper. The Karish Scholarship reflects the mission of the Horticultural Alliance of the Hamptons.

Thank you for your generosity!

Friends of the Garden

Autumn.....the year's last, loveliest
smile.

William Cullen Bryant

Please join us in the HAH garden on
Tuesday, October 18, at 10 am for
our penultimate meeting of the year.
The air should be crisp and the
leaves tinged with color - a great
time for gardening. Hope you'll join
us. Rain date is Thursday of the same
week.

Thanks, Cathie Gottschalk

Amaryllis workshops have been scheduled thus
far for the following libraries:

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Please contact Terry Coppola at 631 668 3022, or montaukdaisy668@aol.com if you are able to assist at one or more of these planting workshops that HAH provides free of charge to children in grades K to 3 as part of our education outreach. I especially need help at those locations farthest from Montauk. Please join us in lending a hand. You'll enjoy the experience with the children! Each program lasts approximately 45 minutes. Thanks, Terry Coppola
Summer is ending now and everyone is preparing their gardens for winter …but dreaming of Spring!

The HAH Library is your headquarters for information - totally FREE to you. Members can check out books and anyone may visit and use the services. In addition to all the magazine subscriptions that we carry, we have many handouts that you may copy on our copy machine for FREE! You may also copy an article from a magazine for yourself.

The popular Roundtable- Discussions are written up in the newsletter BUT the super handouts are available in our Magazine Rack for you to copy.

The Bulletin Board has the latest on:
- Bug Identification
- Newspaper articles on local information you might have missed
- Native plant gardening
- Hypertufa workshop material how to
- Listings of the numerous Membership special privileges
- Cornell University Cooperative Extension – How to contact for information

FACE BOOK- If you haven’t ‘liked’ HAH yet? Need “how to”? See the Bulletin Board

Partners- Information from our partner gardens such as: Bridge Gardens Trust, Madoo and Longhouse

Garden Passes: We also have memberships to many of the local gardens so that you, as an HAH member, may borrow the pass and return it after your visit. Ask a Librarian for those that you may sign out.

Books: Members may sign out books. If you have had one out over the summer please return the next time you visit OR put in a plastic bag and drop into our grey book box by the door.

Our Popular “Do Not Read This Book Club” will return in December. Contribute your friendly review of any book you like! Let us know in the Library when you visit or send me an email with “Book Discussion” in the heading.

Library Winter Hours. Saturdays from 10 AM - noon. Many Tuesdays from 10 AM-noon. Anytime we are having an event such as roundtable, workshops, and after lectures. If you need a special visit please contact SKZeller@aol.com and I will make arrangements for you.

HAH ANNUAL SUMMER PARTY
Essentially we experienced a dry tropical storm. The drought stressed landscape, subjected to a couple days of high velocity desiccating wind, began to show signs of wilt and, especially on the broad leaf evergreens, leaf shedding. With the wind coming from the east/northeast, the southern ocean side of our area was spared a drenching saltwater spray like that of Hurricane Bob which resulted in the almost immediate defoliation of ALL south facing foliage, deciduous and evergreen. All in all we were gifted a mere quarter inch of heavy drizzle which ironically left the wind/drizzle shielded spaces bone dry despite the days long event. If you were fortunate, in the days after Hermine, Gaia bestowed upon you one of her microscopic showers/downpours that helped slake the garden's thirst.

September is the most critical month in the garden as regards hydration for trees and shrubs since our gardens are initiating their “hardening-off” for winter. The shortening length of daylight, so cruelly evidenced through the month of August, triggers this survival response which needs to be fulfilled during September. If rainfall is sparse, continue to hydrate DEEPLY, adjusting your supplemental irrigation system to duration rather than frequency. We’re going for DEPTH to both hydrate and draw roots downward to better withstand our increasingly dry growing seasons.

The ocean, that great moderator of our local climate, was unusually warm until Hermine (her turbulence cooled local waters and even shifted the locations where warm and cool preferring fish were schooling) showed her alter ego as the cooler Canadian air began to predominate. Cool, crisp mornings inland from the ocean gave way to more humid warmth as one approached the ocean. A dramatic early cooling will result in an ocean appearing to be in a roiling boil with steam clouding the vista immediately offshore. It can be an eerie sight when by just turning around one can see a crystal clear blue sky and sharply detailed landscape.

This temperance confers upon us a prolonged gentle slide into winter mode. If the air cools, the ground remains warm enough to successfully plant trees and shrubs later into October/November than other areas of similar latitude in the northeast, provided the plantings are adequately hydrated at time of planting and immediately afterward until the ground freezes. Conversely Old Man Winter persists locally longer than in areas well removed from the chilling effects of the now lingering cold of the ocean. What we tend to gain on the warm autumn side of things we tend to lose on the cold spring side. It’s ironic to think that the ocean is warmer on Columbus Day than Independence Day. Primarily it’s the change in daylight hours that nudges plants toward “winter mode” but if the temps remain too high confusion abounds – sleep or grow?

The bottom line is that hydrologically unstressed trees and shrubs are best able to withstand the vagaries of our gardening situations.

The piper must be paid and our gardens were meted out their assessments. The heat tax was forcefully extracted. In some cases the payment was death. In others, scorched foliage. Sometimes bleaching was the payment extracted. Coleus ‘Olympic Torch’, a favorite, has a deep blood toned mahogany center that fingers into a lighter red area that is bordered golden yellow along the edge. This past summer it was a pasty visage of its usual self. Though rated for sun to part sun the color was lifeless, especially on those in full sun, a first. When the heat broke the new growth again showed the normal intensity of coloration. C. ‘Green Card’, a stunning, large solid chartreuse plant was stunted and scorched in full sun yet grew oversized in part sun/shade with untainted foliage.

A first time, new to us, coleus from a Dutch grower’s Main Street line, C. ‘Dutch Mill Drive’ performed outstandingly in our bright partly sunny garden. The medium light green leaf centers are bordered with a sunny pale yellow on plants that grew to over two feet. The edge fades toward white with the less sun it receives. In mid-September they were exhibiting accelerated growth and not a single flower spike. This coleus is an eye catching show stopper that was unfazed by the unrelenting heat and got even better as the temps cooled. This coleus thwarted the piper.

Oddly, despite a tight regime of watering and fertilizing, our brugmansia failed to bloom, at best a couple flowers here and there. I guess we’ll never know what effect that the cold which persisted into the beginning of July had upon these resurging heat loving plants. Tropicals respond negatively to, for them, suboptimal temps, requiring about a month to rebound. Perhaps there just wasn’t enough time before the daylight hours became too short for them to initiate flowering.

The high temps, especially those at night (they kept our shady pool a toasty 78* into mid-September) are going to extract some unforeseen, at this time, payment. Coupled with the drought, trees and shrubs primarily, are going to experience delayed hardening-off for winter while some will actually be triggered to break dormancy. If the Farmers Almanac prediction of an old fashioned winter to follow an extremely mellow glide into winter the payment might be very high indeed.

Nonetheless enjoy autumn’s bounty.
KARISH SEMINAR  🎉  SEPTEMBER 10, 2016

Thanks to HAH members Elizabeth Lear and Brian Mahoney for a wonderful exploration of gardens and garden structure through visits to their professional projects. A wonderful day was had by all participants, making this the most popular Karish Seminar of all time! Special thanks also to Alicia Whitaker for organizing and facilitating this program, along with the help of Erika Shank, and the garden owners who so generously showed their beautiful gardens.

WOW! HAH programs just get better and better!
Travel with HAH to Costa Rica on Windstar Cruise Line for 7 Days
February 11-18, 2017- “Naturally Costa Rica”

HAH in conjunction with Windstar Cruises(www.windstarcruises.com) is pleased to offer a greatly discounted rate on a 5 star cruise ship, the “Star Pride.” Entitled, “Naturally Costa Rica”, you can find all the information on their website.

Prices per person double occupancy begin at $1734.00 for least expensive cabin including port fees and taxes. Prices per person single occupancy begin at $1934.00 for least expensive cabin including port fees and taxes. This is a fabulous rate if you are a single traveler. You can upgrade your cabin at an additional cost. Please check their website. All cabins are ocean view suites with 277 sq. ft.

Airfare is on your own. You can fly from New York to San Jose or Liberia Airports in Costa Rica. We ask that you fly in on February 10th to insure that you meet the boat for its departure on February 11, 2017 by 5:00 p.m. The ship leaves from Puerta Caldera in Costa Rica. We will coordinate arrangements from your hotel to the ship.

Some highlights of the trip are:
1. Dennis Schrader, a HAH member and founder of Landcraft Environments, has invited us to visit his garden with lunch. His garden in Mattituck is sensational and his tropical oasis in Costa Rica will be a special treat for our group. You can read about Dennis’ Costa Rica garden in Garden Design magazine, early spring 2015, issue #189.
2. A complimentary private event on Tortuga Island with fun, food and adventure sponsored by the Wind Star Cruise Line. An amazing beach buffet will be offered with coconut drinks. Swimming, snorkeling, or just lounging on the beach will be available.
3. Onboard presentations from a Costa Rican Naturalist will take place each day.
4. Visit a fishing village on the Pacific Coast of southern Nicaragua.
5. Tour the active Masaya Volcano near San Juan del Sur.
6. Discover the pristine and remote Costa Rica Coastline.
7. See the extraordinary variety of wildlife including spider monkeys and caimans in Curú National Wildlife Refuge.
8. Experience the diverse ecosystems at Manual Antonio National Park in Quepos.
9. A complimentary cocktail party for HAH members. All meals on board are included

Note: Liquor is not included. Excursions not listed as complimentary are extra.

In order to insure a reservation, a deposit of $240.00 is required for each person. Refunds will be accepted until October 31, 2016 with a non-refundable $50.00 fee.

Payment in full is due by November 1, 2016.

REGISTRATION FORM
I would like to sign up for the “Naturally Costa Rica” cruise from February 11-18, 2017.
I would like to make__ reservations
Name on passport __________________________ DATE OF BIRTH________
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Sharing with______________________________
Enclosed is a Deposit for ____________ Final payment due November 1, 2016.

Type of Cabin category desired. ______ Please view website for all cabin options.
Some categories may be filled up. You may want to upgrade to the next cabin category.
Category S is $1734.00 including port fees and taxes.
Category S1 is $1780.00 including port fees and taxes
Category S2 is $1870.00 including port fees and taxes
Category S3 is $2140.00 including port fees and taxes
Final Payment is due on November 1, 2016. If you have questions, contact Estelle Rosen at: estellerosen@gmail.com or Estelle Rosen at 917-846-4160.

Please send check or credit card info to: HAH, Box 202, Bridgehampton, NY 11932.

Thanks.
HAH 2016 - 2017 SUNDAY MONTHLY LECTURES - 2 PM

October 16 - Marta McDowell - All the Presidents’ Gardens
November 13 - Bruce Crawford - Small Trees for the Home Landscape
December 11 - Dennis Schrader - Tropical Immersion: The Costa Rica Garden Designed by Dennis Schrader
January 8 - Betsy Pinover Schiff - The Sidewalk Gardens of New York
February 12 - Mary Woltz - Meeting the Bees’ Needs
March 12 - Alex Feleppa - The Living Landscape of LongHouse Reserve
April 9 - Larry Weaner - Lawn Alternatives: Creating a Successful Groundcover
May 7 - Ruth Rogers Clausen - Essential Deer Resistant Perennials for Outstanding Gardens
June 11 - Edwina von Gal - Perfect Earth Project

no lectures in July & August

EAST END GARDEN EVENTS - OCTOBER 2016

BRIDGE GARDENS, peconiclandtrust.org/events, 36 Mitchell Lane, Bridgehampton, open Wednesdays - Sundays, 10 am - 5 pm, Fridays until dusk. Free Lawn advice on Wednesdays, 2-5 pm, from lawn expert Paul Wagner of Greener Pastures Organics.

Friday, October 14, 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Fall Pruning, Formal Pruning and Air Spading, $5 per person, reserve please- to be held at Summerhill Nursery, 342 Town Lane, Amagansett.

Saturday, October 15, 10:00 - 11:30 am. Grow More With Less/ Vincent Simeone. $5 per person. Please reserve.


HAH - Fall meeting of the CAMELILIA Group -
Saturday, October 29, 10 am in the HAH Library