**HAH Happenings**

**May 2017**

**HAH Monthly Lecture - Sunday, May 7, 2017 - 2 pm**

**Essential Deer-Resistant Perennials for Outstanding Gardens**

Deer have become the bane of countless gardeners across the country. Is it possible to have a lovely garden without expensive fencing to keep deer out --or is that fencing the gardener in? This illustrated talk addresses this question and focuses on perennials that deer find mostly unpalatable, as well as tips for gardening in deer country.

**Ruth Rogers Clausen** was trained in horticulture at Studley College in England, and received her MS in Botany from Kent State University, Ohio. In 1973 she moved to the New York Botanical Garden to head up the School of Professional Horticulture. Since 1976 she has freelanced as a teacher, lecturer, and author in the US and Canada. In 1989 she co-authored *Perennials for American Gardens* with the late Nicolas Ekstrom, in 1990 it was awarded the Quill & Trowel award from the Garden Writers of America Association. She has written for *The American Garden Guides: Perennial Gardening* with the New York Botanical Garden, 1994; *Annual Gardening* with Missouri Botanical Garden, 1995; *Trees* with Chicago Botanic Garden, 1996. Hearst Books published *Dreamscaping* in 2001. Her book about successful gardening in deer country: *50 Beautiful Deer-Resistant Plants*, from Timber Press was published in spring 2011 and is currently in its 6th printing. Her latest book with Thomas Christopher: *Essential Perennials*, was released by Timber Press in 2015.

**HAH MAY CALENDAR**

**Monday, May 2, 10 am FOG, Friends of the Garden**

**Sunday, May 7, 2 pm, Monthly Lecture** at the main hall of the Bridgehampton Community Center

**HAH ANNUAL PREVIEW PARTY AND GARDEN FAIR** see pp. 4-5 for details

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 6 - 8 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 9 AM - 1 PM

PRE-SALE ORDER ANNUALS NOW - SEE INSERT INSIDE THIS NEWSLETTER!!
If you have a garden and a library, you have everything.

Cicero

My introduction to the HAH was the simple act of wandering into the HAH Plant Fair. At the time I had no idea how my pursuit of plants would SO positively affect my life. My first purchase was a little stick of a plant that has become the corner stone of my perennial garden. I call it Marie, after its first owner, Marie Donnelly. At the fair I talked to a number of members who were so gracious with information and encouragement, then someone, I don’t know who, said, “You should join.” I will forever be grateful to that voice. I received my membership form from Harriet Edwards, filled it out, and have had my hands in the “HAH dirt” ever since. The first event I attended was a Roundtable where the amazing Jim Jeffrey, with his southern preacher charm, patiently answered my novice questions. Being part of HAH has introduced me to amazing people, has grounded me in the land and in our greater community. HAH has grown and changed with the times but the foundation remains the same, it will always be about the garden, the library and most importantly, the gardeners, our members. Please join me at the Preview party on Friday May 19th and the Plant Fair on Saturday May 20th. THE BEST SPRING EVENT IN THE HAMPTONS!

I’ll see you in the garden,

Janet

HAH 2017

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Please join the HAH Friends of the Garden
All are welcome!

Our scheduled dates for the season will be Tuesdays at 10:00 AM.
May 2  May 30  June 27  July 25  August 22
September 19  October 17  November 7
Rain dates are Thursdays of the same week.
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In Remembrance of Heloise Pressey, Long Time HAH Member

When I joined HAH I was totally a “newbie” and Heloise was one of the best people in the organization. She volunteered in the Library, the HAH garden, at the Plant Fair and Benefit! Her laughter was infectious as she did any task we needed. But even more than that she was always cheerful, and willing to help out a newbie! I remember once when I was asking what a plant was she whipped out 2 references for me, and then even took me out into our HAH garden and showed me it...when it wasn't even in bloom and said, “just watch!”

For a time she and her husband Jim had a home in Mexico which they greatly enjoyed and we would discuss how lovely all the people were but how different the gardens! A year or more ago she came back to Sag Harbor and when I heard her voice in the local store knew her immediately by her lilting laughter. She will be missed by all her friends here in HAH and our hearts go out to her family.

Susan Kennedy Zeller

We report with great sadness that long time HAH member Heloise Pressey passed away on Saturday, April 15. A tireless volunteer and former board member, Heloise was involved with so many aspects of our organization including the Library, Friends of the Garden and Digs for the Preview Party. She and her always optimistic attitude and gentle manner were a welcome addition to any community endeavor she participated in, both at HAH and in Sag Harbor. She and her good work will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

May 12, 2017 National Public Gardens Day 10:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Please join in recognition of this day to be inspired by three beautiful East End public gardens!

Bridge Gardens has partnered with two other local public gardens, the magical Madoo Conservancy, and the beautiful LongHouse Reserve for a free, 1-hour guided tour at each location.

Make your reservation and come explore these three horticultural oases, each featuring its own unique vision. The day begins at 10:30 a.m. at Bridge Gardens with a guided walk with Garden Manager Rick Bogusch. Enjoy lunch in Bridgehampton on your own before heading to Madoo Conservancy in Sagaponack for a 1:00 p.m. tour. Conclude your day at LongHouse Reserve in East Hampton for the final tour at 3:00 p.m.

Have time to linger on the East End? Enjoy a delicious prix fixe dinner, offered to our tour participants by The Living Room Restaurant, c/o The Maidstone in East Hampton, Almond Restaurant in Bridgehampton, and The Plaza Café in Southampton. Reservations suggested at your choice of restaurant.

Space on the garden tours is limited, reservations required. For more information and to reserve, please call the Trust today! Contact us at 631.283.3195 ext 19 or email to events@peconiclandtrust.org.
THE HAH GARDEN FAIR
SATURDAY, MAY 20,
9 - 1 PM
At the Bridgehampton Community House in the Main Hall and outdoors in the HAH Marie Donnelly Garden.
Our new venue will keep us drier in the event of rain and there is ample parking nearby!

THE HAH PREVIEW PARTY    FRIDAY, MAY 19, 6 - 8 PM
$50 per person in advance / $60 per person at the door
Includes wine and hors d’oeuvres - 50/50 raffle - first choice of our carefully selected plants for sale - a silent auction of beautiful containers made by talented local gardeners

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to all of our Community Partners and Special Friends for your generosity to HAH

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VINES: clematis honeysuckle gelsemium kiwi goji cissus hydrangea schizophragma
GROUNDCOVERS: Kenilworth ivy sweet woodruff lily of the valley European ginger lady’s mantle sedum cotoneaster lamb’s ears myrtle
SHRUBS: hydrangea deutzia lycium abelia St. John’s wort fothergilla leptodermis lindera boxwood spirea cryptomeria salix budleia picea pinus mugo dwarf ilex holly azalea rhododendron rhodos rhody erica calluna skimmia pieris bayberry clethra
TREES: acers japanese maples corylus cedrus cornus kousa chamaecyparis spruce pine corkscrew willow styrax japonica styrax obassia ulmus parviflora
ROSES: chosen the day before from an always reliable dealer so we can see and provide the best plants to you!
VEGGIES: tomatoes tomatoes tomatoes and lots of new veggie seedling surprises this year

MANY DEER RESISTANT BUTTERFLY ATTRACTORS BEE POLLEN PROVIDERS EDIBLES NATIVES AND MORE NATIVES AND MORE NATIVES AND MORE NATIVES AND MORE BECAUSE WE LIKE WHAT YOU LIKE AND WHAT IS GOOD FOR OUR BELOVED ENVIRONMENT

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ALL TRIED AND TRULY NAMED AND WELL ROOTED AND THE BEST BARGAIN IN PLANTS YOU WILL EVER FIND ANYWHERE ON THE EAST END EVER EVER EVER EVER AND THEY MAY LAST FOREVER AND THEN ONE DAY YOU WILL BE DIGGING DIGGING DIGGING FOR HAH TOO HAH HAH HAH HAH HAH HAH HAH HAH HAH

PHEW - I’M DONE - DON’T MISS IT! THE MOST FUN FUN FUN ALL SPRING YOU CAN POSSIBLY IMAGINE IS AT THE HAH GARDEN FAIR!!!!!

DID I MENTION THE SURPRISES?? THE RARE PLANTS?? THE TREASURES???

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Musings & Ramblings

George Biercuk

It was an extremely unusual departing. The garden, February 27, was in a state of such advanced emergence, more in line with our usual return at the end of March, that we wondered what would be its state when we returned early April this year. With more than fifty flowers upon our departure Camellia ‘Jean May’ continued to astonish. What would be the price she would have to pay for such extended exuberance? What, for that matter, would be the toll taken on the garden if, as March is want to do, March turned a cold shoulder toward spring and again cozied up to Old Man Winter?

Well March certainly turned a cold shoulder what with the nor'easter/blizzard and subsequent persistent cold. From afar we could only wonder and speculate. Absent any dire reports of physical damage to the house or trees we were free to enjoy the sunny, warm Caribbean.

Homecoming and Spring's spring remained unsprung. Stasis, our immediate perception, best describes the garden's condition into which we were deposited. Roadside daffodils which had suddenly shown flower buds upon departure were still in the same state upon homecoming. Pieris, oddly, were in bloom and mahonia were all in advanced bloom. Interestingly this year their citrusy fragrance wafted through large areas of the garden transporting me back to our favorite St. Martin restaurant, Izi, and after-dinner Lemonsours while the Pieris’ fragrance which usually permeates large areas was absent. Hellebores, their old foliage removed before we left, imagined destruction thankfully unfounded, continued in full glorious bloom. They're troopers which thus far are standing up to the new craziness we're experiencing in our late winter/ early spring gardens in this age of global warming and subsequent climate change.

Other aspects were baffling. Daphne odora ‘aureomarginata’, which historically bloomed when given a bit of spring warmth in late January/early February and didn't budge while exposed to this year's above normal temps, were still holding a bit tight. Almost begrudgingly flowers began to open within days after homecoming. Camellia ‘April Remembered’, despite buds that had broken their winter protective shroud in late February and were showing color (not a good sign) and endured March temps in the upper teens, was covered with expanding plump flower buds. It was going to be a tense couple of weeks awaiting the birth of her flowers. Macrophylla hydrangeas were most worrisome. They were breaking “winter” when we left, early. Bad. Very Bad. Upon return their leaves had emerged considerably, showing not a hint of “frost bite”. Welcome to the tense time. Would there be flowers this year? Though cyclically maligned they are quintessentially SUMMER here and Martha's Vineyard/Cape Cod.

Other early emerging foliage was showing a strange blanched color. Daylily foliage looked like asparagus after mounding so as to produce the more expensive blanched variety. With darker green bases and whiter upper foliage they looked a dye job growing out, one in that awkward stage between a new bleaching or radical short hairdo.

Most notably, as I left for the gym at 5am, was the absence of THE SMELL OF EARLY SPRING. The air, not stagnant, was devoid of Gaia's resurgent fragrance. There was no rich, earthy tanginess to the moisture laden early morning air. It was as though the earth were sterilized of what should have been awakening microbial life. Its absence showed most dramatically in the stunted stature of the daffodils. Where in previous years they held their cheery, sunny faces, aligned toward the sun, high above the foliage, this year their downcast demeanor was disheartening.

The nor'easter/blizzard resulted in other casualties throughout the landscape. As we drove out from NYC we were amazed by the preponderance of fallen and damaged trees along the way. Locally, uprooted trees and shrubs were much more in evidence, probably due to “the instant landscape with mature plant material syndrome”. Uprooted specimens, some in place for many years, apparently had not successfully extended their root mass beyond the originally planted root ball. Disparate soil types between root ball and planting site, too deep planting, coupled with less than optimal irrigation practices at time of planting and in subsequent years are likely causes of these failures. We found a long established dwarf Pieris ‘Evie’ uprooted, apparently overburdened by an initial smothering of heavy, wet snow during the storm. The root system is extensive so the uprooting is puzzling. I was looking at this situation as an opportunity to make some alterations but couldn't find a suitable new home for R. ‘Evie’. As so often happens one seemingly simple move necessitates a cascade of others. Stabilized until the rain stopped, the issue was to be revisited. This specimen is important to me because it is a Jim Cross introduction named for his premier propagator's (Bambi) mother. Bambi very proudly insisted that this was “must have” when I was collecting dwarf pieris. Rightfully so.

We knew that the garden would eventually exit stasis as would the eventual consequences of March's (Mars') testosterone surge on this year's garden ultimately be obvious. Our manipulation of the landscape (in essence that is what our gardens are – manipulation) succeeds only within the parameters set by Gaia. What will be will be.

Wishing plentiful sunshine and adequate timely rainfall.
Bamboo Art Workshop

Make Your Own Trellis with John Benson

Saturday, June 3rd, 2017
10AM - in the HAH LoGerfo Library

Because of space needed to work we have to limit this workshop to 15 participants, so sign up early as this special event will fill quickly.

Trellises are useful for all climbing plants including clematis and passiflora.
John will demonstrate the various methods used to construct a bamboo trellis and then assist you in making your own creation – simply and easily. All materials are included.

Date: Saturday, June 3rd 2017
Location: HAH John LoGerfo Library, Bridgehampton Community House, School Street entrance
Cost: $20 Members; $30 Non-members
Payment must be made by May 15, 2017

Registration Form:
Please sign me up for the Bamboo Workshop on Saturday, June 3, 2017

Name(s) ____________________________________________________________

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I would like to purchase tickets at:
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Please make checks payable to HAH and mail to HAH, P.O. Box 202, Bridgehampton, New York, 11932 Attention: Workshops no later than May 15, 2017.
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HAH 2017 SUNDAY MONTHLY LECTURES - 2 PM - BH Community House

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
September 10 - Daryl Beyers - Fabulous Fall & Winter Containers

October 15 - Panel Discussion – Putting Your Garden to Bed for Winter - Elizabeth Lear, Peter Bertrand, R.B. Boyle, Paul Wagner
November 12 – Ellen Ecker Ogden – The Complete Kitchen Garden
December 10 – Jan Johnsen – Serenity by Design

All lectures are free to members, $10 for not-yet-members. Memberships start at $45.

LOCAL GARDEN EVENTS May 2017

SOUTHAMPTON ROSE SOCIETY, Friday, MAY 5, 4 pm, Children’s Mini Rose and Art Workshop with Peter Bertrand. at the Rogers Memorial Library, SH. All are welcome.

NATIONAL PUBLIC GARDENS DAY, FRIDAY, MAY 12 - SEE PAGE 3 for full write-up on this event

BRIDGE GARDENS, 36 Mitchell Lane, Bridgehampton , 631.283.3195 ext 19 or email to events@peconiclandtrust.org
Tuesdays, 2:30 - 5 - Lawn Care Expert Advice, Paul Wagner of Greener Pastures Organics
LONGHOUSE RESERVE, 133 Hands Creek Road, East Hampton, NY 11937 (631) 329-3568 Open Wed & Sat, 2-5 pm.
MADOO Conservancy, 618 Sagg Main St, Sagaponack. www.madoo.org 631-537-0082 - Opening May 15

Saturday, May 6, 10am, Lecture: Jessica Walliser, ‘Attracting Beneficial Bugs to Your Garden: A Natural Approach to Pest Control’ RSVP info@marders.com
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