**HAH Monthly Lecture - Sunday, February 10, 2019 - 2 pm**

*Madoo, a History in Photographs: Celebrating 25 Years as a Public Garden*

Alejandro Saralegui, Director the Madoo Conservancy

In celebration of the Madoo Conservancy's 25th anniversary as a public garden, the history of the garden will be reviewed through photographs taken by Robert Dash and professional photographers including: Derek Fell, Mick Hales, Rameshwar Das, Hans Namuth, Erica Lennard, Rob Cardillo and Georgia Oetker. While Dash was clear to say that he did not want the garden preserved in amber after his passing, this examination of garden photography highlights the constant change during his lifetime at the garden from 1967 to 2013. From installation photography to images of fully grown gardens to views of the garden today, change as a constant is a theme that defines Madoo.

Madoo, a barely two-acre public garden in Sagaponack, is notable for both its design and its plantsmanship. How this garden came to be is the story told here. It was the fertile mind of founder Robert Dash who found a fallow lot in 1966 with some barns and saw the potential for the garden he came to call Madoo. Bit by bit he laid out paths in the meadows, created gardens, added water features and brightly painted hardscape to the property. Today the garden is mature and in some cases overly so. Madoo is now being renovated with an eye to the future while respecting the past.

Born and raised in Bronxville, NY, Alejandro started his career at the Metropolitan Museum of Art after receiving an undergraduate degree in art history from SUNY Purchase. With a varied career in galleries, magazines, fashion and gardening he landed at the Madoo Conservancy in Sagaponack over nine years ago. In addition to being the director of Madoo, Alejandro is the gardens editor of NYC&G and the editor-at-large of Hamptons Cottages & Gardens.

**HAH February CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Saturday, February 2, 10:00 am, HAH Roundtable, in the HAH Library, for details see page 4.

Saturday, February 9, 10:00 am, HAH Workshop, ‘Bees in Jeopardy’, The Life of Bees and the Beekeeper, led by Gerald Raffa, in the HAH Library, see page 7 for details and registration form.

Sunday, February 10, 2:00 pm, HAH Lecture, in the big hall at the Community House, Bridgehampton, see above

Saturday, February 16, 11:00 am, HAH Book Group, in the HAH Library, see page 3 for details.

Roundtables and Book Groups are free & open to all. Lectures are free for members and $10 per person for not yet members.
Dear Fellow Gardeners,

I hope that you are enjoying the annual onslaught of seed and plant catalogues and are getting excited about the new gardening season. Most of us know that it’s not prudent to start many seeds in this month of deep winter, but we can get ready in other ways. What’s always good to have is a plan that takes into account our space and what we can actually plant successfully.

A warmish day in the February garden can often reward us with snowdrops peeking out of the ground, but most other plants and bulbs will hold back until the ground softens. By the end of February, we may start hearing the calls of male Red-Winged Blackbirds, early migrants who arrive ahead of females to stake out territories. But look around for one of the more reliable flowering trees and shrubs for this gray month - Hamamelis, commonly known as witch hazel. Hamamelis x intermedia selections of ‘Arnold Promise,’ a clear yellow, and ‘Diane,’ a rusty orange, are planted throughout the East End. If you grow it and can bear to cut a branch, you will be rewarded with scent for the house as well as the curly flowers. These good plants also have outstanding fall foliage.

We will be discussing the results of our Member Survey at our strategic planning meeting in early February and getting ready to share the highlights with you in the March newsletter. We will also be deep in our planning for the Garden Fair, to be held on the weekend of May 17 and 18.

Here’s to a short and mild winter and our ability to get our hands in the soil soon!

Alicia

HAH 2019

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Hello all,

Great work in the Library! Thank you, thank you for the help! Still appreciate all ideas to make John LoGerfo Library useful and fun for all. And our Book Group presentations were also terrific -- books on foliage gardening, vicarage gardens and worms. Who would have thought! Thanks to all reporters!

Best to all, Sue Brackett
Winter reading thoughts…. I just finished reading The Library Book written by Susan Orlean, (who wrote the exciting The Orchid Thief, a True Story of Beauty and Obsession). She is a superb writer and The Library Book is a fascinating, exciting and absorbing book centering on the huge fire in 1986 at the Los Angeles Public Library where millions of books were lost. But it also delves into the Library’s inception, quirky librarians throughout its history and some predictions for libraries’ futures. …No, I am not implying we HAH Librarians are quirky… much!

I am struck by Orlean’s description of a library,

“Libraries are physical spaces belonging to a community where we gather to share information.” The operative words, I think, are share, gather, and information.

This is indeed what we do here in the HAH Library. Our information is available to all, the non-member public may use our facility for reading, research, and browsing. Members have special privileges that entitle you to take out books, have special access to many events, review current and past HAHapening Newsletters, Gardening by The Moon, attend all the regular HAH Lectures, and participate in numerous Library centered happenings such as the popular Roundtables, Camellia Group meetings, Workshops, and Book discussion group. In addition to doing research for yourself by checking out books, you have access to current and past garden magazine issues. Non-members can most certainly use the Library facilities anytime for reading and research and many special events are open for them such as Roundtable discussions. (But our membership is soooo reasonable why not join or surprise a friend with a gift membership?)

You may be wondering if with the advent of e-readers and tablets … are Libraries becoming obsolete? Well, Bill and Melinda Gates believed in them so much that in 1997 they started a Global Initiative to create Libraries around the world! This has now been taken over by numerous corporations. Technology enhances physical Libraries, it does not replace them!

So, this winter give yourself a treat to brighten up the dark nights. Visit the HAH Library, take out a book or two, do some garden planning (you may always copy any magazine article with our xerox machine), attend a Roundtable or book discussion, bring along a friend. LEND YOUR VOICE. New ideas are always welcome … and remember …you are always welcome …

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BOOK REVIEW GROUP
SATURDAY, February 16, 2019
in the HAH LoGerfo Library
11:00 am

Carleen Borsella: The Wild Garden - William Robinson & Rick Darke

Elaine Peterson: Heroes of Horticulture - Barbara Paul Robinson

Joan Wilson: Capability Brown: Designing the English Landscape - John Phibbs

We have the Book Reviews on the third Saturday of each winter month. If you have not been before, we do them a unique way. You are NOT expected to have read any of the books being reviewed. Instead each presenter does the reading for you and recommends...or not! A nice, easy way to make discoveries and chat during the winter.
HAH Roundtable Report from January 5, 2019

We had a great turnout for this session, where three topics were discussed and handouts provided.
• Plants that Attract Pollinators, including hummingbirds, butterflies, and bees
• Organic methods for deterring deer, moles, voles, rabbits, squirrels, and all those other destructive rodents in your garden
• The latest Bridgehampton deer-resistant plant list


The Next HAH Roundtable Program
Saturday, February 2, 2019
10am until Noon

Four Speakers Discuss the Evolution of their Gardens

The next Roundtable promises to be one of our most special events! Four of our members, Carolyn Gemake, Erika Shank (a founding member), Lydia Wallis, and Erik Brockmeyer, will each speak about the development of their own garden, what they've learned, trial and error, changes they've made, advice they might have for others, things they have yet to do but would like to do in future.

Topics will include:
• Was their garden design planned or did it evolve?
• How did they work with their conditions, like shade or sun; bare farmland or woodland, sandy or clay soil, PH problems?
• Favorite plants and how they included them in their space?
• How did they solve, or are trying to solve, challenges like deer, voles, moles, rabbits
• How did they acquire and incorporate garden ornaments and focal points?
• Did they include rain gardens, incorporate native plants?
• How do they attract birds and other pollinators?
• Do they do the work themselves or hire a garden designer?

You won't want to miss this exciting program. -- Pamela Harwood, Moderator
BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP WITH THE HORTICULTURAL ALLIANCE OF THE HAMPTONS

- **Monthly Newsletter.** Provides comprehensive information on current topics in horticulture as well as all news of current events of HAH and listings of other East End Garden Events.
- **Website.** [www.hahgarden.org](http://www.hahgarden.org). Provides general information about HAH, current events at HAH, important website links to articles of horticultural interest and access to archive of past newsletters. In addition, you can view our Library on-line catalog of current holdings. Follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/HAHgarden](http://www.facebook.com/HAHgarden) and on Instagram at [www.instagram.com/Horticulturalalliancehamptons](http://www.instagram.com/Horticulturalalliancehamptons). Email us with any questions at [www.hahmember@optonline.net](mailto:www.hahmember@optonline.net).
- **Library.** Members are encouraged to visit our extensive library and take out books, periodicals, videos and DVDs. Open hours Saturdays and Tuesdays, 10am-noon or by appointment.
- **Local Garden Tours.** Throughout the summer and fall, we invite members to some of the most beautiful and unique gardens in the Hamptons. Many of these gardens are opened only for our free HAH member tours. Guests of members may attend at a cost of $10.
- **Long Distance Garden Tour Trips.** Arranged periodically and announced in our newsletter.
- **Lectures.** Held once a month except in July and August at the Bridgehampton Community House. Our speakers are chosen from around the world and are experts in the field of horticulture.
- **Roundtable Discussions.** Held in the HAH Library on the first Saturday of the month, October through April, these sessions are open to novices as well as experts and encourage everyone to participate in the gratifying world of gardening. Many “hands-on” experiences are shared at these forums.
- **Winter Book Group.** Meets December through March on the third Saturday of the month. Each month three reviewers discuss their chosen books on topics pertaining to gardening and are often books that can be found in the HAH Library.
- **Plant and Seed Exchange.** Members are encouraged to share divisions and extras.
- **Preview Party & Garden Fair.** Our main fundraiser of the year, held every May, includes the best selection of plants you can buy on the East End. First choice of all plants for Preview Party attendees. Also features a silent auction of planters and raffle. This is an incredible opportunity to purchase locally grown perennials, shrubs & trees.
- **Camellia Friends.** This group is devoted to lovers of Camellias and is held twice annually.
- **Summer Garden Party.** Held in August at a member’s home and garden where all members can join together and share in a festive afternoon of food and complimentary wine and lemonade.
- **Holiday Season Party.** In December we celebrate the Holiday season with food prepared by our members and complimentary wine and cider.
- **Premium Members Benefits** (Contributing, Supporting, Patron, Donor, and Benefactor).
  - Invitation to a special event hosted by the Board and held in the fall.
  - Enjoy the special privilege of inviting guests to both lectures and the garden tours at no additional cost.
  - May sometimes attend Workshops and Seminars at a discounted cost.
- **Workshops/Seminars.** Information is provided in the Newsletter.
- **Karish Seminar.** An annual event dedicated to a current, important topic involving horticulture and our environment. It may include a garden tour, a lecture and/or a workshop by a well-known expert and a reception.
- **Friends of the Garden.** Maintenance of the Marie Donnelly Garden situated outside the HAH Library. Unique way to learn how to deadhead and prune with hands-on experts.
- **Discounts** of 10% at the following nurseries and garden centers – you must show your membership card:
  - Bayberry Nursery, 50 Montauk Highway, Amagansett
  - Country Gardens (Agway), 125 Snake Hollow Road, Bridgehampton
  - Eastland Nursery, 1260 Montauk Highway, Water Mill
  - Holly’s Garden Center, 234 Montauk Highway, East Moriches
  - Marder’s, Snake Hollow Road, Bridgehampton (anything green)
  - Trimble’s of Corchaug Nursery, 20985 Main Road, Rte. 25, Cutchogue
  - Unlimited Earth Care, 2249 Scuttle Hole Road, Bridgehampton
  - Verderber Landscape Nursery & Garden Center, 459 Main Road, Aquebogue
  - Warren’s Nursery, 779 Montauk Highway, Water Mill
  - Whitmore Gardens, 26 Montauk Highway, Amagansett
  - Whitmore’s Tree Farm, East Hampton [www.whitmoresinc.com](http://www.whitmoresinc.com)
  - Wittendale’s Florist & Greenhouses, 89 Newtown Rd, East Hampton (bedding plants and herbs only)
**Care for Amaryllis**

Alicia Whitaker

Many of us are enjoying gorgeous amaryllis flowers from December through March. After growing amaryllis for close to three decades, I found out that I have a lot to learn after reading a brief article in an email from Gardener’s Supply. I try to carry them over from year to year but often end up abandoning the effort, tossing out what could be a star plant for the next year. To ready the full article, go to the Advice tab on their website: [www.gardeners.com](http://www.gardeners.com) Here are the Cliff Notes:

1. **Winter:** after the flowers bloom, cut the stalk off a few inches from the bulb and keep the plant in a bright window to enable the leaves to keep growing.
2. **Spring:** move to brighter light, keep watering and add fertilizer to your watering regime.
3. **Summer:** keep the plant in a place that gets good sun for part of the day, and keep watering and providing fertilizer, with the goal of growing lots of leaves through mid-August. Healthy leaves help to rebuild the bulb.
4. **Fall:** start withholding water in mid-August and bring it inside to a dark cool spot before the first frost. Let it dry out and rest for at least eight weeks. Then shake off the old soil and repot it in fresh soil. Bring it into the light, water it sparingly until you see signs of growth, then start the cycle again.

So, the magic seems to be providing fertilizer for the leaves, nudging into dormancy in mid-August, then repotting in fresh soil.

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**Emerald Ash Borer Found for First Time in Eastern Long Island**

DEC and Cornell Cooperative Extension Suffolk County announced that emerald ash borer (EAB) has been confirmed for the first time in Eastern Long Island, on private property in the Town of Southold. Cornell Cooperative Extension confirmed larval specimens from infested trees earlier this month.

EAB is native to Asia and was first discovered in the U.S. in 2002 in southeastern Michigan. This invasive beetle infests and kills North American ash species (Fraxinus), including green, white, black and blue ash. EAB infestation is difficult to detect during its early stages. Later signs of infestation include woodpecker activity and outer bark removed, numerous shoots produced on trunks or limbs, tree canopy yellowing or dieback, browning of leaves, and winding galleries in the inner bark. EAB has also been reported to attack fringe-trees (*Chionanthus virginicus*), a native shrub or small tree sometimes used in landscapes in New York State. After the pest is established in an area, heavily damaged trees may not recover.

The public should send suspect samples and direct inquiries to the local Cooperative Extension Diagnostic Lab office in Suffolk County and in Nassau County. The public can also report occurrences of EAB and other invasive species to DEC’s Forest Health Diagnostic Laboratory by e-mailing photographs to [foresthealth@dec.ny.gov](mailto:foresthealth@dec.ny.gov).

Visit DEC’s website for more information about emerald ash borer. There are helpful pictures at this site for identifying it.
HAH Workshop
Introducing Gerald Raffa
“Bees in Jeopardy”
The Life of Bees and the Beekeeper
Saturday, February 9, 2019, 10am – 12pm
(Snow date Saturday, February 23, 2019, 10am – 12pm)

Workshop will be held in the HAH LoGerfo Library
at the Bridgehampton Community House,
Entrance on the School Street side of the building just off the parking lot.

Gerald Raffa is the official Beekeeper for the Vanderbilt Museum in Centerport, N.Y. and a member of the Long Island Beekeepers Club. He will explain the importance of bees (and ladybugs) for pollination, food and flowers, tell us how he decided to become a beekeeper and show a video about the bee dance called the “Wiggle Waggle,” the bee’s private communication system, explaining how bee scientists labored for years before breaking the essence of the “Wiggle Waggle” bee code. Gerald will also be taking suggestions for names of the ten queens in his hives.

Cost: $5 Members $10 Non-Members Payment must be made by February 5, 2019

Registration Form:
Please sign me up for the “Bees in Jeopardy” Workshop on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at 10am at the John LoGerfo Library.
Name(s) ________________________________________________________________
Phone (cell preferred) _________________________________________________
E-Mail __________________________________________________________________
I would like to purchase tickets at:
$5 Member ________________
$10 Non-Member ________________ Total amount included __________
Please make checks payable to HAH and mail to: HAH, P.O. 202, Bridgehampton, NY 11932 Attention: Workshops no later than February 5, 2019. Questions: Call Marie DiMonte at 631-728-0292 or Email osprey23@optonline.net

2019 MOON CALENDAR
The 2019 Gardening by the Moon Calendar prepared by Elaine Peterson is now available both on the HAH website, under the heading ‘Plant Info’ and in hard copy on the HAH librarian’s desk. You may copy the calendar at the office, but please do not remove the librarian’s copy.
HAH 2019 SUNDAY MONTHLY LECTURES - 2 PM - BH Community House

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

**February 10**  Alejandro Saralegui - Madoo

**March 10**  Ed Bowen & Taylor Johnson – Reconsidering the Cutting Garden?

**April 7**  – Margie Ruddick – Wild by Design: Promoting Life in the Designed Landscape

**May 5**  Jerry Fritz – New & Exciting Perennials

**June 9**  Karen Bussolini – Gardening with Kids: Opening Eyes & Doors

Please note there are no lectures in July or August

**September 8**  Lee Buttala – Twenty Heirloom Varieties, Their Stories and Why they Belong in Your Garden

**October 20**  Renee Marsh – Groundcover Plants – Beyond Pachysandra

**November 10**  Ian Ross – The Essence of Flower Photography

**December 8**  Annie Novak – Grow Up! Rooftop Farming

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MORE LOCAL AND NYC GARDEN EVENTS  February 2019

**Saturday, February 2, 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Winter Walk in the Garden.** Madoo Conservancy, 618 Sagg Main Street, Sagaponack. FREE. More info and to reserve a space: [https://www.madoo.org/calendar-event/winter-walks-in-the-garden-2/](https://www.madoo.org/calendar-event/winter-walks-in-the-garden-2/) or email info@madoo.org or call (631) 537-8200.


**Sunday, February 24, 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. New Perspectives Winter Lecture Series: Timothy Tghman.** Madoo Conservancy, 618 Sagg Main Street, Sagaponack. $20 for Madoo members, $25 for non-members. More info and to purchase tickets: [https://www.madoo.org/calendar-event/new-perspectives-winter-lecture-series-with-timothy-tilghman/](https://www.madoo.org/calendar-event/new-perspectives-winter-lecture-series-with-timothy-tilghman/) or email info@madoo.org or call (631) 537-8200.