



HAH Happenings

January 2024



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at the Bridgehampton Community House



On Sunday, January 14, 2024 at 2:00 pm

Please join us on **ZOOM**
for a talk by **Deborah Chud** on
New Perennials: A Love Story

“New Perennials: A Love Story” is a personal introduction to the design principles of the New Perennial Movement—whose members inspired the world-changing shift toward naturalistic gardens. In the US, their influence can be seen in *New York’s High Line*, *Chicago’s Lurie Garden*, *the Oudolf Meadow at Delaware Botanic Gardens*, and *Oudolf Garden Detroit*. **Part 1** traces Deborah’s discovery of the work of the New Perennial Movement’s preeminent designers, her research on their plant combinations, and her use of that research to create a garden in their style. **Part 2** explores the historical context in which the New Perennial movement emerged. And **Part 3** provides an introduction to the ideas underlying New Perennial gardens—particularly a new concept of structure and a special balance between coherence and contrast that approximates nature’s own. At the end of the talk, Deborah offers practical “dos & don’ts” for solving the problem of excessive contrast.

Deborah Chud is a retired Massachusetts physician turned garden maker, consultant and educator. Her 6 years of research on New Perennial gardens generated the most comprehensive existing database of New Perennial plant combinations and led to the creation of her own highly unusual New Perennial garden. In the fall of 2020, she presented her work as part of “Piet Oudolf: How Does He Do It?”--an international event organized by Piet Oudolf’s co-author, Noel Kingsbury, under the aegis of gardenmasterclass.org. She has also presented to members of the following institutions and organizations: Massachusetts Horticultural Society, Harvard’s Arnold Arboretum, the United States Botanical Garden in Washington, D.C., Toronto Botanical Garden, and Delaware Botanic Gardens. The latter 2 public gardens contain Piet Oudolf-designed sections. She lives in Chestnut Hill, MA and spends most of her time coaching home gardeners and consulting—both in person and virtually.

HAH January Events

Saturday, January 6, 10 am, HAH Library - Roundtable, see p. 4

Sunday, January 14, 2 pm, ZOOM - Lecture, see above

Saturday, January 20, 11 am, ZOOM - Book Group - see p. 3

Saturday, January 27, 1 pm, HAH Library - Workshop - see p. 5 to sign up

Monday, January 15 - Sunday, January 28 - Film streaming - see p. 3



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Anyone who thinks gardening begins in the spring and ends in the fall is missing the best part of the whole year; for gardening begins in January with a dream. -- Josephine Nuese

Dear fellow members,

I'm writing this note in a stolen moment during the hectic month of December. I enjoy the bustle and fun surrounding the holidays but I also look forward to the relative calm of January and the winter months. I look forward to the days when the weather keeps me indoors by a warm fire with garden books, magazines, and catalogs. It is a time to dream and to plan. And HAH has a full schedule of programs this month -- and throughout the coming year -- that we hope will inspire and inform those dreams as well. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming programs!

Happy New Year!

All my best,
Erik

HAH 2024

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NEWSLETTER EDITOR - Elaine Peterson
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PHOTOS this month - Pamela Harwood, Elaine Peterson, Erika Shank

Welcome new HAH Board Members!



Kathie McGinty: A recent transplant from the city, I moved to Amagansett 2 years ago and joined HAH immediately. I have found the HAH events including lectures, roundtables, garden tours, Spring sale and members (plant enthusiasts, landscapers and designers) a welcome group sharing their love and enthusiasm of our

environment and the beauty and pride in maintaining it. My love of gardens and landscapes came early but it was not until much later that I built on my appreciation by enrolling at NYBG in the Landscape Program. I was fortunate to do my internship at Wave Hill while Marco Polo Stufano was still 'in residence'. Wave Hill remains one of my favorite public gardens today. I hope during the next year I am able to contribute to the many voices guiding HAH into the future.



Alex Sipkes: An international architectural designer, Alex has worked for a number of well known design firms as well as having his own design and development firm. Alex is a strong believer in regionalism and the importance of integrating architecture into the landscape and surrounding context. Most

of his design projects include collaboration with landscape architects, other design professionals, as well as artists. Alex vacationed in the Hamptons for many years and decided to make it his primary residence two years ago. His home and garden were designed by the celebrated Hampton's architect Harry Bates in the 1970's. Alex has restored and renovated the house and is actively working on maintaining the grounds as well as introducing more native species into the gardens.

BOOK GROUP
Saturday January 20, 2024
11AM-noon

Hello my lovely Bibliophiles!

Please join us for our second HAH Book Group
Three presenters, three books and one hour of wonderful company.

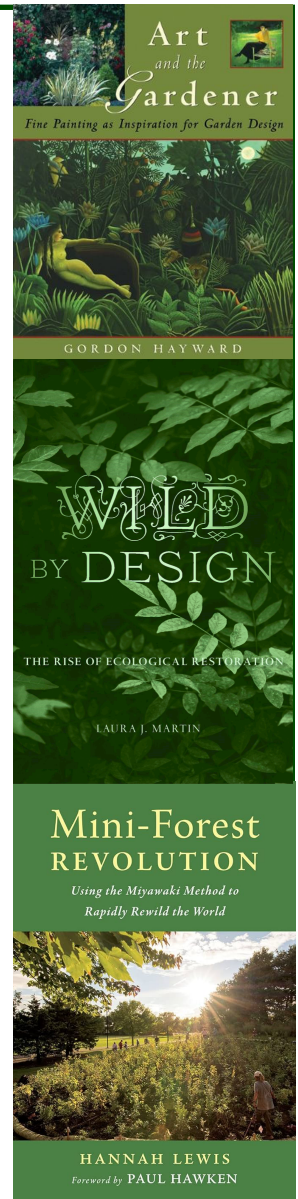
We will look forward to seeing you on ZOOM.

Look for the Zoom link in your email.

'Art and the Gardener: Fine Painting as Inspiration for Garden Design'
by Gordon Hayward, Presented by Ron Marcello

'Wild by Design: The Rise of Ecological Restoration'
by Laura J. Martin, Presented by Julie Sakellariadis

'Mini-Forest Revolution:
Using the Miyawaki Method to Rapidly Re-wild the World'
by Hannah Lewis, Presented by Pat Nadosy



The link for this 2020 film will be available for HAH Members from Monday, January 15 to Sunday, January 28. Watch your email for the link.

PUSHED UP THE MOUNTAIN is a poetic and personal film about plants and the people who care for them. Through the tale of the migrating rhododendron, now endangered in its native China, the film reveals how high the stakes are for all living organisms in this time of unprecedented destruction of the natural world. Beginning in the Scottish Highlands, in the garden of the filmmaker's godfather, the film travels between conservationists in China and Scotland who devote their lives to the rhododendron's survival. Patiently observed footage of conservationists at work combines with centuries-old landscape paintings and the filmmaker's speculative voice to create a thought-provoking film about human efforts to protect nature for and from ourselves.

Director: Julia Haslett | **Producer:** Julia Haslett | **Co-Producer:** Mengqi Jiang

HAH Roundtable Program

In Person at the HAH Library

Saturday, January 6, 2024 at 10:00am – Noon

Creating A Beautiful Winter Garden



At our last Roundtable, we discussed how Ilex (Holly) and other berrying shrubs and trees provide color and food for wildlife during the winter months. Attendees were so enthused and thought it would be wonderful to visit some local gardens that look lovely in winter. So besides colorful berries, what are the other elements that make a garden inviting and scenic in, say, January and February? And what do we gardeners love to do in January but dream of and learn more about what we might add to our gardens this year, or what those starting a new garden might consider planting? And were you as “wowed” as I was by the fabulous evergreen table centerpieces that Lori Barnaby created for our holiday party? All those incredible cuttings came from local gardens!

Here are some topics we’ll discuss, including suggestions of native plants, and we invite you to bring cuttings of your own favorites for show and tell:

- Evergreen trees and shrubs that provide the impressive structure that create the “bones” of a garden, especially in winter
- Semi-evergreens
- Deciduous Trees with Outstanding Canopies and height (think Bur Oak, for example)
- The silhouettes of weeping trees
- Trees and Shrubs with Beautiful Exfoliating Bark (Japanese Stewartia is just one of several trees, but you’ll be surprised by some shrubs that also sport this feature when not hidden by their leaves!)
- Colorful Branches (think particular varieties of Dogwoods and Maples!)
- Deciduous trees and shrubs whose dense branches can also create structure for hedges and garden rooms
- Perennials, Shrubs, and Trees that retain beautiful dried flower and seed heads and cones
- List of deer-resistant varieties
- Landscape Lighting
- Hardscaping
- Focal Points
- Garden ornaments and planted containers that are winter hardy
- Heated bird baths



By the end of the program, if there are attendees who have unanswered gardening questions about these or any other topics, please feel free to stay a while longer and talk to one of our knowledgeable members. See you on January 6th!

Moderated and with photos by Pamela Harwood





‘OYSTER SHELLS OUT OF THE BOX’

CREATE AN ‘OYSTER SHELL CONTAINER’ WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024, 1:00 PM, John LoGerfo Library

HAH member Lori Barnaby will lead us in creating a container decorated with oyster shells or whatever ornamentals you would like to bring to incorporate into your piece.

Lori will supply the oyster shells.

Attendees should wear an apron or smock and bring a container – a cracked pot or whatever you might choose to decorate. Please limit size of container to a 10” diameter. Bring a mask only if you think you need one. We will supply rubber gloves. Bring a box to take home your creation.

Lori will demonstrate mixing mortar and guide you in the method of affixing the oyster shells to your container in the most efficient way.

The mortar must set for 2-3 days, so you may, according to the size of your container, either take it home with you, or leave it at the HAH office to set and then pick up on the following Tuesday or Saturday when the Library is open.

Cost of Workshop: \$ 15.00 for HAH members \$ 20.00 for non-members

This Workshop will be limited to 12 persons.

Registration Form:

Please sign me up for the Saturday, January 27, 2024, 1:00pm, Oyster Shell Container Workshop.

Name(s) _____

Phone (cell preferred) _____

Email _____

I would like to purchase tickets:

HAH Member: \$ _____ Non -Member \$ _____

Total amount included \$ _____

Please make checks payable to HAH and mail to HAH, PO Box 202, Bridgehampton, NY 11932,

Attention: Workshops **no later than January 19, 2024.**

Questions: Call Marie DiMonte, 631-728-0292 or email her at osprey23@optonline.net

Local and Virtual Events in January

Monday, January 8, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Designing with Bulbs (online). \$60 NYBG member, \$65 non-member. For more info and to register: <https://www.enrole.com/nybg/jsp/session.jsp?sessionId=243GAR179O&courseId=242GAR179&categoryId=ROOT>

Wednesday, January 10, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Wild Plant Culture (online). \$25. For more info and to register: <https://mtcubacenter.org/event/wild-plant-culture-online/>

Thursdays, January 11 & 18, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Perennial Plant Combinations. \$105 NYBG member, \$115 non-member. For more info and to register: <https://www.enrole.com/nybg/jsp/session.jsp?sessionId=243GAR173CO&courseId=154GAR173&categoryId=ROOT>

Wednesday, January 17 and Thursday, January 18, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. NDAL 35th Annual Design Symposium: Landscape, Ecology, and Culture. Connecticut College, New London, CT. \$385. For more info and to register: <https://learning.ndal.org/courses/35th-symposium-ct-2024>

Wednesday, January 24, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Deer-resistant Native Plants (online). \$19. For more info and to register: <https://mtcubacenter.org/event/deer-resistant-native-plants-online/>

Thursday, January 25, 2:00 pm. The Book of Wilding -- A Practical Guide to Rewilding Big and Small with Isabella Tree (online). \$5 for Garden Conservancy members, \$15 non-members. For more info and to register: <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/education/education-events/virtual-talk-the-book-of-wilding-a-practical-guide-to-rewilding-big-and-small>

Tuesday, January 30, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Plant-O-Rama 2024. Speakers include Thomas Rainer and Claudia West. Trade Show, Jobs Fair, Breakout Sessions. In-person at Brooklyn Botanic Garden. Tickets from \$45. For more info and to register: <https://www.metrohort.org/calendar/plant-o-rama>

Thanks to Lori Barnaby and helpers who made a beautiful Holiday Party setting for us!



And 'Thank You' to Lydia Wallis who guided us through the making of some wonderful holiday arrangements in her workshop!



The Joy of a Blustery Day

As ol' man winter descends on the East End, with its chilly blustery winds, it signals the beginning of possible "stay at home" days or "inside" days. Some gardeners panic at the very thought but I relish the idea of slowing down and catching up. I approach these days in three different ways.

First, there is that bewildering pile of books on my night table. Doug Tallamy has written 3 poignant books, Nature's Best Hope, Bringing Nature Home, and The Nature of Oaks. I have only read one cover to cover! Peter Wohlleben turned the gardening world upside down with The Hidden Life of Trees, but he has other writings, The Heartbeat of Trees and Forest Walking, which I am only half way through. Uli Lorimer's, The Northeast Native Plant Primer is kept handy for swift reference. We are the Ark by Mary Reynolds is a fast read I have been told. It is at the top of the pile. Finding the Mother Tree by Suzanne Simard and Soil by Camille Dungy round out my pile. Will I ever read them all this winter?

My second approach, and the most fun during these "inside" days, is to peruse some of the twenty horticultural magazines that our LoGerfo Library houses. They are arranged alphabetically on the east wall under the windows. A benefit of your HAH membership occurs every Tuesday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. You are invited to stop by relax and enjoy the treasure trove of material. Treat yourself to magazines that feature the most magical professional photography, delight in the manor homes and chateaux of three English publications and marvel at the comprehensive articles on a myriad of topics. There is a journal from Harvard's Arnold Arboretum, The Arnoldia, as well as HYBRID from Swarthmore. Horticultural Societies are represented by Green Scene and The American Gardener. And there is the very informative private English journal, HORTUS. For rhododendron aficionados there is The Journal of the American Rhododendron Society. Seems there is a magazine for everyone's taste. I, of course, am partial to Fine Gardening and Garden Design.

The center piece of the Strawberry Fields Garden in Central Park, which is dedicated to John Lennon, is a tiled medallion with the word IMAGINE. This has inspired my third approach. I imagine, create, dream, design, and rearrange my garden, all in my head! I design a pollinator garden attracting all kinds of pollinators. I imagine removing some lawn and figuring out what to do with my new space. I create room for composting and dream of all those mowed leaves replenishing my soil. I browse through catalogs...flower, vegetable, bulb, it does not matter. There are a great number of catalogs in our library as well to encourage your creativity.

The next time you hear the weather report forecast chilly blustery days prepare yourself to enjoy the day "inside" wherever that may be. I promise you will have a rewarding day.

Joan DiMonda,
Library Chairperson



HAH Sunday Lecture Program 2024 - 2 pm
At the Bridgehampton Community House, Main Hall
2357 Montauk Highway, Bridgehampton, NY

January 14 – Deborah Chud - *New Perennials: A Love Story* - ZOOM

February 11 – Dan Benarcik – *Design Principles of the Pros that can be Applied to the Home Landscape*

March 10 – Dan Jaffe Wilder – *Kill Your Lawn*

April 14 – Susan Barton – *Sustainable Landscaping*

May 5 – Abra Lee – *Conquer the Soil*

June 9 – Jenny Bakshi – *Botanical Latin*

no lectures in July and August

September 8 – Darrel Morrison – *Beauty of the Wild*

October 13 – Jeff Epping – *Gravel Gardens – Gardens that Rock*

November 10 – Michael Hagen – *Native Plants for the Rock Garden*

December 8 – April Gonzales – *The American Chestnut*



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