



HAH Happenings

March 2024



The Horticultural Alliance of the Hamptons
P.O. Box 202, Bridgehampton, NY 11932-0202

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at the Bridgehampton Community House

On Sunday, March 10, 2024 at 2:00 pm



Please join us
at the Bridgehampton Community House, Main Hall, for
a talk by **Dan Jaffe Wilder** on

Kill Your Lawn

Every house in America should be fronted with a non-native monoculture with the maintenance requirements of a golf course and the ecological value of a strip mine; a place where all flowers are called weeds and signs to the extent of 'keep off' are the norm.

Does the idea seem a bit odd to you? It's time to take a second look at this idea we call lawn. Join Dan Jaffe Wilder, author of *Native Plants for New England Gardens*, to learn about the various options available to us, from whole lawn replacement to strategies for reducing inputs and increasing ecological value. From well-known plants to new introductions, he will discuss various options that fit the needs of any lawn space.

Dan Jaffe Wilder is an ecologist, horticulturist, and botanist with over fifteen years' experience working with native plants and their associated ecology. His work has ranged from classrooms to nurseries to botanical gardens to wildlife refuges and specializes in native plant ecology, propagation, wildlife habitat construction, and native edible landscapes. Dan is the Director of Applied Ecology for the Norcross Wildlife Foundation whose mission is to protect, enhance, and expand wildlife through conservation, education, and support. A prolific photographer and author also, Dan's book *Native Plants for New England Gardens* was released in 2018.

HAH March Events

Saturday, March 2, 10 am, HAH Library - Roundtable, see p. 3

Saturday, March 9, Succulent Workshop

Sunday, March 10, 2 pm, Lecture, see above

Monday, March 11, 'Birding on Long Island' Workshop, reminder see p. 5

Saturday, March 16, 11 am, ZOOM - Book Group - see p. 4

SEE PAGE 7 FOR OUR FIRST TOUR BEYOND LI IN YEARS!!!! We are going to New England!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear fellow members,

As I write these words in mid-February snow is accumulating outside for the second time in a week. The garden looks so pretty through the window. I enjoy snow and love the fact that we have four seasons here but I have to wonder: where was this weather in December and January when the days were short and I was content inside? Why is it cold and snowing now, just when the days are getting noticeably longer, the earliest plants are peeking through the soil, and my itch for 'outside time' is stronger than it's been in months? It really stirs up my spring fever!

Hopefully by the time you are reading this in early March the weather pattern will have settled and it will feel more like spring. If not, HAH has you covered with numerous programs to help keep you engaged until you can be out in your garden: a Roundtable, a lecture, our final Book Group meeting until December and two different workshops—talk about thrilling! There are details on all of these programs in the following pages.

One other way I'll cope is by focusing on all the good things I have to look forward to this spring, including the overnight trip to New England (see Page 7) and especially our Garden Fair in May. By now you should have received the "Friends of HAH" letter in the mail. Please consider donating early in support of our ongoing programming. Being a Friend comes with a significant perk: you and a guest can arrive at the Friday Preview an hour early (4pm instead of 5pm) to beat the rush to purchase the most coveted plants! And if we receive your donation by March 15th, your name will appear on the invitation that is mailed to the membership. If you've misplaced the letter, you can make your donation online by visiting our website.

All my best, Erik

HAH 2024

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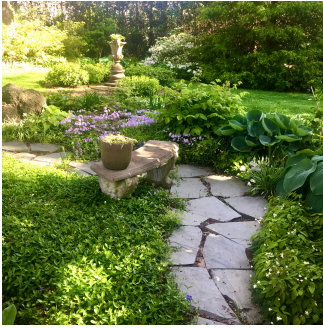
Friends of the Garden otherwise known as "FOG"

will start on Tuesday April 9
and will meet every 4th Tuesday after that.

We usually start at about 10AM
and continue 'til approximately 11:30 -11:45AM

The dates are April 9, May 7, June 4, July 2,
July 30, August 27, September 24, October 22,
and November 19.

The Garden is located just outside HAH.
Anyone and everyone interested is welcome to
join in our garden caretaking efforts.



HAH Roundtable Program

In Person at the HAH Library

Saturday, March 2, 2024 at 10:00am – Noon

Designing Your Garden For Lower Maintenance

At last month’s well-attended Roundtable with Elaine Peterson, as attendees described their aspirations and wish lists, one theme that stood out was a desire to have a garden that requires less maintenance. There can be many circumstances that prompt us gardeners to want to simplify our workload. But that doesn’t mean we have to sacrifice having a beautiful garden!

On the contrary, I recall a discussion I had a couple of years ago with member **Lydia Wallis**, who told me that she and her husband Jim had just completed a re-design of their garden, replacing high-maintenance plants with lower-maintenance varieties. That conversation led to an HAH member tour of Lydia’s “new” and stunning garden. It occurred to me that this would be a wonderful topic for our next Roundtable, and I’m pleased to say that Lydia has agreed to attend and share her expertise and the story of her garden transformation. Lydia gardens in Southampton and among her many horticultural credentials, she is a Master Gardener and a past president of HAH. **Elaine Peterson** will also return and share her ideas as well, so this will be an especially interesting program!

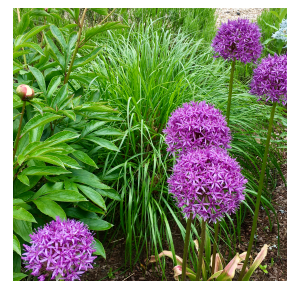
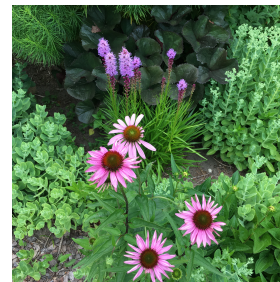
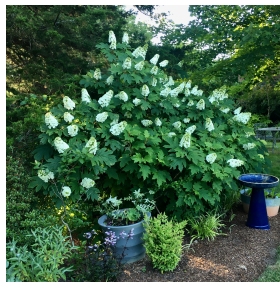
Here are some of the topics we’ll discuss:

- Evaluating your garden and your property
- Creating a sustainable garden using fewer resources
- Identifying high-maintenance areas and plants
- Removing plants that don’t thrive
- Right plant, right place to reduce maintenance
- Garden thugs that require weeding or dividing
- Low-maintenance plant varieties
- Plants that need less watering
- Shade-loving plants that require less watering
- How good soil helps plants stay healthy with less care
- Mulching beds to reduce weeding and watering
- Planting dwarf and compact varieties for less pruning
- Incorporating native plants that require less care
- Using your food and garden trimmings to create nourishing compost and fewer trips to the dump
- Choosing plants for your type of soil
- Adding hardscaping and other garden features to reduce areas requiring maintenance



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 March 2.

Moderated and with photos by Pamela Harwood



Winter Book Group Saturday, March 16th, 11am-noon

🌿 *English Gardens: From the Archives of Country Life Magazine* by Kathryn Bradley-Hole, presented by Jane Miness

🌿 *American Roots: Lessons and Inspiration from the Designers Reimagining Our Home Gardens* by Nick McCullough, Allison McCullough, and Teresa Woodard, presented by Scott Sottile

🌿 *Noah's Garden: Restoring the Ecology of Our Own Back Yards* by Sara Stein, presented by Pat Garrity

Look for the ZOOM link in your email or link through our website.

And just like that  March is our final Book Group for the 2023/24 Session.

Thank you to all of our presenters and to everyone who spent time with us.

We will look forward to seeing you next December.

Don't forget, if you are not able to attend, book group is recorded and can be found on our website.

More Gardening related events in March

Madoo Winter Lecture Series: Capturing the Garden. Sunday, March 3, Abby Clough Lawless and Tria Giovan. Sunday, March 24, Anna & Emilia DeMauro and Doug Young. Lectures from 12:00 pm. \$25. Madoo Conservancy, 618 Sagg Main Street, Sagaponack. For more info and to register: <https://www.madoo.org/events> or email info@madoo.org or call (631) 537-8200.

Thursday, March 7—Saturday, March 9. Resilient Long Island: A Symposium on Invasive and Native Species for Long Island's Future. Multiple events including presentations and interactive workshops over three days. From \$75. For more info and to register: <https://liisma.org/resilientli-2024/>

Saturday, March 9, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. Cornell Cooperative Extension Spring Gardening School 2024. Riverhead Charter School, 3685 Middle Country Road, Calverton, NY 11933. For more info and to register: <https://ccesuffolk.org/events/2023/04/29/spring-gardening-school-2024>

Saturday, March 9, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. Trees of Bridge Gardens—A Bark Identification Walk. Bridge Gardens, 36 Mitchell Lane, Bridgehampton, NY 11932. Suggested donation of \$5/person. Space is limited, reservations required. Rain cancels. For more info and to register: <https://peconiclandtrust.org/get-involved/events/trees-of-bridge-gardens-a-bark-identification-walk>

Tuesday, March 19, 6:30 pm. Madoo in Manhattan: Cassian Schmidt. Lecture and cocktail reception. The Cosmopolitan Club, 122 East 66th Street, New York, NY 10065. \$135 for Madoo members, \$150 non-members. For more info and to register: <https://www.madoo.org/events>

Wednesday, March 20, 12:00-3:00pm. Wave Hill Spring Lecture Luncheon: The Garden and the Library: The Botanical Legacy of Rachel Lambert Mellon. 4900 Independence Avenue, Bronx, NY 10471. From \$75. For more info and to register: <https://www.wavehill.org/calendar/horticultural-lecture-luncheon-the-garden-and-the-library-the-botanical-legacy-of-rachel-lambert-mellon>

Saturday, March 23, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Starting Seeds at the Farm. Quail Hill Farm, Deep Lane, Amagansett, NY 11930. FREE. For more info and to register: <https://peconiclandtrust.org/get-involved/events/starting-seeds-at-the-farm-3>

Thursday, March 28, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. Little Island: More Than Meets the Eye with Signe Nielsen. NYBG, Ross Lecture Hall, 2900 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, NY 10458. \$35 for NYBG members, \$39 non-members. For more info and to register: <https://www.nybg.org/event/24th-annual-winter-lecture-series/little-island-more-than-meets-the-eye-with-signe-nielsen/>

SAVE THE DATES!
FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024
THE HAH PREVIEW PARTY
5 - 7 pm
and SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024
THE HAH PLANT FAIR
9 am - 1 pm

► Our annual Garden Fair is approaching quickly and volunteers are critical to the success of our sole fundraiser! Check your email for the volunteer solicitation and signup. Or you can email Greg Wiseman directly at gman.wiseman@gmail.com to volunteer.

THINK SPRING-THINK GARDEN FAIR 2024 DIGS

Preview Party, Friday, May 17, Garden Fair, Saturday, May 18

For those of you who are newer members of the HAH and are not familiar with the “Digs” Section of our Garden Fair, let me explain. The Digs were started in 1998. We organize a group of members to go to another member’s or friend’s garden and dig, divide, pot up and label plants for our garden fair.

This is 100% profit for the HAH.

Does your garden qualify for a Dig? It does if it’s overgrown, you have too many plants and would like some help in digging and dividing them, you’re redesigning your garden and don’t have space for all your plants or you can no longer physically dig yourself. Let us know and we’ll organize a group for some time at the end of April or beginning of May, depending upon the weather. We bring the tools, the pots, the labels and the soil for potting. (We already have three gardens on the calendar!)

Newly potted plants are divided up among the diggers who will care for them until the sale. That means placing them in indirect light, watering and grooming so they are in tip top condition (this saves a lot of time on Friday) when dropped off Friday morning. We need the afternoon for pricing. Remember to ask yourself, would you buy this plant the way it looks if it was at the local nursery?

Would you like to meet fellow members and make new friends? This is the ideal opportunity for you to volunteer to help dig or offer your garden for a Dig. It’s a good learning experience and a lot of fun. Sometimes you even get to take home a plant or two for yourself!

We’re interested in perennials, ground covers, biennials, small shrubs and saplings. Please note, we cannot come and dig out the 5’ hedge you no longer want!!

Please email your interest to Lydia Wallis – lydiapbw@optonline.net

**REMINDER - Chris Paparo, “The Fish Guy” will present an HAH
Workshop on “Birding on Long Island”**

Monday, March 11, 2024, 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Cost: \$5 HAH Members \$10 Non-Members Payment to be made by 3/7/24

See the February Newsletter for details

HAH WORKSHOPS

Some very happy HAH members had fun being creative this winter! Special THANKS go to Lori Barnaby who guided and led our January Shell Workshop assisted by her very knowledgeable friend Jayne. We had shells galore to choose from and had very eclectic creations to take home with us.



And great THANKS also go to Katrina Vanderlip for hosting our Willow Heart Workshop on Valentine's Day. Katrina provided the willow cuttings which were from her yard and instructed us every step of the way. She was so gracious, kind and patient and we not only created our willow hearts but learned how to propagate the willow for future use. We enjoyed these workshops so much!



Marie DiMonte

UNDER THE SHADE OF A TREE....a book review

Queen Elizabeth in the Garden: A Story of Love, Rivalry and Spectacular Gardens, written by Trea Martyn

After watching a PBS TV documentary about the English Boleyn family from the 1500's, I was quite surprised to come across a book in our John LoGerfo Library featuring Queen Elizabeth and her garden. She was the daughter of Anne Boleyn and King Henry VIII. You may recall that Anne was beheaded in 1536 by orders of the king, leaving behind a 3 year old daughter, Elizabeth.

The story follows Elizabeth's passion for gardens and nature. Robert Dudley and William Cecil were the two most powerful men in England during her reign. They vied for Elizabeth's attention by enhancing their garden designs, adding exquisite scents, hiding music among the plants, creating fanciful water features and offering the thrill of rare and foreign fruits and plants. They tried to outdo each other with more and more extravagance and Queen Elizabeth loved it all!

Authored by Trea Martyn, who has taught garden and landscape history in many universities in London, it is an absorbing read full of amazing facts and fascinating English events in this time frame. If you have a special feeling for both gardens and history, this is a perfect choice for you.

Reviewed by Joan DiMonda, Library Chair

Springtime in Bloom—A New England Garden Tour May 1 and 2, 2024

Green Animals Topiary Garden | Sakonnet Garden | Garden in the Woods

Wednesday, May 1, Portsmouth and Little Compton, RI

- Pick ups in Bridgehampton and Hampton Bays. Members on the North Fork may choose to park at the ferry terminal in Orient Point and join us from there. We will ferry to New London, then drive on to Rhode Island. Please pack a lunch or plan to purchase food on the ferry.
- Our first stop will be **Green Animals Topiary Garden**. This is the oldest and northernmost topiary garden in the country and features more than 80 topiary animals and other figures. Green Animals is recognized by the American Daffodil Society as one of just 28 official Daffodil Display Gardens in the United States.
- Our second stop will be **Sakonnet Garden**. Sakonnet is a “secret garden” with multiple paths leading onward to unexpected experiences. Now larger than an acre, the garden is divided into rooms by high windbreak hedges and stone or timber walls that create microclimates the owners exploit to dazzling effect. Each room reflects their ongoing experiments with lighting, space, color mixing, collecting, and growing great plants.
- We then drive to Framingham, MA where we will spend the night at the Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Framingham. Dinner on your own. Continental breakfast is included.

Thursday, May 2, Framingham, MA

- **Garden in the Woods** is a 45 acre woodland botanical garden and the largest landscaped collection of wildflowers in New England. The best time to visit is in the spring, when the blooms of trillium, trout lily, Virginia bluebell, pink lady’s slipper orchid, woodland phlox, and more cover the forest floor. We will have an opportunity to shop for native woodlanders to support the mission of the Native Plant Trust.

Cost based on a minimum of 20 participants:

\$415/person which covers transportation, garden admissions, breakfast and lunch on Thursday

- If 25 participants register, we can lower the cost to \$355/person.
- If 30 participants register, the cost will be \$315/person.

\$215 per hotel room (single or double occupancy)

Don’t just sign yourself up—convince a friend to come along and bring down the cost for all!

Please note that these rates cover the actual costs to HAH; this is not a fundraiser.

\$200 deposit due by March 25 | No refunds after April 1 | Final payment due by April 12

Registration Form

Please sign me up for the tour to New England leaving Wednesday, May 1 and returning Thursday, May 2!

Name(s): _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number of people: _____ Rooms: _____ Total deposit included (@ \$200/person): _____

Bridgehampton @ 6:20am: _____ Hampton Bays @ 7am: _____ Orient Point Ferry @ 8:30am: _____

Mail your check, payable to HAH, to: P.O. Box 202, Bridgehampton, NY 11932 Attn: Travel
OR pay online: hahgarden.org/travel . **Your deposit must be received by March 25.**

Watch your email for more details! Email hahmember@gmail.com with questions.

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

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

April 14 – Susan Barton – *Sustainable Landscaping* - this lecture will take place on **ZOOM** - watch your email for the link - it will NOT be at the Community House location.

May 5 – Abra Lee – *Conquer the Soil*

June 9 – Jenny Bakshi – *Botanical Latin*

There will be 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*

Last Quarter Moon 🌘 March 3 morning

New Moon 🌑 March 10 morning

First quarter Moon 🌒 March 17 morning

Full Moon 🌕 March 25 morning



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