



HAH Happenings

April 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, April 14, 2024 at 2:00 pm

Please join us
on **ZOOM** for a talk by **Susan Barton, Ph.D.** on

Sustainable Landscaping

Sustainable Landscaping is a strategy of conserving the physical and biological processes that occur on a landscape. In plain English – allowing fallen leaves to decompose and become landscape mulch or channeling water to infiltrate into the garden rather than run off to a storm sewer. We must depend on creatively landscaped suburban landscapes to provide the ecosystem services we all need to survive. This talk will focus on methods of incorporating landscape beds, meadows, and forest fragments into the landscape to attract wildlife and create enjoyment for all landscape users.

Susan Barton, Ph.D. is an extension specialist and professor in the Plant and Soil Sciences Department at the University of Delaware. She has worked for the past 20+ years with DelDOT to research and implement new roadside vegetation management strategies. She has also worked with partners to develop the Plants for a Livable Delaware Program, designed to provide alternatives to known invasive plants species and to promote sustainable landscaping. She teaches Plants and Human Culture, Landscape Drawing, Landscape Architecture Symposium, Landscape Management and coordinates the Landscape Architecture/Plant Science Internship. She also works closely with the nursery and landscape industry, writing newsletters, organizing short courses, and conducting horticulture industry expos with the Delaware Nursery and Landscape Association. Susan received the Nursery Extension Award in 1995 from the American Nursery and Landscape Association and the Ratledge Award for service from the University of Delaware in 2007. Susan received her SITES AP certification in summer 2017. In 2021, Susan received the George M. Worriow award from the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, given to a college alumnus with exemplary service to agriculture in the state.

Please watch your email for the ZOOM link for this lecture. It will not be at the Community House.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear fellow members,

Happy Spring!

The longer days and milder temperatures have me spending more time in the garden. In this transitional season, especially on days when the soil is too wet to work, I've found myself observing as much as doing anything while I am out there: enjoying the flowers on my earliest blooming plants, noticing buds swell on the shrubs and trees, looking for signs that perennials are coming back up, and yes, noting areas where the critters have been busy over the winter (*sigh*). Change is a constant in the garden but it's especially dramatic—and exhilarating—at this time of year.

It's occurred to me that one of the gifts of gardening is the way it teaches us to pay attention and really see what's going on around us. I know I have developed a deeper appreciation for nature and see things others might just walk past thanks to the time I spend in the garden. Taking the time to notice and learn about the plant and animal life in our gardens makes us care about them. As we celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day this month, I hope all of us who garden will grow our sense of care and stewardship beyond the confines of our own landscapes.

All my best, Erik

HAH Garden Fair - May 17-18, 2024

HAH 2024

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PHOTOS this month - Erik Brockmeyer, Pamela Harwood, Elaine Peterson, Lydia Wallis

Reminder for HAH Members

A number of local nurseries offer HAH members a **10% discount on certain items** but you **MUST** show your membership card to receive it. We recommend keeping the card in your wallet or glove box so you have it whenever you shop. Nurseries will not extend the discount without your card. For a list of participating nurseries, visit hahgarden.org/join-us/benefits-of-membership/

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, April 6, 2024 at 10:00am – Noon

Sound in the Garden

Adding, Welcoming, & Enjoying this Important Feature

Often on these first days of spring I take lengthy walks around the garden, excitedly looking for each new bloom and to assess the work that lies before me to get the garden in shape for the season. There's always so much to do despite all the work that was done in the fall! Sound familiar? It is during these walks that I find myself often stopping to listen to the cheerful sounds of all the birds, seemingly also so happy to have the warmer weather, frolicking in the water that once again fills the birdbaths, eating the last berries and seeds, and the worms that rise to the soil surface after a rain. What a pleasure, and more so because I feel rewarded for all the carefully added garden elements that have attracted so many birds to the garden.

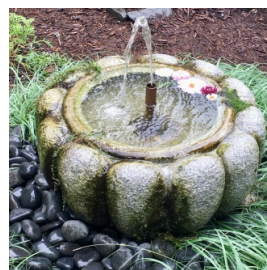
But birdsong is just one of the many sources of sound in the garden, sounds that benefit us in so many ways, bringing tranquility, meditation, calm, joy, not to mention helping to create a barrier to the unwanted noise of the outside world! So I'm so pleased to let you know that HAH board member and talented gardener **Michael Longacre** will join us, sharing his focus on sounds made by one's particular environment, how that changes all day, particularly regarding the sounds of wind and animals.

We'll discuss bringing to and enjoying these garden features, and if you have favorites you have or would like to have, please attend and share!

- Wind /breezes through the leaves of plants and trees
- Water sounds: ponds, waterfalls, fountains, pools, birdbaths
- Birdsong
- Humming bees and other pollinators
- Ornaments and gentle sounds such as wind chimes
- Rustling leaves
- Stepping on stones and gravel
- Wildlife, such as frogs
- Nighttime sounds, such as owls and insects
- Sound of silence
- Sound vs noise
- Blocking noise pollution



We'll also be showing videos and audio files with our favorite garden sounds. 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. This will be our last Roundtable of the season, so I hope to see you on April 6! -- **Moderated and with photos by Pamela Harwood**



Camellia not Camilla Royall(ty) Nonetheless



Herald of warming spring. *Camellia japonica*s have been the reigning queen of more southern U.S. spring gardens for well over a century. Extensive breeding with extremely cold hardy camellias from the Korean peninsula decades ago has resulted in many cultivars well adapted to our region.

The snowdrops, hellebores, crocuses and hamamelis bravely bloomed in late winter/early spring. In the warming days of advancing spring *Camellia japonica* locally begin to bloom in their wondrous glory, exhibiting a kaleidoscope of flower forms and colors.

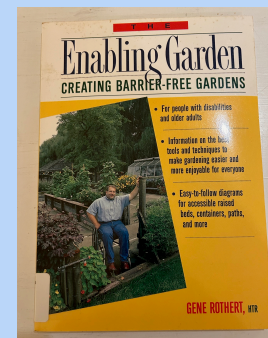
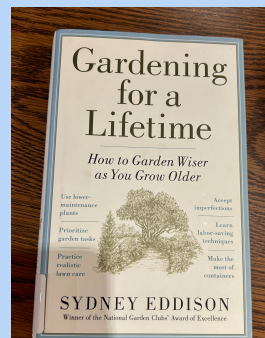
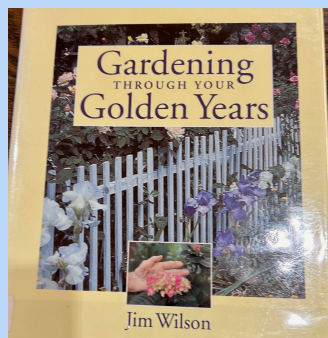
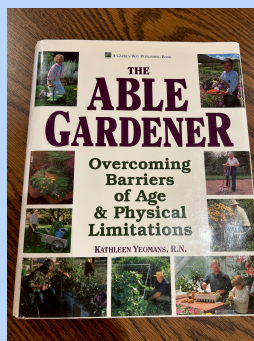
Join our April 13 meeting at 10am in the HAH library where a wondrous display of members collections will be presented.

The HAH Library News

If you attended the March HAH Roundtable Program, “Designing Your Garden for Lower Maintenance”, you were fortunate to listen to two very knowledgeable members, Elaine Peterson and Lydia Wallis, discuss ways to reduce your garden maintenance but still create an amazingly beautiful garden. The following 4 books are available in the LoGerfo Library should you want to delve into this topic a little deeper.

The HAH Library is open Tuesday and Saturday from 10:00-12:00 noon.

Joan DiMonda, Library Chair



A very special thank you to **Catherine Warren** who so graciously conducted the outstanding tour of the beautiful specimens at her greenhouses at Broadview Gardens on March 9, 2024 for our HAH members. Catherine also donated a wealth of succulents for us to arrange and pot up to take home. Her cohorts Kelly Dilly and Clémence Buffard Soulard guided and assisted us in creating our arrangements. Everyone was so kind and patient in answering all our questions. A great time was had by all at this wonderful Workshop!

And thanks to ‘Fish Guy’ **Chris Paparo** for your fun and informative lecture on “Birding on Long Island” on March 11, 2024. We learned so much and were amazed at the beauty and abundance of the creatures on our seashores right here on Long Island. The diversity of wildlife is just incredible and Chris encourages us to observe and seek to preserve these treasures into the future.



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.

DIGS DONATIONS ARE 100% PROFIT FOR THE HAH

A sure sign of Spring is the “HAH Digs”. Tentative dates are the last three weekends of April and the first in May in order to have plants in prime condition.

Do you have plants that: need dividing or thinning because there are too many; or plants you no longer want? Our team will arrive on a mutually agreeable date and dig, divide, pot, label and take away all the newly potted plants, leaving your garden with lots of space for those exciting treasures you will be purchasing at the HAH Garden Fair. Plants must be of a manageable size. Named varieties will bring in more revenue.

We also welcome divisions you have dug from your gardens. This year, plants should be *potted by May 4th* to give them time to acclimate prior to our sale.

Tips for potting plants:

1. Use an appropriate size pot and place a piece of newspaper in the bottom to cover holes.
2. Add some soil.
3. Place the plant in the pot and fill with soil, leaving a space of about ½” from the rim of the pot.
4. Shake pot to settle soil and water in well. Add additional soil.
5. Label with botanical, common names, cultivar (if you know it), color, height and sun or shade.
6. Place pots in indirect light and keep watered.
7. *Thursday, May 16th* groom plants; remove dead leaves, stems and weeds.
8. Ask yourself “Would I buy this from a nursery the way it looks?”
9. Deliver your beautiful donations to the sale on *Friday, May 17, by noon* (we need the afternoon for pricing).

We need people to dig, divide, pot and label. We have a professional label maker which will make the task much easier. Become involved: meet new people, make new friends and learn more about perennials and shrubs. If you can host a dig and/or help dig, please email lydiapbw@optonline.net . Thank you very much. Lydia Wallis



More Garden Related Events in April here on Long Island

Saturday, April 6, 10 am to 12 pm. Spring Pruning Workshop with Jackson Dodds. Bridge Gardens, 36 Mitchell Lane, Bridgehampton, NY 11932. \$10/person. Space is limited, reservations required. Rain cancels. For more info and to register: <https://peconiclandtrust.org/get-involved/events/spring-pruning-workshop>

Sunday, April 7, 12 pm. Madoo Winter Lecture Series: Capturing the Garden. Justin Quinn, Principal, James Doyle Design Associates and Photographer Neil Landino Jr. \$25. Madoo Conservancy, 618 Sagg Main Street, Sagaponack. For more info and to register: <https://www.madoo.org/events>.

Friday, April 12—Sunday, April 14. Hamptons Doc Fest presents Docs Equinox a film series with the theme of "Cultivating Connections: Soils, Farms, Food". For more info and to purchase tickets: <https://www.hamptonsdocfest.com/docs-equinox-2024> See box below for more info.....

Saturday, April 13, 10 to 11:30 am. The Perfect Houseplant with Kerry Ann McLean. Landcraft Garden Foundation, 4342 Grand Avenue, Mattituck, NY 11952. For more info and to register: <https://www.landcraftgardenfoundation.org/event/the-perfect-houseplant-w-kerry-ann-mclean-2/>

Saturday, April 20, 10 am to 12 pm. Southampton Rose Society Rose Planting and Pruning Session with Peter Bertrand. Rogers Memorial Library, 91 Coopers Farm Road, Southampton, NY 11968. For more info: <https://southamptonrose.org/2024-events/>

Wednesday, April 24, 5pm. The Heritage Trees: Southampton's Historic Natural Landmarks. The Nathaniel Rogers House, 2538 Montauk Hwy, Bridgehampton, NY 11932. For more info and to register: <https://www.bridgehamptonmuseum.org/event-details/the-heritage-trees-southamptons-historic-natural-landmarks>

Saturday, April 27, 10 am to 4 pm. Arbor Day Festival. Planting Fields Arboretum, 1395 Planting Fields Road, Oyster Bay, NY 11771. \$25 per car. For more info and to register: <https://plantingfields.org/happenings/arbor-day-festival/>

Hamptons Doc Fest in partnership with the Southampton Arts Center presents DOCS EQUINOX a 4-film kick-off celebration of Earth Day week

"Cultivating Connections: Soils, Farms, Food"

April 12-13-14, 2024

The 3-day documentary film+ program launches at the start of Earth Day week in April, when we dig into the East End's soils created eons ago by the ancient glaciers and considered some of the most productive in the country. In 2023 the Doc Equinox program expanded on drinking water and the aquifer. This year Doc Equinox explores sustainable farming, and the soils that make it possible.

Films included are:

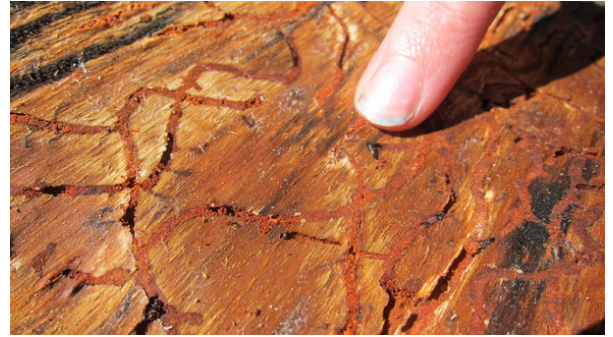
Food Inc. 2: Back for Seconds; Common Ground; The Soul of a Farmer; KELP and other shorts.

For more info and to purchase tickets: <https://www.hamptonsdocfest.com/docs-equinox-2024>

TREES IN THE NEWS

Our NY State DEC reports:

“Southern Pine Beetle (SPB) is a tiny bark-boring beetle that infests pine trees. It creates S-shaped tunnels just below the bark, disrupting the flow of nutrients and killing trees in 2-4 months. In 2014, SPB was found in the Central Pine Barrens on Long Island. The Pine Barrens were already experiencing a decline. Climatic changes and overly crowded forests created the perfect conditions for SPB to thrive. Since 2014, SPB has killed hundreds of thousands of trees on Long Island.



DEC and our partners have taken a broader ecosystem health approach to managing SPB on Long Island. We're not just managing the insect – we're managing the whole forest. The long-term solution to eradicating and preventing further spread of SPB is to increase the health of the entire forest ecosystem. Think of a healthy ecosystem like a healthy immune system: it can fight back. It can fight back not just against SPB, but also against future stressors. A diverse and healthy forest community is more resilient to pests, diseases, and unstable climatic conditions.

DEC and partners are practicing forest thinning in the pine barrens, where smaller weaker trees are cut, reducing the density of the forest. The joint restoration effort also includes prescribed burns, which mimic the low-intensity forest fires that a pine barrens ecosystem needs to thrive.”

It is tree planting time in our area and here are some reminders from Doug Tallamy's books that are well worth reviewing if you are considering planting soon. And there is a great deal more worth consideration in his books for our home gardens.

“Few arborists would suggest planting trees on a three-foot center, but if we planted our trees in groups of three or more on ten-foot centers, the resulting root matrix would keep them locked in place through thick and thin. None of the trees would develop into a single majestic specimen tree, but together they would form a single grove of trees that the eye will take in just as if they were one large tree. Planting tree groves will also protect against the domino effect. Every time we take down a tree, we make the remaining trees more vulnerable to straight-line winds. There is one catch to this approach, however: the trees must be planted young, so their roots can interlock as they grow.”

— Douglas W. Tallamy, [Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation that Starts in Your Yard](#)

“The water from a 2-inch downpour, for example—more than 54,000 gallons per acre—is captured almost entirely by an oak forest's leaf litter and the organic humus it creates. Litter and humus don't hold this water indefinitely, but they do corral it on-site just long enough for it to seep into the ground, replenishing the water table on which so many of us depend. In areas with no leaf litter, the same 2-inch rainstorm causes a flood.”

— Douglas W. Tallamy, [The Nature of Oaks: The Rich Ecology of Our Most Essential Native Trees](#)

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

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 🌘 April 1 evening

New Moon 🌑 April 8 afternoon

First quarter Moon 🌒 April 15 afternoon

Full Moon 🌕 April 23 evening



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