

# THE GARDENERS' GAZETTE

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## THIS MEETING

- DATE: **Sunday, April 17**  
**Please bring canned goods & nonperishable items**
- PLACE: **The Conference Center, Planting Fields Arboretum**  
(Driving directions are on the website under the "Programs" menu.)
- TIME: 1:00 pm  
SPEAKER: **Hal Mahoney**, Writer, Teacher, Lecturer  
TOPIC: **Creating Bonsai: Learn How to do a Simple Bonsai**
- TIME: 2:00 pm, Business Meeting & Main Program  
SPEAKER: **Andi Pettis**, Gardener & Instructor at New York Botanical Garden  
TOPIC: **Manhattan's High Line Park**



**1:00 PROGRAM:** Hal's presentation will consist of a step-by-step instruction on how to make an 'instant' bonsai out of common nursery stock. He has bonsai in his blood. Along with writing, teaching, lecturing, and doing demonstrations on bonsai, Hal is the past president of both the Long Island and Greater New York Bonsai Clubs, and has served on the Board of Bonsai Clubs International. He was a representative of the U.S. at the 5th World Bonsai Convention, the largest bonsai event in North America.

**2:00 PROGRAM:** Andi Pettis is an instructor at the New York Botanical Garden in both the Horticulture and Gardening certificate programs, and is currently part of the horticulture staff at the High Line Park in Manhattan, where she can be found gardening thirty feet above the city. Andi will discuss the unique pleasures and challenges of cultivating a garden in the sky above Manhattan's West Side, a little history, a little landscape design, a lot of horticulture and plant talk.

- NEXT MEETING: Sunday, May 15, **The Conference Center**, Planting Fields Arboretum
- MEMBERS SPRING PLANT SALE**
- 1:00 pm: Bill Barash: Tour of the Synoptic Garden  
2:00 pm: Vinnie Simone: Tokyo to Kyoto: Great Gardens of Japan

The **LIHS PLANT SALE** is right around the corner! Our annual plant sale is held during the May meeting. The proceeds of the sale support the work of LIHS.

Look for **Bob Weschler's** Tips for Buyers and Sellers in next month's newsletter.

### SEND ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER!

Thanks for your writings! Please keep sending your essays, plant profiles, garden travelogues, etc. After all, this is **YOUR** newsletter – contribute!

**Please bring in plants and other new items for the raffle at the April meeting. Label all plants clearly and make sure all specimens are disease- and pest-free.**

Thank you to all the contributors at the March meeting: **Laura Weill, Regina Conlon, Gerry Conway, Barbara Loechner, Ed Kenny, Gerry Bressel, Carolyn Do, Roswitha Friend, Harriet Bake, Brita & Lou Okin, Priscilla Hughes, Jeanne Eklund.**

### HOSPITALITY TIDBITS

Thanks to all who brought snacks & signed **The Cookie List: Laura Weill, Regina Conlon, Gerry Conway, Patricia Porcelli, Cathy Petrucci, Anne Mehlinger, Carolyn Bantz, Chris Douglas, Marge Daryece, Toni & Stuart Germain, Fay Paquette, Judith Wolter, Michelle Ebert, Muriel Drew.**

Pick up a **FREE** raffle ticket & sign the Cookie List when you bring in snacks so we can acknowledge your contribution.

## L.I. CARES INC.

### The Harry Chapin Food Bank

Many thanks to all the generous members who have been bringing canned goods and nonperishable boxed foods to our meetings all winter. L.I. Cares has asked us to continue the donations for the rest of the year as the need is so great. We will be collecting food at the April, May and June meetings.

LIHS began the winter food drive in January 2006 when Steve Dougherty delivered our donation, the Interfaith Nutrition Network's Glen Cove soup kitchen. We have been working with L.I. Cares since 2009 and have delivered hundreds of pounds of food for their food bank. The importance of local food drives in dealing with hunger on L.I. cannot be overestimated.

Most recipients do not have facilities to cook food, so individually packaged items that do not need preparation are most useful: canned tuna, sardines, salmon; individual cereal packs, juice boxes, peanut butter, chunky soups; flip-top cans of fruits; dinner in a can. Ensure, cheese and crackers, macaroni and cheese, etc. So don't forget to put our donations in the care!

Thank you very much.

~ Anne Mehlinger



### BUTTERFLY GARDEN PLANT DONATIONS

The following is a request on behalf of my very dear friend that dates back to the mid-fifties, who is a patient at the L.I. Veterans home in Stony Brook. His wife lives nearby and visits him daily. Her plea is to the members of the LIHS, that they would donate plants that would realize their dream of having a butterfly garden for the residents to admire and enjoy. The gardener at the home will do the planting.

Below is a list of shrubs, perennials, and annuals that attract butterflies. These could be dug and potted from member's gardens and brought to the next meeting, and deposited in my truck. I will deliver them to the Veteran's Home. It is my hope that many members will contribute to this

worthy cause. Many thanks in advance.

#### Butterfly Garden Plants

Shrubs: Lilac, Viburnum, Butterfly Bush, Caryopteris (Blue Mist), Quince

Perennials: Chives, Lythrum, Phlox, Hardy Aster, Mums, Butterfly Weed, Bergamot (Bee Balm), Rudbeckia (Black-eyed Susan), Astilbe, Shasta Daisy, Coreopsis, Lavender, Dianthus, Daylilies, single Hollyhocks

Annuals: Egyptian Star Cluster, Stock, Impatiens, Verbena, Heliotrope, Sweet Alyssum, Zinnia, Ivy Geranium, Lantana, Salvia, Cosmos, Morning Glory, Nasturtium

~ Submitted by Bob Weschler

## Upcoming LIHS Trips

### Trip to California for The Tournament of Roses!

December 28th through January 3rd - After participating in this fabulous Road Scholar program last December, I asked the program director if I could custom make that trip with some special activities for LIHS members. She was very willing to work with me. I hope you can join us on this extraordinary adventure!

Among the activities will be a docent led visit to the Huntington Botanical Garden in San Marino, a day at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, an opportunity to work on a very special float, La Cañada Flintridge, a live performance at the Bandfest, a New Year's Eve Party, seats at the Rose Bowl Parade, and the best part — a chance to get up close and personal with the floats the day after the parade!

We will be staying at the Hilton Woodland Hills Hotel in Los Angeles for six nights. The cost of the trip will be \$1,100, which will include the hotel stay, most meals, all admissions and gratuities. Air transportation is not included.

If you are interested in joining us for a memorable week, please send a deposit check for \$100 made out to LIHS and send it to me, **Barbara Levine**, 22 Sugar Maple Drive, Roslyn, NY 11576. Any questions, please call me at 516-741-3386 or email [barban22@optonline.net](mailto:barban22@optonline.net).

### PHILADELPHIA GARDENS TRIP SOLD OUT

Space on the June 14th & 15th trip to Pennsylvania gardens has been completely sold out. If you would like to be added to the waiting list, please contact **Anne Mehlinger** at 516-798-1412 or email [annm36@gmail.com](mailto:annm36@gmail.com). Thank you.

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<h3>The deadline for the May issue is April 20th.</h3>
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I look into the world  
 In which the sun is shining,  
 In which the stars are sparkling,  
 Where stones in stillness lie,  
 Where living plants are growing,  
 Where animals live in feeling,  
 Where Man within his soul,  
 Gives dwelling to the spirit.

I look into the soul,  
 That lives within my being.  
 The World Creator weaves,  
 In sunlight and in soul-light,  
 In world space there without,  
 In soul depths here within.

To Thee, Creator Spirit,  
 I turn my heart to ask  
 That blessing and pure strength,  
 For learning and for work,  
 May ever grow within me.

By Rudolph Steiner

~ Read at the Feb. meeting  
 by Bob Weschler  
 LIHS Poet Laureate

## *Horticultural Competition*

Results from the March meeting:

**First Place:** Orchid *Paphiopedilum* 'Salvatore Dali'  
 Pure Violet  
 Ornamental Shrub in Flower Pink  
 Celery  
 Photo The McCartney Rose

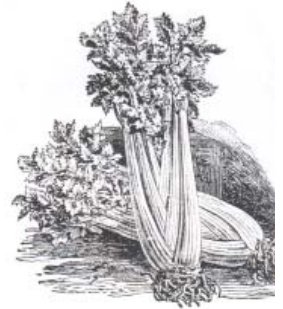
**Barbara Hanft**  
**Filomena Salamone**  
**Louise & John Danetra**  
**Filomena Salamone**  
**Ed Kenny**

**Second Place:** *Sarcococca hookeriana* 'Sweet Box'  
 Photo About Face Grandiflora Rose

**Anne Mehlinger**  
**Ed Kenny**

**Third Place:** Purple Crocus in a Minature Vase  
 Photo Night Blooming Cereus

**Filomena Salamone**  
**Yen Ming Mung**



Thank you to the judges: **Susan Fishbein, Kendra Swaby, and Donna Brennan**  
 and to the Competition Clerk, **Marge Manly**.

**CORRECTION:** The February results published in the March newsletter inadvertently omitted the following and/or corrections were brought to our attention. We apologize for the omission and errors.

**First Place:** Crown of Thorns, Money Plant in a Minature Green Tea Cup  
 Purple Violet Optimar

**Phyllis Richards**  
**Louise & John Danetra**

**Third Place:** Photo-Planting Fields Greenhouse, Orchid Phalaenopsis

**Ed Kenny**

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Please remember to fill out a **GREEN SLIP** for each entry with **YOUR NAME** and the **PLANT NAME(S)** or **ARRANGEMENT DESCRIPTION(S)**. **AT THE END OF THE MEETING, LEAVE YOUR ENTRY SLIPS ON THE TABLE TO BE COLLECTED BY THE COMPETITION CLERK.** If you happen to take it home, please notify Marge Manly ASAP at 718-352-6822 or email margee60@aol.com. Thank you.

*All entries must be presented by 1:45 pm to be judged. Remember, no more than three entries per member household are allowed. Plants must be in your garden or in your care for at least three months prior to judging in order to qualify.*

*The Horticultural Competition Rules & Section/Classes are available on our website. Copies will also be available at every meeting.*

The LIHS Horticultural Competition offers members the opportunity to enter favorite plants, blossoms, vegetables, arrangements, paintings, photos; there is an extensive list of categories. If you bring something that doesn't fit a standard category, the judges will create a new category for the entry. Any LIHS member may enter; you don't have to be a professional grower, florist, artist, or photographer. Participants earn points for each 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place ribbon. Extra points are awarded for "Best in Show." Entries other than plant material are eligible for points as well, but are of lesser value. Members with the highest cumulative point totals at the end of the calendar year receive certificates of recognition and cash prizes.

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## MEMBERSHIP COUPON

\_\_\_ Yes, renew my/our membership @ 25 \_\_\_ # of gift membership(s) @ \$25 each (Attach separate sheet if necessary).

NAME: (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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**MAIL TO: Don Houser, LIHS Membership Secretary, 386 Grand Blvd., Massapequa Park, NY 11762**  
**or bring to next meeting. Please make check payable to LIHS.**

## 2011 PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW



The 2011 Philadelphia International Flower Show Theme this year was “Springtime in Paris” and the designers immediately transported visitors to Paris with a fabulous replica of the Eiffel Tower that went right up to the ceiling of the Philadelphia Convention Center.

The Paris theme continued throughout all the sections of the Show, making



visitors walk around or through park scenes along the Seine, cabaret acts performed at a carousel and spectacular animal flower sculptures.

The garden display exhibitors forced bulbs, trees, shrubs and perennials into bloom for the Show. Flowering trees, lilacs, roses and borders of lavender led visitors through gardens. There were Victorian sitting rooms, cafés, a

Matisse inspired garden, an avant-garde underground view of Paris, and even a fanciful bed decorated with roses and flying floral designs.

Whatever your special interest might be, it was sure to be included in one of the displays: orchids, roses, landscape design, flower arranging, botanical illustration, ferns, lilies and much, much more.

Free gardening presentations were held throughout each day all week (March 6-13), as well as dozens of educational displays that explored the newest gardening trends, including how the ‘edible garden’ can be integrated into our flower beds. Also shoppers found a large bustling market with a diverse array of plants and garden products to purchase.

Attending the Show was a welcome change from our harsh winter and a real inspiration for the new gardening season. It’s cold out there! But never fear - there are plants that bloom in the winter.

~ Submitted by Josephine Borut  
LIHS member

## HEUCHERAS

Heucheras, the darlings of the shade garden, have been bred up a notch with newer varieties which will resist heat. In an article titled “Some Like It Hot” by Pam Baggett in the May issue of *Horticulture* (v. 107 #4), we are introduced to some of the newer cultivars. Most heat tolerant varieties have been bred using *Heuchera villosa* (a native of the southeastern United States). Last spring I succumbed to the lure of these beautiful plants by purchasing ‘Caramel’, ‘Citronelle’, and ‘Plum Pudding’ from the Hicks Nursery in Westbury, L.I. .

Dan Heims (Terra Nova Nurseries, Oregon) introduced several varieties of *H. villosa* hybrids, including ‘Southern Comfort’ (2’) - with leaves which turn from red to copper to amber to beige. ‘Georgia Peach’ (2’) - leaves start with red over silver becoming more silver with age. ‘Obsidian’ (10’ x 15’)

- leaves go from burgundy to purple to black. An exception to the *H. villosa* breeding is *H. Paris* created by crossing U.S. native *H. americana* with *H. cylindrica* and *H. sanguinea* (Dan Heims cross). *H. Paris* has silver leaves with green veins and tall spikes of long-lasting rose-pink flowers.

French breeder Thierry Delabroye introduced ‘Citronelle’ with chartreuse leaves and white flowers. I noticed that this plant suffered a little from being in almost full sun in early spring, but in the end it did quite well. [April was a little hot last year!]

Charles Oliver (Pennsylvania) introduced ‘Frosted Violet’ - purple leaves shaded silver with dark purple veins. Flowers are soft-pink on wine-red stems.

More *H. villosa* Introductions: ‘Amethyst Mist’ - leaves vary from red to green. ‘Beaujolais’ - grayish pink leaves. ‘Berry Smoothie’ - soft pink

leaves. ‘Blackcurrant’ - purple mottled leaves. ‘Brownies’ (seedling of *H.v.* ‘Autumn Bride’) - raspberry-chocolate leaves turn cinnamon in summer (15” x 20” with 5” leaves). ‘Caramel’ - “butterscotch tinged with orange”. ‘Crème Brûlée’ - sports orange and bright green leaves. ‘Electra’ - chartreuse leaves with red veins. ‘Key Lime Pike’ - leaves are chartreuse. ‘Miracle’ - chartreuse leaves with red accents turn bronze-red in the fall. ‘Tiramisu’ - foliage is bright green in hot weather and develops red tints in the fall and copper-red by spring.

Culture: Hummus-rich soil with good drainage. Baggett recommends those with clay or sandy soil to grow their heucheras in containers. Morning sun to light shade. Divide regularly keeping the most vigorous parts. Don’t cover the crown with soil.

~ Submitted by  
Rosemarie Papayanopoulos  
LIHS member

## GARDENERS' CALENDAR

### April 2011

- Mar 5-Apr 30 **The Orchid Show: On Broadway**, Open 10am-6pm, Tue-Sun; Mon. Apr 25, 10am-6pm. Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, New York Botanical Gardens. For more information go to [www.nybg.org](http://www.nybg.org).
- Apr 1 **Walkable Westchester** - Jane Daniels, 1-2pm, Registration required. For more information go to [www.nativeplantcenter.org](http://www.nativeplantcenter.org).
- Apr 4 **Dahlia Club Meeting and Class**, 7pm, Dahlia 101 Class. We will teach you how to create a successful dahlia garden. We will discuss propagating dahlias via cuttings. 8pm, Meeting. Presentation on how dahlia cuttings are grown in Holland.
- Apr 9 **Talk and Tour: "Waking Up the Garden"**, 1pm, Clark Botanic Garden, 193 IU Willets Rd., Albertson. For more information go to [www.clarkbotanic.org](http://www.clarkbotanic.org).
- Apr 10 **Monthly Meeting**, North American Rock Garden Society-Long Island Chapter, 2pm, Greenhouse Classroom at Planting Fields Arboretum.
- Apr 16 **Monthly Meeting, Early Flower Show**, 2pm, American Rhododendron Society, NY Chapter, Conference Ctr., Planting Fields Arboretum, Oyster Bay, NY
- Apr-16-17 **Dog Days at Old Westbury Gardens**, 10am-5pm. Bring your dog for an invigorating walk and healthy exercise. Dogs must be leashed. Designated garden areas only. For more information visit [www.oldwestburygardens.org](http://www.oldwestburygardens.org).
- Apr 29-30 **Spring Plant Sale and Gardening Weekend at Old Westbury Gardens**, 10am-7pm. For more information visit [www.oldwestburygardens.org](http://www.oldwestburygardens.org).
- Apr. 29-May1 **Antique Garden Furniture Show and Sale** at New York Botanical Gardens. For more information visit [www.nybg.org](http://www.nybg.org).
- Apr 30-May 1 **Arbor Day Family Festival 2011**, 10am to 5pm, Planting Fields Arboretum, Oyster Bay, NY. For more information visit [www.plantingfields.org](http://www.plantingfields.org).
- Apr. 30 **Old Westbury Gardens, Annual Taste of Spring Membership Cocktail Party**. Food & Wine Tasting, Raffle & Silent auction. For information please call 516-333-0048 ext. 309
- Apr 30 **12th Annual Wildflower and Native Plant Sale**, Rain or Shine. Open to the Public. Admission Free. Park in Lot #1 at Westchester Community College (Valhalla). For more information visit [www.thenativeplantcenter.org](http://www.thenativeplantcenter.org).

### May 2011

- May 1 **Walks in the Woods: Red Spring Woods**, Glen Cove, 10am. Soil and plant expert Richard Weir will guide us through this delightful forested gem. Space is limited; registration is recommended. To register and for directions please contact North Shore Land Alliance at 516-626-0908 or [andrea@northshorelandalliance.org](mailto:andrea@northshorelandalliance.org).
- May 5-7 **Clark Botanic Garden Plant Sale**, 10am-4pm, Clark Botanic Garden, 193 IU Willets Rd., Albertson. For more information visit [www.clarkbotanicgarden.org](http://www.clarkbotanicgarden.org).
- May 5-15 **NYC Wild Flower Week**. Visit [www.nycwildflowerweek.org](http://www.nycwildflowerweek.org) for more information.
- May 7-8 / 14-15 **Azalea Garden Grand Opening**, The Azalea Garden, New York Botanical Gardens. For more information visit [www.nybg.org](http://www.nybg.org).
- May 14 **Walks in the Woods: Shu Swamp and Upper Francis Pond**, Mill Neck, 8am. Huntington-Oyster Bay Audubon Society's John Turner and Stella Miller will lead us through these treasured preserves on a search for Spring migrating birds and ephemeral plants. Space is limited; registration is recommended. To register and for directions please contact North Shore Land Alliance at 516-626-0908 or [andrea@northshorelandalliance.org](mailto:andrea@northshorelandalliance.org).
- May 18 **Cranberry Lake Preserve**, 10am-12pm. Curator Taro Ietaka will lead a two-mile hike through a rich fen, a sandy meadow, and an upland forest. Registration required. Registration Deadline: Monday, May 9. For more information go to [www.nativeplantcenter.org](http://www.nativeplantcenter.org).
- May 22 **Monthly Meeting, May Flower Show**, 2pm, American Rhododendron Society, NY Chapter Conference Ctr., Planting Fields Arboretum, Oyster Bay, NY
- May 22 **Monthly Meeting**, North American Rock Garden Society-Long Island Chapter, 2pm, Greenhouse Classroom at Planting Fields Arboretum.

*Local plant societies and public gardens are invited to send information on upcoming events and programs of horticultural interest to the Gazette's newsletter editor, Sylvia Cordero-Skidmore, at least two months in advance. Contact info: [newsletter@lihort.org](mailto:newsletter@lihort.org) or 25 Greenvale Lane, Levittown, NY 11756. (No phone calls please.)*



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🌸 *LIHS is now on FACEBOOK! Come check us out!!!* 🌸

## President's Message

It was brought to my attention that **Phyllis Richards** had started our website and then **Barbara Elish** took over afterwards. My apologies to Phyllis for not giving her credit for starting the website.

Just to remind everyone that the **Plant Sale** will be on our May 15th meeting at the Conference Center. Also our next meeting on April 17th will be at the Conference Center. We also have a problem with our September 18th meeting and will be moving it to September 11th or 25th. I will keep you posted on the change.

At our last meeting, we were fortunate to have **Rich Blohm**, Master Beekeeper, give us a lecture about the habits of bees. I thought he was very informative and we learned a

lot of unique things about bees. We would like to have him back again and give a longer question and answer time.

Our next speaker was **Fred Soviero** from Hofstra. He is very involved with Gold Medal Plants selections. Listening to his lecture you can tell what an expert he is. I am going to try to arrange a tour of Hofstra with Fred. As soon as I can get a date with Fred, I will post it in the newsletter and on our website.

I just received my copy of Wayside Gardens and I can't believe all of the new selections. Some of my favorites are *Ginkgo biloba* 'Goldspire', *Hydrangea arborescens* 'Bella Anna', a reblooming pink Annabelle, and *Hosta* 'Dancing Queen'. Spring is here and it's time to spend some money.

Bruce



**Members receive a 10% discount** at Main Street Nursery, 475 W. Main St., Huntington (631-549-4515). Just show your LIHS membership card.



**Remember to bring can tabs. The collection box can be found by the entry at every meeting!**

*One of the most delightful things about a garden is the anticipation it provides. ~W.E. Johns*