

The Gardeners Gazette

THIS MEETING

DATE: **Sunday, Feb. 13**
Please bring canned goods & nonperishable items

PLACE: **The Hay Barn, Planting Fields Arboretum**
(Driving directions are on the website under the "Programs" menu.)

TIME: 1:00 pm
SPEAKER: **Bob BonGiorno**, Proprietor, Suburban Water Gardens
TOPIC: **Water Gardens**



TIME: 2:00 pm, Business Meeting & Main Program
SPEAKER: **Carolyn Summers**, Author and Landscape Designer
TOPIC: **Designing Your Garden with Northeastern Flora**

1:00 PROGRAM: Bob BonGiorno has been in the landscape design & build business with his wife Lorraine since 1961, installing natural ponds and waterfalls in most landscapes. Koi ponds are his passion and he maintains a collection of 25,000+ water plants. He is the owner of Suburban Water Gardens, Inc. Come learn about water gardens and what is needed to begin and maintain these beautiful landscapes.

2:00 PROGRAM: Carolyn will briefly review the many ways native plants form the basis of a healthy, sustainable landscape. She will then describe striking design alternatives that use native plants to replace commonly used invasive exotics. Underutilized and uncommon species and varieties of native plants will be highlighted.

NEXT MEETING: Sunday, March 20, *The Hay Barn*, Planting Fields Arboretum
1:00 pm: Fred Soviero: Projects & Plants, New and Noteworthy
2:00 pm: Melanie Vassalio: Perennials for Long Island



**Congratulations
to the Winners of the
2010 Horticultural Competition**

1st Place **Filomena Salamone**
2nd Place **Judy Basse**
3rd Place **Barbara Levine**



Competition Clerk Marge Manly, Filomena Salamone, Judy Basse, Barbara Levine, and Lynn Thomson

◆◆◆ Please renew your membership for 2011 ◆◆◆

Editor's Corner

This is it – my last month as newsletter editor and just in the nick of time. My computer has been acting up and the warranty ends next month. Time to back up my hard drive and head over to the Apple store. But all is well because the *Gardeners Gazette* is in good hands. Sylvia Cordero-Skidmore is taking over! Please keep sending articles and photos to newsletter@lihort.org and they will be directed to her.

Can't believe I've been editing the newsletter for over 3 years. It's been fun. Thanks to everyone for sending in articles and pictures. A special thanks to **Barbara Elish** for all her help.

See you at the March meeting. I'll still have my camera in my pocket so be sure and look your Sunday best!

Vicki

**The deadline for the
March issue
is February 9th.**

Please welcome these new members at future meetings:

Jeanne Cunnillera,
Morristown, NJ
Bob & Diane Veit, E. Northport
Dolly Dahringer, Locust Valley

Renew Your Membership for 2011

At \$25 dollars per family or individual per calendar year, it's still the best bargain around.

Use the coupon on page 5 or fill out one at the meeting. You can bring your dues check to our monthly meeting or mail it to **Don Houser**, LIHS Membership Secretary, 386 Grand Blvd., Massapequa Park, NY 11762. Please make check payable to LIHS.

IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER

check our website
for cancellations.

Upcoming LIHS Trips

Trip to Philadelphia Gardens Tuesday, June 14 -15, 2011

Our trip will include some wonderful private as well as outstanding public gardens. After speaking at LIHS, Stephanie Cohen, renowned garden writer, graciously offered to open her garden to us. We will also visit the Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College, Jenkins Arboretum, and Bryn Athyn Cathedral. We overnight at Philadelphia's Radnor Hotel, which has hosted both President Bush and President Obama.

On our return trip we stop at Meadowbrook Farm and Greenhouse. After a tour of the house and private gardens we will have time to visit the beautiful display gardens and shop for annuals, perennials, and garden accessories. There will be room in and under the bus for your purchases.

The luxury coach with a bathroom will leave from LIE Exit 49 Huntington "Park and Ride" promptly at 7:15 am and LIE Exit 36 Christopher Morley Park, Manhasset promptly at 8:00 am Tuesday, June 14th and return Wednesday evening, June 15th.

The trip cost is approximately \$325. This covers transportation, hotel, breakfast buffet at hotel, box lunch from Panera, a luncheon, and all fees for garden admissions, guided tours, and gratuities. Tuesday's dinner and Wednesday's bus stop supper are on your own.

If you would like to join us, please send a deposit of \$50 payable to LIHS to Anne Mehlinger, 36 Frankel Rd., Massapequa, NY 11758. Trip will be limited to the first 35 members who send in their deposits. Balance is due April 10th, 2011. Questions: Contact Anne at 516-798-1412 or annm36@gmail.com.

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SCOTTISH GARDENS TOUR SOLD OUT

Space on the LIHS spring garden tour of the Scottish Highlands, May 5-14, 2011, has been completely sold out, but names are still being taken for a waiting list. The cost for the land portion of the trip, \$1775, includes a twin room for eight nights, all meals (except one), tour leader, admission fees, all ground transportation in the UK, taxes, and gratuities. Participants make their own air travel arrangements. *If you would like to add your name to the waiting list, call **Barbara Loechner** at 516-735-8465, or email her at gardenbee@verizon.net.*

HOSPITALITY TIDBITS

Thanks to all who brought snacks & signed **The Cookie List: Angelika Swantek, Anne Schnarwyler, Brita & Lou Okin, Regina Conlon, Gerry Conway, Roswitha Friend, Toni & Stuart Germaine, Judy Basse, Marcy Meyer, Shani C. Frank, Priscilla Baur Schmidt, Barbara Levine, Dorothy Titus, Dolly Dahringer, Louise Danetra, Fay Paquette, Gerry Bressel, Jennifer Cappello-Ruggiero, and Harriet Berke.**

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

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

Thank you to all the contributors at the January meeting: **Fay Paquette, Barbara Loechner, Kunz Greenhouse, Judy Basse, Roswitha Friend, Joan McGillicuddy, and Gerry Bressel.**

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

President's Message

It was nice to begin the holidays singing the twelve days of Christmas led by **Irene Virag**. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year. It looks like the economy might get a little bit better this year.

Thanks to **Richard Weir** for making the grog at our December meeting. A lot of effort goes into making this special brew. I know that he started making it at 10:30 and finished about 1:00. We are lucky to have Richard as a member of the Hort club.

I was thinking as I watched the snow falling that in about eight weeks is the Hicks Flower Show. I am trying to find out if they are allowing the clubs to set up during the show. They always have great speakers during the two weeks of the show and I advise you to attend some of the lectures. Thinking about the show gives me hope that we will be gardening soon.

You can check out our list of speakers for 2011 on page 4. **Lou Okin** and **Anne Schnarwyler** have done a great job with the speaker lineup for this year. As a member, if you see a particular subject that neighbors or friends would be interested in, please bring them to a meeting and maybe they will join our society. We don't have the shows that we used to have to recruit members so it is important that we all try to recruit new members.

Because of the nasty weather we are having this winter I would like to remind everyone to check our website, www.lihort.org, if the weather is bad to make sure we haven't canceled the meeting. I would like to suggest that we have all our winter meetings in the Bahamas.

Bruce

Why Plant Herbs?

Herbs have been popular since the Middle Ages. How many of you can still hum along with the lyrics of the Simon and Garfunkel song *Scarborough Fair*, "parsley, sage, rosemary, and thyme"? Each of those herbs was spelling out information in the song. The list of meanings ascribed to each herb is impressive, with many hidden messages attributed to them. For instance when spoken together in a chant "parsley, sage, rosemary, and thyme" can be a love charm. However, their symbolic meanings are no longer the major reason that herbs remain fashionable because, even though many of us know that rosemary is the herb signifying "remembrance," we no longer know the symbolism of each herb. However, their continued popularity is not hard to explain because herbs assail all of our senses: sight, smell, touch, taste, and hearing.

As I peruse the catalogs and plan my garden each year, I consider not only what will look good but what plants will feel good to touch, taste, and perfume the air. Run your fingers through the tops of feathery fennel just once and you will be hooked by the soft tactile experience. Surprisingly, herbs also sound good. Yes, sound good. Herbs bring bees and hummingbirds to your garden. The drone of the bees and the fluttering of hummingbird wings are very relaxing on a summer day.

Herbs add color, shape, and texture to your backyard canvas. They bring caterpillars in the spring with butterflies following from their cocoons. Although I seldom use dill in my kitchen, I always plant it for the Swallowtail butterflies to enjoy so I can take pleasure in their beauty as they flit through the other plants and flowers.

There are many uses of herbs: medicinal, craft, cosmetic, and ornamental. Personally, I utilize my garden herbs mainly for use in my kitchen. I cannot resist picking a leaf of basil or lemon verbena and tasting it nor can I resist the fragrance of rosemary as I brush against it. Herbs make recipes sparkle but that is a topic for another time.

Herbs do not have to be planted all together in one place in your garden; most do very well planted in your perennial borders. Their needs are basic: good soil, good drainage, sun, and water. Unfortunately, many herbs, such as parsley, dill, and basil are annuals and will need to be replanted each year. There are many perennials that will do well without special care such as fennel, thyme, rosemary, and oregano.

Having herbs in the garden is practical but is also a very sensual experience. Herbs go beyond the sense of sight or smell to the other senses. Try it. Enjoy yourself.

-- Josephine Borut, LIHS member

"The flowers of late winter and early spring occupy places in our hearts well out of proportion to their size."

- Gertrude S. Wister

Long Island Horticultural Society

2011 MEETING SCHEDULE

DATE	SPEAKER	TOPIC
Sunday, January 16		
1:00 pm	Alice Marcus Kreig and Carmen Devito , of the Radio program "We Dig Plants."	How New York City Grows
2:00 pm	Steve Silk , Author, Photographer	Garden Partners: Using Shape & Color to Create Pleasing Combinations
Sunday, February 13		
1:00 pm	Bob BonGiorno , Suburban Water Gardens	Water Gardens
2:00 pm	Carolyn Summers , Author, Landscape designer	Designing Your Garden with Northeastern Flora
Sunday, March 20		
1:00 pm	Fred Soviero , Director of Horticulture at Hofstra	Woody Plants
2:00 pm	Melanie Vassalio , Lecturer, Owner of Old Country Gardens	Perennials for Long Island
Sunday, April 17		
1:00 pm	Hal Mahoney	Bonsai
2:00 pm	Andi Pettis , Gardener	Manhattan's High Line Park
Sunday, May 15		
1:00 pm	Bill Barash , Horticulturist, Planting Fields	Tour of the Synoptic Garden
2:00 pm	Vinnie Simeone , Director of Horticulture, Planting Fields Arboretum	Tokyo to Kyoto: Great Gardens of Japan
Sunday, June 12		
1:00 pm	SPRING PLANT SALE	NO LECTURE
2:00 pm	Denise Adams , Author, Lecturer	A History of Horticulture as Seen through Antique Seed Catalogues
No Meetings in July and August		
Sunday, September 18		
1:00 pm	John Capobinaco , Suburban Water Gardens	Exhibition Chrysanthemums
2:00 pm	Todd Forrest , VP of Horticulture, NYBG	Restoring the Historic Landscape of New York Botanical Garden
Sunday, October 16		
1:00 pm	Rick Bogus , Bridge Gardens	Topiary
2:00 pm	Christine Doctor , The Plant Doctor	Four Season Gardening
Sunday, November 20		
1:00 pm	Millie Hendricks	Wonders of Her Garden
2:00 pm	Jonathon Lehrer , Professor of Ornamental Horticulture, Farmingdale State College	Long Island Gold Medal Plants
Sunday, December 18		
1:00 pm	TBA	TBA
2:00 pm	David Daehnke , Lecturer	Ornamental Grasses: Adding Sound and Motion to Your Garden

All meetings are held at the Planting Fields Arboretum, Oyster Bay.

Dates and speakers are subject to change in the event of unavoidable circumstances.

In case of inclement weather LIHS, will post any monthly meeting cancellations on the LIHS website.

All programs arranged by **Lou Okin** and **Anne Schnarwyler**.

Visit www.lihort.org for the latest news of meetings and other LIHS activities.

Horticultural Competition

Results from the January meeting:

First Place:	Arisaema sikokianum (Jack-in-the-Pulpit)	Judy Basse
	Coleus	Barbara Levine
	Begonia flower in a miniature vase	Filomena Salamone
	Dried Chinese maple, crape myrtle, and others in a candle holder	Filomena Salamone
	Rosemary and thyme in a miniature milk container	Filomena Salamone
Second Place:	Iris 'Ocean Pacific' Reblooming 10/07	Judy Basse

Thank you to the judges: **Laurie Raisher, Millie Hendricks, and Sally Lauve**
and to the Competition Clerk, **Marge Manly**.

*** * * EXHIBITORS' REMINDER * * ***

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

All entries must be presented by 1:45 pm to be judged. Remember, no more than three entrees 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.

MEMBERSHIP COUPON

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

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GARDENERS' CALENDAR

The Martin Viette Winter Lecture Series. All lectures (except for Feb. 26th & 27th, and Apr. 2nd) are offered at 11am, and again at 1pm. Please call Martin Viette, 516-922-5530, to register.

- Feb. 5 Secrets from a Master Orchid Grower -- Bill Bianchi, Bianchi, Davis Greenhouses
- Feb. 12 Seed Starting 101 -- Mary Catherine Schaefer Gutmann, Ireland Gannon Associates
- Feb. 19 Landscaping for Curb Appeal! -- Ireland Gannon Associates
- Feb. 26 Houseplant Festival: Flowering Houseplants for the Home; Foliage plants for the Home; ABC's of Houseplant Care -- repotting, fertilizing, problems; Q & A! 11am to 3pm.
- Feb. 27 (Sunday) Terrarium Workshop (fee-based), 1pm -- Lauren Tota, Martin Viette Nurseries
- Mar. 5 Planting & Maintaining Trees & Shrubs -- Richard Weir, III, Horticultural Solutions
- Mar. 12 Growing Camellias on Long Island -- Vincent Simeone, Director of Planting Fields Arboretum State Historic Park
- Mar. 19 Cool, New Plants for 2011 -- Richard Abate, CNLP, Martin Viette Nurseries
- Mar. 26 Herb Gardening -- Colette Mealy Wampole, President, Long Island Herb Association
- Apr. 2 Organic Gardening Symposium, 11am to 4pm
- Apr. 9 Growing Fruits on LI -- Don Ward, III, Eastern Shore Nursery

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, Vicki Sommer, at least two months in advance. Contact info: newsletter@lihort.org or 1836 Willis Ave, Merrick, NY 11566. (No phone calls please.)

For up-to-date news of LIHS meetings, activities, trips, etc., check our website: www.lihort.org.

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

