

# THE GARDENERS' GAZETTE

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## NEXT MEETING

DATE: **Sunday, December 18**  
**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: **TBA**

TIME: 2:00 pm, Business Meeting & Main Program

SPEAKER: **David Daehnke, Lecturer**

TOPIC: **Ornamental Grasses: Adding Sound and Motion to Your Garden**



**1:00 PROGRAM:** TBA

**2:00 PROGRAM:** David Daehnke has been an executive director of three public gardens in New Jersey. He now has his own radio show "The Garden Guru" on 1500 AM and is also heard monthly on Martha Stewart's Sirius radio program. This lecture will describe the best cultivars and methods to use in incorporating ornamental grasses into your landscape. Motion and sound being some of the bonuses.

NEXT MEETING: Sunday, January 29, **The Hay Barn**, Planting Fields Arboretum  
1:00 pm: TBA  
2:00 pm: Stephanie Gaylor: Seed Saving

## 'TIS THE SEASON . . .

**IT'S TIME TO RENEW your LIHS membership for 2012.** At \$25 per individual or family, it is the best bargain around. Please use the form in the newsletter or fill out one at the meeting. And while you are at it, give a gift of membership to friends, relatives or neighbors who enjoy gardening and would like to learn more about it. It's the gift that keeps on giving. **Laura Weill**, our Membership Secretary, will happily accept your renewals (and gift memberships) at the meetings. You can also mail it to her at 9 Ryan Street, Syosset, NY 11791. Please make check payable to LIHS. For those renewing by mail, membership cards will be available for pick-up at the January and February 2012 meetings. Any cards not picked up at those meetings will then be mailed out.

Each year, LIHS membership brings you ten meetings that include informative education programs packed with knowledge and inspiration, followed by a hospitality hour. Almost every meeting includes a Horticultural Competition, a raffle, our spring plant sale, and refreshments. We also offer you 11 issues of our monthly newsletter to keep you up to date with LIHS activities and horticultural news, and discounts to select nurseries. In addition, there are trips to local private and public gardens and well-regarded nurseries, and on occasional, national and international trips to famous garden locales.

Best of all, there is the warm fellowship of those who are passionate about plants and gardening. But you already know that! So spread the cheer, give

the gift of gardening this year and remember to renew your membership too.



**The deadline for the December issue is December 21th.**



**LET'S ALL MEET AT THE HAYBARN!**

Starting in December our meetings will be held at The Hay Barn. The building is located right next to the parking lot we are currently using. If you end up in front of The Conference Center there will be signs point you in the right direction.

## THE GARDEN LIBRARY AT PLANTING FIELDS

### Regular Hours

Tuesday: 10:30am - 4:00pm

Wednesday: 9:30am - 4:00pm

### Holiday Closures

Wed., Dec. 21 - 9:30am - 12:30pm

We will reopen January 10, 2012.

We will answer questions by phone during Library hours (516) 922-8631 and by email at [pfalib@prodigy.net](mailto:pfalib@prodigy.net). For the Library catalog go to [www.libraryworld.com/opac](http://www.libraryworld.com/opac). Enter Garden Library.

Happy Holidays!

~ Rosemarie Papayanopulos

Please welcome these new members at future meetings:

**Mindy Norman**  
Roslyn, NY

**Linda Fleigner**  
Rockville Center, NY

**Terese Cavanagh**  
Port Washington, NY

### IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER

check our website  
for cancellations.

### 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!

For up-to-date news of LIHS meetings, activities, trips, etc., check our website: [www.lihort.org](http://www.lihort.org).

If you have any suggestions or comments contact **Anne Schnarwyler**: [webmaster@lihort.org](mailto:webmaster@lihort.org).

## Upcoming LIHS Trips

### LIHS 2012 U.K. GARDEN TOUR

The *THE GARDENS OF SOUTHWEST ENGLAND* will take place May 25-June 2, 2012. The itinerary will include a variety of gardens, public and private, grand and modest, but always beautiful. At several of the gardens, members will also enjoy a tour of the house. And, there is sure to be a bit of shopping, sight-seeing and afternoon tea as well. The price for this 8-night tour is \$1,850, which includes a twin room, all meals, tour leader, entry fees, UK ground transportation, taxes and gratuities. Airfare is not included. Group limited to 26 people. To check availability, contact **Barbara Loechner** at [gardenbee@verizon.net](mailto:gardenbee@verizon.net) or 516-735-8465.

### HOSPITALITY TIDBITS

Thanks to all who brought snacks & signed **The Cookie List**: **Angelika Swantek, Judy Basse, Phyllis Richards, Gerry Bressel, Barbara Levine, Anne Schnarwyler, Laura Weill, Kathy Gaffney, Dorothy Titus, Toni & Stuart Germain, Carolyn Bantz, Louise Danetra, Chris Douglas, Shani C. Frank, Carolyn Do, Barbara Levine, Eileen Anders.**

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 November meeting. Label all plants clearly and make sure all specimens are disease- and pest-free.

Thank you to all the contributors at the November meeting: **Laura Weill, Judy Basse, Rosemarie Papayanopulos, Toni & Stuart Germain, Harriet Berke, Lita Sollisch, Gerry Bressel, Carolyn Hannan, Regina Watkins, Audrey Rydzewski, Leslie Lahr, Sylvia Cordero-Skidmore, Carol Samuels, Dorothy Titus, Connie Tan, Mary Jane Behrenfeld, Wilma Wasner.**

## BRUCE'S FAVORITE DAYLILIES

FROM ONE OF THIS  
SUMMER'S GARDEN  
TOURS



Photos taken by Bruce Hambrecht  
LIHS President



## *Horticultural Competition*

Results from the November meeting:

**First Place:** Home grown vegetables - Hot Peppers  
 Arrangement of Pink Roses, Oak Leaf Hydrangea & Grass  
*Schlumbergera truncata* (aka Zygocactus truncatus)  
 Dried arrangement of Sugar Pumpkin  
 Photo: Rosa 'Penny Lane' Large Climbing

**Carol Samuels**  
**Barbara Levine**  
**Arlene Skar**  
**Filomena Salamone**  
**Josephine Borut**

**Second Place:** Photo: Dahlia Singles at Planting Fields

**Ed Kenny**

**Third Place:** Arrangement of Knockout Rose Double Pink &  
 Shrub Rose Pink

**Harriet Berke**



Thank you to the judges: **Judy Basse, Harriet Kozin, Sylvia Cordero-Skidmore**  
 and to the Competition Clerk, **Margery 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. Thank you.

*All entries must be presented by **12:45 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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### LIHS MEMBERSHIP COUPON

New     Renew my/our membership @ \$25     Gift \_\_\_\_ # of gift membership(s) @ \$25 each (Attach separate sheet if necessary).

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

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

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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**MAIL TO: Laura Weill, LIHS Membership Secretary, 9 Ryan Street, Syosset, NY 11791**  
 or bring to next meeting. Please make check payable to LIHS.

Please check if you **NO LONGER** wish to receive the newsletter in the mail.

## MY FAVORITE ROSE



People have often asked me “what is your favorite rose?” That is a very difficult question to answer, not only because I love them all but it is difficult to know where to begin. Well, let’s start with the different kinds of “favorites.”. There is my favorite fragrant rose: ‘Souvenir du President Lincoln’. Then

there is my favorite climbing rose: ‘Don Juan’ which has a wonderful form and deep rich red color. But what about my favorite unusual color rose: ‘The Impressionist’ which starts as a yellow bloom and then has touches of orange and red. My favorite most delicate rose: ‘Matilda’ aka Charles Aznavour which has white flowers that almost look like silk. And don’t forget my favorite largest flowering rose: ‘Miss All American Beauty’ with blooms 6” across. And of course I can’t forget the rose that won a trophy in my first rose show: Zephirine Drouhin, which is a pink Bourbon rose.

In the end, I must chose emotionally and pick a rose that I planted in 1975 when my son was just two years old: ‘Queen Elizabeth’ a pink Grandiflora.

It has been flowering in my garden for 35 years now. For many years it received no special treatment, no fertilizer or manure, no chemical sprays, and not even regular watering. I planted it in the sun, but it is now in the shade of maple trees whose roots compete for water and nutrients yet ‘Queen Elizabeth’ continues to flower and it repeats with a second bloom as well. I would most certainly call that a hardy rose worth growing and a rose worth choosing as ‘my favorite rose’.

~ submitted by Josephine Borut



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## IN THE WINTER ~ by Oscar Sitwell (1892-1969)

### UMBERTO

Always worked hard –  
But unfortunately, the harder he worked,  
The fewer flowers grew.  
For though his warm and vivid gift of life  
Communicated itself to his own kind  
It never prospered  
Green things growing.  
So today, as yesterday, and every day  
This impressive Zeus  
Fumbled and jumbled for hours among the flower-beds  
Tying to stakes, and thereby breaking the necks of,  
The few heavy-headed blooms,  
Monsters in a delicate winter,  
Leafy anomalies half-way to everlasting flowers,  
With their dry crinkling rattle,  
Or fashioned seemingly of creased velvet  
And coloured out of the same palette as  
A turkey’s hanging chins –  
But in the damp umbrageous confines of the garden,  
Where the ferns grew and the violets,  
In a mossy stone vase  
On the top of a tall stone fountain,  
Safely out of Umberto’s reach,  
Arum lilies flowered with magnificent impunity.



## L.I. GOLD MEDAL PLANTS

Here is a list of some Long Island Gold Medal Plants **Dr. Jonathan Lehrer** spoke about at the November meeting. For more information visit the Cornell Cooperative Extension website (see bottom of pg. 5).

### SHRUBS

*Abelia grandiflora* ‘Rose Creek’  
(Rose Creek Glossy Abelia)  
*Cephalotaxus harrington* ‘Duke Gardens’  
(Duke Gardens Plum Yew)  
*Cornus mas* ‘Golden Glory’  
(Golden Glory Corneliancherry Dogwood)  
*Microbiota decussata*  
(Russian Arborvitae)

### PERENNIALS

*Carex* ‘Ice Dance’  
(Ice Dance Japanese Sedge)  
*Heuchera villosa* ‘Autumn Bride’  
(Autumn Bride Alumroot)  
*Panicum virgatum* ‘Heavy Metal’  
(Heavy Metal Switchgrass)

### VINES

*Hydrangea anomala* subsp. *petiolaris*  
(Climbing Hydrangea)

### GROUNDCOVER

*Epimedium x perralchicum* ‘Frohnleiten’  
(Frohnleiten Barrenwort)

## GARDENERS' CALENDAR

### December 2011

- 5 **Mid Island Dahlia Society Monthly Meeting**, 7pm. - How to store dahlias over winter, 8pm - Making winning dahlia arrangements. Church of the Advent, 555 Advent St., Westbury. Call 516-791-6894 or visit [midislanddahlia.com](http://midislanddahlia.com).
- 9 **L.I. Rose Society Monthly Meeting**, 7pm. Plainview/Old Bethpage Library, 999 Old Country Road, Plainview, NY. For further information go to [www.longislandroses.org](http://www.longislandroses.org) or contact Mary Jane Lee at 516-627-6382.
- 12 **L.I. Bonsai Society Holiday Party/Auction**, 7:30pm - Main Greenhouse classroom, Planting Fields Arboretum, Oyster Bay. Call 516-922-9210 or visit [www.longislandbonsai.org](http://www.longislandbonsai.org) for more information.
- 15 **L.I. Dahlia Society Annual Holiday Party & Monthly Meeting**, 7pm. Carriage House, Bayard Cutting Arboretum, 440 Montauk Hwy., Great River. For more information visit [www.longislanddahlia.com](http://www.longislanddahlia.com).
- 19 **L.I. Cactus & Succulent Society Monthly Meeting**, 7:30pm. Kellenberg Memorial High School, 1400 Glenn Curtis Blvd., Uniondale, NY.

### January 2012

- 2 **Mid Island Dahlia Society Monthly Meeting**, 7pm. Church of the Advent, 555 Advent St., Westbury. Call 516-791-6894 or visit [midislanddahlia.com](http://midislanddahlia.com).
- 8 **American Rhododendron Society Monthly Meeting**, 2pm - Speaker, Jim Frye, Main Greenhouse classroom, Planting Fields Arboretum, Oyster Bay. For more information visit [www.nyrhododendron.org](http://www.nyrhododendron.org).
- 9 **L.I. Bonsai Society Monthly Meeting**, 7:30pm - Topic: Junipers, Vinnie Russo, Main Greenhouse classroom, Planting Fields Arboretum, Oyster Bay. Call 516-922-9210 or visit [www.longislandbonsai.org](http://www.longislandbonsai.org) for more information.
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- 22 **North American Rock Garden Society - L.I. Chapter Monthly Meeting**, Main Greenhouse, Planting Fields Arboretum, Oyster Bay.

### Events at New York Botanical Garden:

**Nov 19, 2011-Jan 16, 2012 - Holiday Train Show.** Within the enchanting setting of the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, model trains zip over bridges and past replicas of new York landmarks made of plant parts such as nuts, bark, and leaves. Show favorites include the original Yankee Stadium, Statue of Liberty and the Brooklyn Bridge. This year visitors will get an insider's look at how the replicas are constructed. For more information visit [www.nybg.org](http://www.nybg.org).

*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.)*

## LIHS ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY & MONTHLY MEETING

LIHS's December meeting is our end of the season Holiday Party. **Irene Virag** will be leading us in singing a very appropriate version of her "Gardener's Twelve Days of Christmas", sung to the tune of the traditional "Twelve Days of Christmas" and **Richard Weir**, LIHS honorary lifetime member, will provide his special hot mulled cider,

making our refreshment hour even more festive than usual. Come one, come all and lift your voices in song, partake in what has become a very merry holiday tradition . . . a bit of **Richard Weir's** special hot mulled cider and join the fun with other garden lovers!

If you wish to get the catalog **Millie Hendrick's** mentioned at the November meeting:  
Prairie Moon Nursery - Native Seeds and Plants for Prairie, Wetland, Savanna and Woodland  
32115 Prairie Lane / Winona, MN 55987  
Toll Free: (866) 417-8156 / Fax: (507) 454-5238  
Email: [info@prairiemoon.com](mailto:info@prairiemoon.com) / Website: [www.prairiemoon.com](http://www.prairiemoon.com)



For a list of native and non-invasive garden plants as well as a list of Long Island Gold Medal Plants, see the following Cornell Cooperative Extension website: <http://ccesuffolk.org/nursery-and-landscape-current-projects/>.



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🌸 *LIHS is now on FACEBOOK!* 🌸

## President's Message

Anyone that was at our last meeting in November were entertained by the home movies that **Millie Hendrick's** showed us. The things that go on in our backyards that we don't see are amazing. She has the patience to sit and observe nature. It is always special to see what Millie has captured on film.

Our next speaker **Dr. Jonathan Lehrer** presented the Gold Medal Plants that have been analyzed by the professionals as to their ability to grow in our environment. You can go to the Cornell website to download a list of these

plants. We are very lucky to have Farmingdale college on Long Island and I think more people should take advantage of the courses that they offer.

Our next meeting is the last one for the year. Where did the year go. I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Our next meeting will be at the Hay Barn not the Conference Center. We are working on a great speaker list for the 2012 Schedule. This will be my last year as president so I would like to make it special.

Have a happy holiday season!

Bruce



**Members receive a 10% discount** at Main Street Nursery, 475 W. Main St., Huntington (631-549-4515) and at Oakwood Road Nursery Ltd., Huntington (631-673-0555). Just show your LIHS membership card.



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

*I prefer winter and fall, when you feel the bone structure of the landscape - the loneliness of it, the dead feeling of winter. Something waits beneath it, the whole story doesn't show. ~ Andrew Wyeth*