

# THE GARDENERS' GAZETTE

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## NEXT MEETING

- DATE: **Sunday, September 25**  
**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: **John Capobinaco**, Suburban Water Gardens
- TOPIC: **Exhibition Chrysanthemums**
- TIME: 2:00 pm, Business Meeting & Main Program
- SPEAKER: **Todd Forest**, VP of Horticulture, New York Botanical Garden
- TOPIC: **Restoring the Historic Landscape of New York Botanical Garden**



## HOSPITALITY TIDBITS

Thanks to all who brought snacks & signed **The Cookie List**: **Eileen Anders, Chris Douglas, Regina Anders, Dorothy Titus, Muriel Drew, Rosemarie Papayanopulos, Fay Paquette, Louise Danetra.**

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

**The deadline for the September issue is August 20th.**

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

Thank you to all the contributors at the June meeting: **Willie Hendricks, Rosemarie Papayanopulos, Yen Ming Mung, Carol McCurnin, Mary Ellen Ryan, Russ Gorog, Audrey Ryzewski, Rosewitha Friend, Phyllis Richards, Judy Basse, Francesca Carbone.**

## Congratulations Emily Tinalli 2011 Scholarship Winner



*Laura Weill, Scholarship Chairperson presents the scholarship to Emily Tinalli*

At our June 12th meeting, Emily Tinalli was awarded a \$2000 scholarship to continue pursuing her study of Ornamental Horticulture at Farmingdale State College.

**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)**.



It's never too early to plan for 2012. We are always looking for new speakers. If you have any suggestions contact **Lou Okin** at [lou@lihort.org](mailto:lou@lihort.org). Please specify that you and/or someone whose opinion that you trust has heard this speaker before. Contact information of the speaker would be very helpful.



## WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Two positions are open — We are looking for two people to take over the recruiting of speakers for our meetings. Contact [webmaster@lihort.org](mailto:webmaster@lihort.org) if you are interested.

## MY RARE FIND ~ submitted by Barbara Levine, LIHS Member

Last June, I vacationed with my family on Monhegan, a small rocky island, ten miles from the nearest mainland and about a square mile in area. It is accessible only by boat and there are no cars or paved roads on the island. While taking a walk there, I noticed a charming house with a beautiful garden. Many people on the island fertilize their plants with seaweed so all the gardens seem spectacular to me. My eyes were drawn to a clump of tall, blue flower spikes. The flowers resembled monkshood, but I know that *Aconitum* blooms in the fall. Fortunately, the owner of the house was outside and I was able to inquire about this mysterious plant. She said it was Monhegan Monkshood. After I cried out that

I desperately needed that plant, she agreed to send me one when she separated them in the fall.

Fall finally arrived and so did my new special plant! I nurtured it over the winter with mulch and was delighted to see that it survived the harsh winter. On our recent LIHS trip to Pennsylvania I asked Stephanie Cohen about it, and she said that it is not available in the trade so I truly have a rare plant!

I am enjoying the bloom despite the fact that when I googled Monkshood, I found out that it is one of the most toxic plants known to man! <http://www.vincelewis.net/monkshood.html>

## LIHS TRIP TO GARDENS OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA



Stephanie Cohen leading LIHS members on a tour of her gardens



The Amphitheatre of Swarthmore College



Barbara Levine and other LIHS members listening to Inta Krumbolz speak about her creations



A sculpture by Inta Krumbolz outside her workshop

Just when you think you've seen it all, Anne Mehlinger put together a trip full of surprises. First, we visited the garden of Stephanie Cohen, who had entertained us with her humorous and informative presentation at the LIHS meeting last year. This time we got to see her completely organic two acre garden up close and personal. Stephanie was as humorous as ever in her descriptions of how her gardens grew. Some of our lucky travelers had won copies of her books during the bus ride and were able to get them autographed.

Our second private garden visit was to the home of the sculptor and horticulturist, Inta Krumbolz, whose amazing work has been seen in magazines such as "*Fine Gardening*." As I walked around this wondrous garden taking pictures at every turn, I could hear my

fellow travelers using the word "unbelievable" more often than I could count. Drifts of plants were complimented by Inta's colorful and unique sculptures made from salvaged metal.

Our next stop was the Jenkins Arboretum where Harold Sweetman, the resident executive Director served as our guide. He reminded us that the 65 sculptures, beautifully incorporated into the landscape, were available for sale, but many of us chose simply to purchase exemplary plants.

After a restful night at the Radnor Hotel, home of an award winning garden, we visited the Scott Arboretum at Swarthmore College. One of the unique features of this campus is the Arthur Hoyt Scott Amphitheater where commencement has been held since its dedication in the 1940s. Moving right

along, we visited the home and gardens of Charles Cresson at Hedgeleigh Spring. Who else would have a pomegranate tree blooming in his front yard?

That afternoon we arrived at Meadowbrook Farm, a bequest to PHS from J. Liddon Pennock Jr. After a tour of his lovely home and surrounding axial gardens, we shopped for some one-of-a-kind specimens at the attached nursery. Many of the plants forced for the Philadelphia Flower Show had their origins on this property.

All in all, it was a very edifying and fun trip. Thank you to Anne for putting it all together. Now, can you guess which site contained a deceased deciduous tree spray painted a bright red to stand out in the distant landscape?

~ submitted by Carolyn Bantz  
LIHS Corresponding Secretary

## Horticultural Competition

Results from the June meeting:

**First Place:** Carrot Flower  
Photo: Charlotte Rose  
Feverfew, Daylily & *Verbena bonariensis*

**Filomena Salamone**  
**Ed Kenny**  
**Barbara Levine**

**Second Place:** Crimson Sky, a large climbing

**Josephine Borut**

**Third Place:** Helleborus, Heritage Strain

**Josephine Borut**

Thank you to the judges: **Brita Okin, Muriel Drew, Sue Ditkowsky**  
and to the Competition Clerk, **Margery Manly.**



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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 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.

### Upcoming LIHS Trips

#### TRIP TO CALIFORNIA FOR THE TOURNAMENT OF ROSES

December 28th through January 3rd - 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 **Barbara Levine**, 22 Sugar Maple Drive, Roslyn, NY 11576. Any questions, please call me at 516-741-3386 or email barban22@optonline.net.

### MEMBERSHIP COUPON

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

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

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

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

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## HAGGIS, NEEPS AND TATTIS, AND GARDENS



Photos taken by Barbara Loechner



Eilean Donnan Castle



If you would like to see more photos of this trip, visit the LIHS website at [www.lihort.org](http://www.lihort.org).

The fourteen LIHS members who ventured to Scotland for the Gardens in the Scottish Highlands Tour began with a visit to Inveraray Castle, still the family home of the 27th Duke of Argyll. Due to an extensive tour of the castle, we were only able to “tour” the gardens from the many high windows of the castle. However, the sumptuous tapestries and many fascinating objects, such as the silver and gold galleons on the dining table, more than made up for it. My favorite room in the castle was the old kitchen with its many copper pots and pans all gleaming brightly.

From here we journeyed on to Glencoe, to the country house called Allshellach on Loch Leven. There we met the nine Scottish and English gardeners who were to join the tour, as well as our wonderful guide, Sheila Ripper, with whom we had traveled many times before. Although the week was to have a minimum of sun and a maximum of rain, we gardeners trooped on through ten gardens in all.

Spring had arrived early in the Scottish Highlands and we were to see the

most amazing display of rhododendrons (some over 30’ tall), azaleas, Chilean flame trees, Himalayan blue poppies and carpets of bluebells. We saw blooming handkerchief trees at Arduaine, a garden managed by the National Trust for Scotland, that also had three foot high jack-in-the-pulpits as well as magnolia trees in full bloom. In the Ardchattan Priory, originally founded by the Valliscaulian monks in 1230, we saw well kept herbaceous borders as well as a hothouse full of cacti and succulents. One of the best gardens was An Cala, where there were many garden rooms, a waterfall, a herd of sheep constructed from chicken wire, plus a Victorian summer house whose walls were studded with different types of pine cones arranged in lovely patterns. We had tea and cakes at Ardmaddy Castle, then saw plants arranged as a clock and plots containing a variety of vegetables. On Wednesday, our garden-free day, we visited another castle, the iconic Eilean Donan, with walls 14 feet thick, as well as hidden tunnels in the walls so that spies for the

family could overhear the guests dining at the banquet table.

In addition to the masses of colorful flowers, we also saw masses of sheep! Most Scottish sheep have black faces, and since it was spring, there were many baby lambs to admire as our bus rolled along. The highland cattle are reddish shaggy cows with long horns and are quite charming – at least from a distance. And we must not forget the many laddies in full Scottish dress – what DO they wear under their kilts? At our final night’s dinner, we were entertained by a bagpiper in full regalia and the menu offered traditional dishes such as haggis, venison and wild salmon.

Despite the weather, we all had a great time, and everyone came home with visions of steep mountains, flowing waterfalls, stunning lochs, and masses of bluebells as well as red, pink, orange, yellow, white and multi-colored rhododendrons. By the way, haggis tastes like spicy meatloaf, tatties are potatoes and neeps are rutabagas!!

~ submitted by Lois Weinstein  
LIHS Member

## GARDENERS' CALENDAR

### July 2011

- 8 **L.I. Rose Society Monthly Meeting**, 7pm, Program: Summer Care for your Roses. 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.
- 9 **Hal Mahoney Open House**, Bonsai, 10am-2pm. 336 West 15th Street, Deer Park, NY (at the corner of West 15th Street and West View Avenue off Deer Park Avenue).
- 9 **Martin Viette Summer Lecture**, "Heavenly Hydrangeas for Long Island Gardens", 11am, rain or shine. Martin Viette, 6050 Northern Blvd., East Norwich, NY 11732. Please call ahead to reserve a free seat under the big green tent - 516-922-5530.
- 10 **L.I. Daylily Society**, 1:30-4:30pm, "Eye on New York" A Daylily Show, Horticultural Center, Planting Fields Arboretum, Oyster Bay, NY
- 11 **L.I. Bonsai Society Monthly Meeting**, 7:30pm - TBA. 8pm - Pauline Muth, Larch: Care and Styling. Main Greenhouse classroom, Planting Fields Arboretum, Oyster Bay. Call 516-922-9210 or visit [www.longislandbonsai.org](http://www.longislandbonsai.org).
- 11 **Dahlia Club Class and Slide Show**, 7pm - Dahlia class. Bloom development, maintaining color and steps to create a show class flower. 8pm - Slide show of dahlias grown in Austria. Church of the Advent, 555 Advent St., Westbury. Free refreshments will be served. Call 516-791-6894 or visit [midislanddahlia.com](http://midislanddahlia.com) for details.
- 28 **Clark Sanctuary, Old Brookville**, 6pm. Naturalist Peter Warny will be speaking about who's living in the wetlands of this sublime preserve. To register and for directions please contact North Shore Land Alliance at 516-626-0908 or [andrea@northshorelandalliance.org](mailto:andrea@northshorelandalliance.org).

### August 2011

- 8 **L.I. Bonsai Society Monthly Meeting**, 7:30pm - TBA. 8pm - Marty Schmalenberg, Twin Trunk Bonsai. Main Greenhouse classroom, Planting Fields Arboretum, Oyster Bay. Call 516-922-9210 or visit [www.longislandbonsai.org](http://www.longislandbonsai.org).
- 20 **L.I. Daylily Society Daylily Sale & Clinic**, 11am-2pm, Roosevelt Hall Lawn, Farmingdale University, Route 110, Farmingdale.

May 21-August 21 - **New York Botanical Gardens Spanish Paradise: Gardens of the Alhambra**. The Enid A. Haupt Conservatory and New York Botanical Garden Grounds. Visit [www.nybg.org](http://www.nybg.org) for more information.

*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.)*



### TOMATO SURVEY

If you purchased tomatoes or peppers from me at the Plant Sale in May or if you got them from the Raffle Table in June, please give a comment on their performance in your garden. Email The Garden Library at [pfalib2@verizon.net](mailto:pfalib2@verizon.net) with your results. Alternately, you may mail a letter to: Rosemarie Papyanopulos, Librarian, The Garden Library, Planting Fields Arboretum, 1395 Planting Fields Road, Oyster Bay, NY 11771-1302.

#### TOMATOES

Big Mama (plum)  
(Heirloom)  
Carolina Gold  
Early Big Red (experimental)  
Italian Ice (white tomato)

Large fruit (from saved seed-heirloom)  
Medium fruit (from saved seed)  
Rutgers  
San Marzano (plum)  
Silver Fir Tree  
Small Salad (from saved seed)  
Sungold  
Yellow heirloom  
Other?

#### PEPPERS

Ancient Pepper (long, narrow, sweet)  
Black Pearl  
Bulgarian Carrot (hot)  
Cayenne (red pepper)  
(peppers are from saved seed)

*~ submitted by Rosemarie Papyanopulos, LIHS Member*

### Editor's Corner

Summer has arrived in all its glory! I have finally finished planting all of my annuals, our vegetable garden is beginning to overflow with swiss chard, broccoli and zucchini, and we just planted a new *Cercis canadensis* 'Forest Pansy' in our yard this past weekend. Today we're in the midst of a heat wave. I am making sure that I am drinking lots of water and not doing too much outdoors, unless it is very early in the morning or in the evening when the temperatures are cooler.

I want to thank **Barbara Loechner** and **Carolyn Bantz** for sharing the beautiful pictures of their trips that LIHS members went on this year. To see more pictures go to the LIHS website at [www.lihort.org](http://www.lihort.org).

*Sylvia*



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🌸 *LIHS is now on FACEBOOK!* 🌸

## President's Message

It is nice to finally welcome Spring with the terrible winter we had. I keep a picture on my desk to remind me of the 10-ft. snow drifts we had during the blizzard, that I had to dig through to get into my business. I also see winter as a blessing because it stops me from spending so much money on plants.

We have to move our meeting date in September to the 25th instead of the 18th. This could be a problem because we have no meeting until then. I have asked Sylvia to highlight the change in our next newsletter. We are going to send out emails to as many members as we have in our database. Please contact any member that you know and let them know about this date change.

At our June meeting our first speaker, **Denise Adams**, talked about the history of plants and the catalogues that

showcased these plants. Her book '*Restoring American Gardens*' is filled with the history of over 1000 plants. I cannot imagine the time that it took her to research all these plants. Very interesting reading if you are interested in how plants have evolved.

We were also fortunate to have past LIHS President **Bill Barash**, and **Dr. Kamhi** discussing the cultivation of herbs for medicinal use. She told us that if you eat the small leaves of poison ivy early in the season that you can build up an immunity to poison ivy. Bill says he has built up an immunity using this process, but so far I can't find anyone who wants to try this method to prove it.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer and have discovered many new plants that you are using in your landscape and can share with us at our next meeting.

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!**

*Out of gardens grow fleeting flowers but lasting friendships. ~Beverly Rose Hopper*