

THE GARDENERS' GAZETTE

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NEXT MEETING

DATE: **Sunday, October 16**
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: **Rick Bogusch**, Garden Manager at Bridge Gardens

TOPIC: **Bridge Gardens and Topiary**

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

SPEAKER: **Christine Doctor**, Professional Garden Design & Landscaper

TOPIC: **Four Season Gardening**



1:00 PROGRAM: Bridge Gardens, a unique public garden located in the heart of Bridgehampton, NY was founded in 1988 by Harry Neyens and Jim Kilpatrick. They designed and installed the gardens for the ensuing 20 years and created an oasis that covers five acres and includes many specimens of trees, hedgerow, flowers and herbs. In 2008, Bridge Gardens was donated to the Peconic Land Trust. **Rick Bogusch**, who worked alongside with Neyens and Kilpatrick before they left the gardens, has been the garden manager since 2008 and will be speaking about the gardens and topiary.

2:00 PROGRAM: Are you interested in a progression of flowers from March through November along with winter interest plants to boot? If so, **Christine Doctor's** presentation at our October meeting is for you. Christine will introduce her favorite perennials, unusual annuals and flowering shrubs and show you how to have beautiful gardens year round. Christine is the owner of The Plant Doctor, Inc., a full service landscape design/build firm.

NEXT MEETING: Sunday, November 20, **The Conference Center**, Planting Fields Arboretum
1:00 pm: Millie Hendricks: Wonders of Her Garden
2:00 pm: Jonathon Lehrer: Long Island Gold Medal Plants

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Would you like to help to select our speakers for 2012? If you would like to serve on a committee to set up and organize both our Education Program and the featured speaker roster for next year, please contact **Lou Okin**. We will get started on this soon so that we can continue to bring our members informative and enjoyable meetings. Contact Lou at lou@lihort.org.



CALLING ALL GARDEN ANGELS!

The Garden Angels will be working on **Bob Weschler's** garden in the Spring. If you are a new member and do not know about the Garden Angels, it is a group of LIHS members who have volunteered to clean up the VA Hospital in Northport, the children's Garden at the Holocaust Center in Glen Cove, and some private gardens. All LIHS members are welcome to join us. It is a very rewarding experience. Please contact **Barbara Levine** at (516) 741-3386 or email barban22@optonline.net.

Please make it a part of your LIHS meeting routine to bring non-perishable food to our meetings.



Volunteers are needed to help set up BEFORE each monthly meeting. Please come early and help out!

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

Thank you to all the contributors at the September meeting: **Laura Weill, Rosemarie & David Papayanopoulos, Yen Ming Mung, Regina Conlon, Kathy Gaffney, Toni & Stuart Germain, Jennie Townsend, Harriet Berke, Rea Schnittman, Audrey Rydzewski, Carolyn Harman, Judy Basse, Roellyn Armstrong, Marge Duryea, Alfred Wasner, Joan McGillicuddy, Barbara Freeman, Carol Samuels.**

PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY!

Please be considerate of Planting Fields Arboretum's rules and the visitors walking around the park, and drive slowly when driving through to get to our meetings. Planting Fields has been kind enough to allow us to drive through the arboretum to park close to our meeting area. Please respect the speed limit posted and signs as you drive in, otherwise we will lose our privilege of parking close to our meetings. Thank you!

**The deadline for the
November issue is
October 21th.**

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

If you have any suggestions or comments contact **Anne Schnarwyler: webmaster@lihort.org**.



GOING GREEN!

With everything going green, LIHS thought they would do their part environmentally and save some trees by going digital with The Gardeners' Gazette! You will have a choice of either receiving the newsletter in digital form and/or receiving it in the mail. Look for more information in the upcoming issues of the newsletter.



HOSPITALITY TIDBITS

Thanks to all who brought snacks & signed **The Cookie List: Laura Weill, Regina Conlon, Kathy Gaffney, Angelika Swantek, Janice Bendris, Chris Douglas, Audrey Rydzewski, Muriel Drew, Jean Ecklund, Pat Janoff, Ronni Pollack, Fay Paquette, Donna & Mel Young**

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

Upcoming LIHS Trips

THE TOURNAMENT OF ROSES TRIP SOLD OUT

Space on the December 28th through January 3rd trip to The Tournament of Roses, as well visits to the Huntington Botanical Garden, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, and more has been completely sold out. If you would like to be added to the waiting list, please contact **Barbara Levine** at 516-741-3886 or email barban22@optonline.net.

LETTER FROM THE DEPT. OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Dear Ms. Bass,

On behalf of Recreation Therapy Service, Veterans and staff at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Northport, NY, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for coordinating your organization's monetary donation with purchasing the plants for our Vuoto Memorial Courtyard garden.

It was both a pleasure and with much appreciation that you were able to meet me at the Fort Hill Nursery on Friday, June 10, 2011. I welcomed the opportunity to select some unique plants that the Veterans have requested to add to our beautiful garden. Now that the weather has warmed up, the garden is enjoyed by more Veterans, staff and family members. The plants have helped to brighten up the area adding great, vibrant color. The Veterans planted many of the new plants in their standing gardens the very next day.

I would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for your generous donation. Your donation has helped to enrich the quality of life for our Veterans. It is a pleasure to work with you and your members. Please let them know that our Veterans really appreciated being remembered throughout the year. We look forward to working with you sometime in the future.

Sincerely,
Christine L. Egor
Recreation Therapy Assistant

NOVEMBER ELECTIONS AROUND THE CORNER

Our By-Laws require that the election be held at the November general membership meeting. Anyone who wishes to have his or her name added to the slate may be nominated with a petition signed by at least five members. The petition must be presented to the current Recording Secretary, **Angelika Swantek**, by November 1 or the petition can be brought to the October meeting. Please contact Angelika at akswantek@yahoo.com for her mailing address.

Slate for November 2011 Elections

President Bruce Hambrecht
1st Vice President Lou Okin
2nd Vice President Anne Mehlinger
Treasurer Judy Basse
Recording Secretary Angelika Swantek
Corresponding Secretary Carolyn Bantz
Membership Secretary Laura Weill

Directors (Term ending year 2014)
Sylvia Cordero-Skidmore
2 Positions Open

The full slate will be published in the November issue of this newsletter. **Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting on November 20 when the election of officers and directors will be held.**

Horticultural Competition

Results from the September meeting:

First Place: Artistic arrangement of Goldenrod Mums
Variety of vegetables - Tomato, Pepper, Eggplant, etc.
Passiflora (Passion Flower)

**Barbara Levine
Filomena Salamone
Larry Berke**

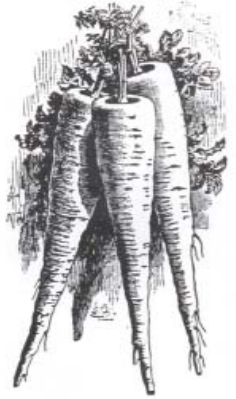
Second Place: Spray of Tricyrtis
Variety of Cacti and Succulents
Spray of Dendrobium White Orchids
Arrangement of Geranium, Bacopa, Fuschia, Scaevola,
Miniature Fan Flower, Browallia
Miniature Kirengeshoma, Cullickrps, "Morning Light"
Photo - Butterfly Bush, Spicebush Swallowtail Butterfly

**Barbara Levine
Carol Samuels
Jeanne Eklund
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**Harriet Berke
Ed Kenny**

Third Place: Hybrid Tea Roses
Hydrangea 'Endless Summer', *Verbena*, *Aster* 'Alma Potschke'

**Carol Samuels
Harriet Berke**



Thank you to the judges: **Carolyn Do, Nanci Allen, Yen Ming Mung**
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.

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.

ORGANICALLY SPEAKING ~ submitted by Bob Weschler, LIHS Member

The Sneeze Posted in:

Wake Up With the Wolf, Words to Live By

(*based on a true story-see note below)

They walked in tandem, each of the ninety-three students filing into the already crowded auditorium. With rich maroon gowns flowing and the traditional caps, they looked almost as grown up as they felt.

Dads swallowed hard behind broad smiles, and moms freely brushed away tears.

The class would not pray during commencements - not by choice but because of a recent court ruling prohibiting it. The principal and several students were careful to stay within the guidelines allowed by the ruling. They gave inspirational and challenging speeches, but no one mentioned divine guidance and no one asked for blessings on the graduates or their families.

The speeches were nice, but they were routine . . . until the final speech received a standing ovation.

A solitary student walked proudly to the microphone. He stood still and silent for just a moment, and then he delivered his speech. an astounding – SNEEZE!

The rest of the students rose immediately to their feet, and in unison said, “GOD BLESS YOU.”

The audience exploded into applause. The graduating class found a unique way to invoke God’s blessing on their future with or without the court’s approval.

The commencement ceremony described was for the Washington Community High School of 1991. Class valedictorian Natasha Appenheimer and the American Civil Liberties Union won a court injunction the day before graduation that banned any type of prayer at the event. Even though the Benediction and invocation was suggested by the students and intended to be student-led, U.S. District Judge Joe B. McDade ruled that, since the prayers were subject to teacher review would be promoted in school printed programs, that the prayers violated the constitutional separation of church and state.

During the ceremony, Rayan Brown, a fellow student and one of the scheduled speakers, paused on his way to the podium to bow in silent prayer, which was greeted with cheers. During his speech, he faked a sneeze, and a few students, with whom he had previously arranged, shouted “God Bless You” in response.



UNLEASH SUMMER’S FLAVOR WITH BASIL

Below are excerpts from an article by Doug Oster. Tribune Media Services

I enjoy strolling through my summer garden, snipping some basil and picking tomatoes for an impromptu pasta sauce. Add fresh chopped garlic and enter heaven while feasting on the results.

The spicy fragrance of basil can be released by simply brushing by a plant. But crush a leaf between your fingers and the intense aroma of summer is unleashed. This herb can be the foundation of summer cooking. Like garlic, it goes with nearly everything. Basil, a member of the mint family, might well be the most popular of all herbs, and the good news for gardeners as well as cooks, is that it grows like a weed – as does anything in the mint family.

The most popular variety is commonly called sweet basil (*Ocimum basilicum*). *Ocimum* is a Greek word that refers to scent. It grows about three feet tall and can spread about half that distance. Basil can be harvested all summer long. when the weather cools, it’s time to dry as much basil as possible.

Just like anything out of the garden, dried basil at the end of the season, far surpasses what we purchase in the stores. The trick is to keep the leaves whole, since that’s what preserves the flavor. You can hang the plants in bundles for a week or so and then carefully pull the leaves off and store them in airtight containers in the pantry. It helps to preserve the colors if the leaves are dried in a dark place or between sheets of paper towels. Then I like to store them in brown jars preferable in a dark closet.

Quote from Plato 3,000 years ago.

“The Most Important Subjects:
Gymnastics for the body
And
Music for the soul.”



From The Plant Man

GARDENERS' CALENDAR

October 2011

- 1-2 **L.I. Dahlia Society Fall Dahlia Show & Photo Contest**, Carriage House Lower Level, Bayard Cutting Arboretum, 440 Montauk Hwy., Great River. For more information visit www.longislanddahlia.com.
- 3 **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.
- 9 **Twin Lakes Preserve**, Wantagh, 2pm. Experience the wonder of early autumn foliage and fall migrating birds with naturalist Peter Martin in this lovely site of freshwater ponds and wetlands. To register and for directions please contact North Shore Land Alliance at 516-626-0908.
- 9-10 **Mid Island Dahlia Society Dahlia Show**, Sun 1-5pm; Mon 12-5pm. Burns Horticultural Center, Planting Fields Arboretum, Planting Fields, Rd., Oyster Bay, NY. For more information visit www.midislanddahlia.com.
- 14 **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 or contact Mary Jane Lee at 516-627-6382.
- 16 **American Rhododendron Society Monthly Meeting**, 2pm. Speaker, Harold Sweetman. Main Greenhouse, Planting Fields Arboretum, Planting Fields, Rd., Oyster Bay. For more information visit www.nyrhododendron.org.
- 17 **L.I. Bonsai Society Monthly Meeting**, 7:30pm - Pines presented by Jack Sustic. Main Greenhouse classroom, Planting Fields Arboretum, Oyster Bay. Call 516-922-9210 or visit www.longislandbonsai.org.
- 17 **L.I. Cactus & Succulent Society Monthly Meeting**, 7:30pm. Kellenberg Memorial High School, 1400 Glenn Curtis Blvd., Uniondale, NY.
- 20 **L.I. Dahlia Society Monthly Meeting**, 7pm. Carriage House, Bayard Cutting Arboretum, 440 Montauk Hwy., Great River. For more information visit www.longislanddahlia.com.

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- 12 **Trout Streams of Oyster Bay/Cold Spring Harbor**, 9:30am. With Trout Unlimited's John Fisher, we'll get up close and personal with a number of North Shore streams. To register and for directions please contact North Shore Land Alliance at 516-626-0908.
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Holiday Tour to Longwood Gardens - Martin Viette Nurseries: Martin Viette is chartering a coach bus to see the amazing displays, 'Longwood at Christmas' at Longwood Gardens in Kennet Square, PA on Tuesday, December 6, 2011 (1-day trip). Registration and payment are absolute musts and on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please call 516- 922-5530 or email education@martinviette.com for additional information and registration.

Events at New York Botanical Garden:

Thru Oct. 30 - **Fall Flowers of Japan**. Autumn's splendor comes alive with magnificent fall-flower plants from Japan. Immerse yourself in the celebration of Japanese culture with enchanting, traditional dance and music, intricate *kiku*, and much more. The Enid A. Haupt Conservatory. For more information visit www.nybg.org.

Nov 5-6 / 12-13 - Thain Forest Dedication, Thain Forest. Two festival weekends and a special symposium celebrate the dedication of this remarkable 50-acre Forest. Tours, tree climbing, canoe trips, and more. Visit 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 or 25 Greenvale Lane, Levittown, NY 11756. (No phone calls please.)



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President's Message

Thanks to Fritz of Atlantic Nurseries for the wonderful tour of his garden and garden center. We all saw the large selection of perennials that they sell. Atlantic sells only to wholesale customers, so unfortunately we can only look. When I took my woodies courses at Farmingdale I would go to Atlantic to study the plants. Everyone was always helpful, so many thanks to Atlantic Nurseries.

At our last meeting we received complaints that some of the members were speeding through Planting Fields. If this persists we will have to park in the main parking field and walk back to the conference center. There are always

parents with their children walking around the park and I would not want to see anyone get hurt, so **PLEASE SLOW DOWN**.

I am taking Woodies 3 at Farmingdale College with Dr. Lehrer. A lot of what we are studying involves native plants and invasive plants that have been put on the do not sell list to the nurseries. I am going to send the list of plants and the suggested alternatives to Anne to post on our website. There are not many ways that gardeners can get this information, so please spread the word that we have this information on our website.

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!

Everyone must take time to sit and watch the leave turn. ~Elizabeth Lawrence