

THE GARDENERS' GAZETTE

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Long Island Horticultural Society Journal

NEXT MEETING

DATE: **Sunday, January 29**
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: **Steph Gaylor**, Proprietor of Invincible Summer Farms
TOPIC: **Seed Saving**

TIME: 2:00 pm, Business Meeting & Main Program
SPEAKER: **Betsy Gulotta**, Biology Emeritus Professor at Nassau Community College
and Conservation Project Manager for Friends of Hempstead Plains
TOPIC: **Hempstead Plains**



1:00 PROGRAM: Steph Gaylor is a self-professed tomato and pepper fanatic with a passion for organic gardening. She grew up on Long Island with a deep abiding love of the outdoors and spends her time farming at Invincible Summer Farms. Steph will be speaking about the importance of seed saving, differences in classes of seeds like hybrids, heirlooms and land races, and some historical context of well-loved varieties. She will also give a brief introduction to seed saving techniques, including isolating methods, and collection and storage of popular crop seeds.

2:00 PROGRAM: Betsy Gulotta is Biology Professor Emeritus at Nassau Community College and is currently Conservation Project Manager for Friends of Hempstead Plains, as well as having served in the South Shore Audubon Society, Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary, The Nature Conservancy and Hofstra University Arboretum. Her work with Friends of Hempstead Plains involves coordinating and participating in research and management projects, leading tours, giving programs, and developing and teaching. Hempstead Plains is a tall-grass prairie habitat that once covered 40,000 acres of land in Nassau County with only tiny remnants left. The Hempstead Plains shaped Long Island's history in many ways, including agriculture, horse racing, aviation, housing development, and natural history. Over 250 species of plants are found on the Hempstead Plains, along with countless numbers of birds, butterflies and other insects. Betsy will touch on the historical significance of the Hempstead Plains and focus on the ecological characteristics and education potential of the prairie, including projects that welcome community involvement and participation.

NEXT MEETING: Sunday, February 26, **The Hay Barn**, Planting Fields Arboretum
1:00 pm: Bill Schutt: All You Ever Wanted to Know About Bats
2:00 pm: Richard Weir III: Plant It Right the First Time

"Bring a Guest to LIHS"

For the months of January, February and March, members are invited to bring a guest to the monthly meeting. Non-members usually pay \$5.00 to attend our meetings (refunded if they join at the meeting). This fee will be waived in January and February. *Introduce your friends and family to LIHS and encourage them to join.*

And if you haven't already, please renew your membership for 2012 or give a gift of membership to friends or family. The cost is \$25 per individual or family. Please use the form in the newsletter or fill out one at the meeting. **Laura Weill**, our Membership Secretary, will happily accept your membership dues.



LIHS Winter Food Drive

Please continue to bring non-perishable food items to the January, February and March monthly meetings. All donations will be delivered to Long Island Cares, Inc. main distribution center.

Upcoming LIHS Trips

LIHS 2012 U.K. GARDEN TOUR

THE GARDENS OF SOUTHWEST ENGLAND has been sold out, but a waiting list is being maintained in case there are any cancellations. The trip 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, sightseeing 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 or 516-735-8465.

Please welcome these new members at future meetings:

Kathleen Messana

Seneca, South Carolina

Suzanne Scalcione

Sea Cliff, NY

Susan Bouton-Salup

North Hills, NY

Ann Malavet

Carle Place, NY

Donald Ohl

East Northport, NY

Barbara Lipper

East Meadow, NY

Wendy Abramowitz

Glen Cove, NY

Angela D'Aleo

Huntington, NY

Mira and John Pitrowski

Sea Cliff, NY

And a welcome back to:

Kathy McCue

Rockville Center, NY

Libby Ellwood

Huntington, NY



JUST IMAGINE – If Pigs Could Fly

~ Submitted by Anise Cherry

Read about the Tournament of Roses trip that 36 LIHS Members recently took in December/January, organized by **Barbara Levine**, past president of LIHS, organizer and planner extraordinaire at www.lihort.org.

MARTIN VIETTE NURSERIES

PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW BUS TRIP

'Hawaii: Islands of Aloha' is the theme of the 2012 Philadelphia Flower Show! Martin Viette Nurseries is chartering a coach bus to attend this incredible flower show on Wednesday, March 7, 2012. The coach will leave Martin Viette in East Norwich at 9am and return at approximately 9pm. Advanced registration and payment is an absolute must and on a first-come, first-serve basis. The cost of the trip (coach, driver gratuity, ticket to the flower show and snacks/beverages) is \$79.00. To register, please call 516-922-5530 or email education@martinviette.com.

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**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!



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**IN THE EVENT OF
INCLEMENT WEATHER**

check our website
for cancellations.

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.

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HOSPITALITY TIDBITS

Thanks to all who brought snacks & signed **The Cookie List**: **Angelika Swantek, Judy Basse, Laura Weill, Gerry Bressel, Toni & Stuart Germain, Louise Danetra, Chris Douglas, Shani C. Frank, Chris Banigan, Harriet Berke, Audrey Rydzewski, Chris DeAngelo, Barbara Freeman, Priscilla Bauershmiddt, Barbara Doeshiyer, .**

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

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**The deadline for the
February issue is
February 3rd.**

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, Harriet Berke, Lita Sollisch, Gerry Bressel, Regina Conlon, Leslie Lahr, Mary Jane Behrenfeld, Gerda Lord, Mary Ellen Ryan, Gerry Conway, Barbara Loechner, Joan McGillicuddy.**

Horticultural Competition

Results from the December meeting:

First Place: *Cymbidium* Summer Ice 'Judith', *Cupressus leylandii*
Pink Camellia
Pink Violets
Pink, White Christmas Cactus & a Mini Red Rose
Sprays of Cotton
White Clover with a Cat & Mouse

Linda Fleigner
Barbara Levine
Filomena Salamone
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Name Unknown
Ed Kenny

Second Place: *Buxus sempervirens*, *Nandina domestica* berries
Purple African Violet
Dahlia with a male Monarch Butterfly

Linda Fleigner
Phyllis Richards
Ed Kenny

Third Place: Broccoli Stalk in a Green Soda Bottle
Quietness Hybrid Tea Rose One Year Old

Filomena Salamone
Ed Kenny



Thank you to the judges: **Caryl Frochlich, Bill Titus, Phyllis Bauerschmidt**
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.

LIHS MEMBERSHIP COUPON

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

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

PLEASE CHECK if you wish to continue receiving the newsletter in the mail.

I would like to make a donation of \$_____ to the James & Mary Lee Fuller Scholarship Fund.

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

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2:00 pm	Richard Weir III , Horticulturist, Lecturer & Author	Plant It Right the First Time
Sunday, March 18		
1:00 pm	Michael Veraka , Chairperson & Assistant Professor at Farmingdale State College	Sustainable Gardening
2:00 pm	Mary Lamont , Park Ranger at William Floyd Estate	Wild Flowers of Long Island
Sunday, April 22		
1:00 pm	Bill Barash , Horticulturalist	Plant Nomenclature
2:00 pm	Darrell Trout , Author & Lecturer	Fifty Favorite Gardens
Sunday, May 20		
1:00 pm	SPRING PLANT SALE	NO LECTURE
2:00 pm	Daniel Gilrein , Entomologist at Cornell Cooperative Extension	Insect Pests
Sunday, June 24		
1:00 pm	John Capobianco , Chrysanthemum Enthusiast, Suburban Water Gardens	Chrysanthemums
2:00 pm	Douglas Tallamy , Professor & Chair of Entomology at the University of Delaware	Bringing Nature Home
No Meetings in July and August		
Sunday, September 30		
1:00 pm	Panel of Experts (Panel to be announced)	Horticulture Q & A
2:00 pm	Judy Glatstein , Author, Instructor at New York Botanical Garden & Rutgers University	Bulbs for Garden Habitats
Sunday, October 28		
1:00 pm	Millie Hendricks , Lecturer & Naturalist	The Wonders of Her Garden
2:00 pm	Raymond Rogers , Author & Lecturer	History of the Philadelphia Flower Show
Sunday, November 25		
1:00 pm	Judith Ogden , Proprietor of Ogden's Designs and Plantings	Hydrangea Care
2:00 pm	TBA	
Sunday, December 16		
1:00 pm	Anne Schnarwyler	Chocolate Plants
2:00pm	Peter Kukielski , Curator of the Rockefeller Rose Garden at New York Botanical Garden	Sustainability Efforts at the Peggy Rockefeller Rose 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.



GARDENERS' CALENDAR

January 2012

- 8 **American Rhododendron Society Monthly Meeting**, 2pm - Speaker, Jim Fry, Main Greenhouse Classroom, Planting Fields Arboretum, Oyster Bay. For more information visit 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 for more information.
- 13 **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.
- 19 **L.I. Dahlia Society Monthly Meeting**, 7pm. Carriage House, Bayard Cutting Arboretum, 440 Montauk Hwy., Great River. For more information visit www.longislanddahlia.com.
- 22 **North American Rock Garden Society - L.I. Chapter Monthly Meeting**, 2pm, Main Greenhouse, Planting Fields Arboretum, Oyster Bay.

February 2012

- 6 **Mid Island Dahlia Society Monthly Meeting**, 7:00pm-9:30pm. Church of the Advent, 555 Advent St., Westbury. Free refreshments. Call 516-791-6894 or visit midislanddahlia.com for details.
- 13 **L.I. Bonsai Society Monthly Meeting**, 7:30pm - Topic: Three Bonsai Designers, Main Greenhouse Classroom, Planting Fields Arboretum, Oyster Bay. Call 516-922-9210 or visit www.longislandbonsai.org for more information.
- 19 **North American Rock Garden Society - L.I. Chapter Monthly Meeting**, 2pm, Main Greenhouse, Planting Fields Arboretum, Oyster Bay.
- 26 **American Rhododendron Society Monthly Meeting**, 2pm - Speaker, Steve Hootman, Main Greenhouse Classroom, Planting Fields Arboretum, Oyster Bay. For more information visit www.nyrhododendron.org.

The Martin Viette 2012 Winter Lecture Series. Please join us for any or all of these free, informative lectures at Martin Viette Nurseries at 6050 Northern Blvd., East Norwich. All lectures (except for Feb. 25th and the terrarium workshops on March 4th) are offered at 11am, and again at 1pm. Seating is limited! Please call Martin Viette at 516-922-5530 to register. For more information visit www.martinviette.com.

- Jan. 21 Shrub Pruning 101 – Richard Abate, CNLP, Martin Viette Nurseries
- Jan. 28 Gold Medal Plants for Long Island – Frederick Soviero, CNLP, Hofstra University
- Feb. 4 Backyard Bird Habitat – Ted Scherff, Theodore Rossevelt Sanctuary & Audubon Center
- Feb. 11 Secrets From a Master Seed Starter – Mary Catherine Schaefer Gutmann, CNLP, Ireland Gannon Associates
- Feb. 18 Exceptional Plants for the Winter Garden – Vincent Simone, Planting Fields Arboretum State Historic Park
- Feb. 25 Houseplant Festival, 11am - 2pm. At 11am - Bill Bianchi, at 12pm - Terrariums, Eden Barnes, CNLP, at 1pm - Clean Air Houseplants & Q&A, Donna Moramarco, CNLP
- Mar. 3 What's Bugging Your Garden? – Dr. Gary Brown, Farmingdale State College
- Mar. 10 Landscaping: Made in the Shade – Gary Martin, Lifetime CNLP, Ireland Gannon Associates
- Mar. 17 Ready, Set, it's Spring – Donna Moramarco, CNLP, Martin Viette Nurseries
- Mar. 24 Container Gardening – Dave Wagner, Martin Viette Nurseries

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.

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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🌸 *LIHS is now on FACEBOOK!* 🌸

President's Message

As I mentioned at the last meeting, we have booked **Doug Tallamy** to be our speaker in June. Please try to read a copy of his book called *Bringing Nature Home* before he speaks to us. This book is an essential guideline for everything we should be doing as a gardener in a horticultural club that believes in organic gardening. He explains why it is so important that we use native plants. New York State has begun banning plants that it deems invasive. This is a good first step to stop production of invasive plants but education about how to substitute these plants is much more important. Please try to spread the word that Doug is going to speak at our meeting. We are going to charge a fee for non-members to attend this meeting but it will be free for all current members.

I think the first meeting at the Hay Barn went well. It was great to have **Donald Ohl**, who is President of the North

American Rock Garden Society, to share the wealth of information that he has. He is always helpful to me when I am shopping at Atlantic Nurseries. Our second speaker, **David Daehnke**, The Gardening Guru left his business cards at the meeting. His contact information is www.thegardeningguru.com. He also left another contact www.organicgardentoday.com. I asked **Anne Schnarwyler** to post these on our website as a direct link.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and I am looking forward to the speakers for the new year that **Anne Schnarwyler** and **Lou Okin** have planned. This is my last year as President so I would like to bring some real excitement to the club. Thanks to all my officers, directors, advisors, Vinnie at Planting Fields, and all our members that really make this club work.

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!

The color of springtime is in the flowers, the color of winter is in the imagination. ~ Terri Guillemets