

THE GARDENERS' GAZETTE

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THIS MEETING

- DATE: **Sunday, May 15**
Please bring canned goods & nonperishable items
- PLACE: **The Conference Center, Planting Fields Arboretum**
(Driving directions are on the website under the "Programs" menu.)
- TIME: 12:30 pm
- SPEAKER: **MEMBERS SPRING PLANT SALE**
- TOPIC: **No education speaker this meeting**
- TIME: 2:00 pm, Business Meeting & Main Program
- SPEAKER: **Vincent A. Simone**, Director at Planting Fields Arboretum, Horticulturist, Garden Writer, Lecturer
- TOPIC: **Tokyo to Kyoto: The Great Gardens of Japan**



12:30 PROGRAM: Members' Spring Plant Sale.

2:00 PROGRAM: Vincent A. Simone has worked in the horticultural field for over 20 years as an instructor, horticultural consultant, garden writer, and lectures across the United States. He currently manages Planting Fields Arboretum State Historic Park. This lecture will explore a variety of Japanese gardens and the natural beauty that surrounds them in this lovely country. The tour will start in Tokyo, continue to Nikko, Kanaawa and finish in Kyoto. Along the way we will see great temples, shrines, traditional Japanese gardens and many of the exotic Japanese plants that we can grow in the states.

NEXT MEETING: Sunday, June 12, **The Conference Center**, Planting Fields Arboretum
1:00 pm: Denise Adams: A History of Horticulture as Seen Through Antique Seed Catalogues
2:00 pm: Bill Barash: Tour of the Synoptic Garden

Come Early, Come Prepared for the Plant Sale!

The spring plant sale starts at 12:30 pm, so we can all get in a little extra shopping time. The sale will end at 2:00 pm and will be followed by our business meeting and main speaker, Vinnie Simone.

There will be no raffle, no horticultural competition, and no educational speaker. But there will be a refreshment hour, so please do bring in snacks for all to share.

See page 4 for Bob Weschler's list of tips for buyers and sellers.

The proceeds of the plant sale support the work of LIHS.



Share Your Garden

Soon our gardens will be in their summer glory. Wouldn't you love to let other LIHS members see yours? If so, contact our trip coordinator **Barbara Levine** at 516-741-3386 or barbara@lihort.org to arrange a visit.

Last summer we had the pleasure of visiting many delightful and beautiful gardens of our members. Let's do it again this year.

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**.

Please welcome these new members at future meetings:

Kate Walz

Port Washington, NY

Frederick & Marjorie Losen

Centerport, NY

Marie Hanft

Huntington, NY

Jane Totura

Great Neck, NY

Diane McMahon

North Massapequa, NY

Anne Wesp

Centerport, NY

I CAN'T REMEMBER

Just a line to say I'm living
That I'm not among the dead
Though I'm getting more forgetful
And all mixed up in my head

I got used to my arthritis
To my dentures, I'm resigned
I can manage my bifocals
But dear God, I miss my mind

For sometimes I can't remember
When I stand at the foot of the stairs
If I must go up for something,
Or have I just come down from there?

And before the fridge so often,
My poor mind is filled with doubt.
Have I just put some food away, or
Have I come to take some out?

And there's a time, when it is dark
I stop and hold my head
I don't know if I'm retiring,
Or am I getting out of bed?

So, if it is my turn to write you,
There's no need getting sore,
I may think that I have written
And don't want to be a bore.

So remember that I love you,
And wish that you were near
But now it's nearly mail time,
So must say "Goodbye dear".

Here I stand beside the mailbox,
With a face so very red.
Instead of mailing you my letter,
I went and opened it instead.

Author Unknown

~ Read at the April meeting by L. Okin
submitted by Bob Weschler
LIHS Poet Laureate



Upcoming LIHS Trips

Trip to California for The Tournament of Roses!

December 28th through January 3rd - After participating in this fabulous Road Scholar program last December, I asked the program director if I could custom make that trip with some special activities for LIHS members. She was very willing to work with me. I hope you can join us on this extraordinary adventure!

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

**The deadline for the
June issue is May 20th.**



NO RAFFLE AT MAY MEETING

Thank you to all the contributors at the April meeting: **Laura Weill, Jan Stewart, Anne Mehlinger, Priscilla Bauerschmidt, Jeanette Bacon, Harriet Berke, Judy Basse, Gerry Bressel, Barbara Levine, Joann McGillicuddy, Carolyn Harman, Rosemarie Quinlan.**

HOSPITALITY TIDBITS

Thanks to all who brought snacks & signed **The Cookie List: Laura Weill, Chris Douglas, Toni & Stuart Germain, Judy Basse.**

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

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER 2011

We are pleased to announce that this year's winner of the \$2,000 James & Mary Lee Fuller Scholarship for Horticultural Studies goes to Emily Tinalli, of Farmingdale State College. Emily is studying Ornamental Horticulture with the goal of working with troubled youth and adults, using gardens to rehabilitate them.

In addition to working at two jobs and maintaining a perfect GPA, Emily has been volunteering with an organization called Hobbs Neighborhood Roots Community Garden in Centereach, NY. Her project involved designing and installing a flower garden to be used

for educational purposes. She not only designed and installed the garden, but also maintained the 35' by 35' flower garden as a volunteer intern, all summer. In the fall, while school was in session, she found time to return and assist the gardens when 4th graders from the local school came to visit.

Emily has certainly demonstrated a passion for gardening as well as working to make the world a better place.

She will receive the award at our June 2011 membership meeting.

~ submitted by **Laura Weill**
LIHS member

Horticultural Competition

Results from the April meeting:

First Place: Dogwood, Spirea, Vinca, Epimedium, Heuchera, Euonymus
 Arrangement of Hyacinth, Daffodils, Pine
 Oriental arrangement of Magnolia, Fritillaria,
Rhododendron 'Floda'
Camellia 'Goggy'
 Single flower Red Emperor Tulip
 Cut flower spray Daffodils
 Basket of Italian Parsley, Curly Parsley, Cabbage,
 Fennel, Onion, Garlic
 Photo - Monarch Butterfly on Thistle Weed
 Watercolor painting of flowers
 Japanese Design Quilt

Second Place: *Pulmonaria* 'Sissinghurst White' & 'Mrs. Moon',
 Variegated Vinca, *Scilla siberica*
 Arrangement of Daffodils
 Blue Hyacinth
 Cranberry Bean Vine grown from seed
 Photo - Centaurea

Third Place: Photo - Black Swallow Butterfly on Marigolds

**Harriet Berke
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 Denise DeMarco
 Philomena Salamone**

**Ed Kenny
 Connie Knies
 Carole Kazdan
 Harriet Berke**

**Judy Basse
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 Philomena Salamone
 Larry Berke
 Ed Kenny**



Thank you to the judges: **Lauren Smith, Martha Graham, Yen Ming Mung**
 and to the Competition Clerk, **Marge 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 1:45 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: Don Houser, LIHS Membership Secretary, 386 Grand Blvd., Massapequa Park, NY 11762
or bring to next meeting. Please make check payable to LIHS.

PLANT SALE TIPS

Tips for SELLERS

1. Plot plants at least one week before the date of the sale.
2. Dig a large root ball and pot it in an appropriate sized container with a good potting soil mixture.
3. Before the sale keep the transplants watered properly to avoid additional stress.
4. Arrive NO LATER than 11:45 am to set up and to assist other sellers.
5. Prices should be determined by the type and age of the plant and the size of the pot.
6. Each pot should have an identification label.
7. Indicate price on each label or pot.
8. From 12:15 pm to 12:30 pm sellers may buy from each other.
9. Please work with a buddy because while you are buying from other tables, some sellers may want to make purchases from your table!
10. Inform buyers about plant requirements.
11. Those who are splitting proceeds with LIHS, the share will be given before the end of the meeting.

Tips for BUYERS

When you enter the Horticultural Center, please immediately pick up your Buyer/Seller tally sheet and write your name on top.

1. No sales are to be conducted until the announcement to begin is made.
2. Please bring appropriate coins, bills, or checks for purchasing plants and flats, and suitable containers for transporting them.
3. Bring your purchases to your vehicle at the end of the sale to avoid any possible mix-up in the hall.
4. Question the sellers about your purchase.
5. After you finish shopping, proceed to the cashier's table where your tally sheet will be totalled for your payment.
6. If EVERY member attending becomes a buyer, our plant sale would be judged a success.

Remember, without "U" there is no S_CCESS.

~ submitted by Bob Weschler, LIHS Member

SHRUBS FOR SHADE - Native Viburnum Species*

These shrubs are great for naturalizing and for feeding the birds.

1. Mapleleaf Viburnum (*V. acerifolium*), Zones 4-8, 8-1. Grows 4-6' x 4-6' with white flowers and black berries. This species tolerates dry shade.
2. Arrowwood (*V. dentatum*), Zones 3-8, 8-2. Grows 6-12' x 6-12'. many flowers and blue fruit. Several selections with deep red fall color.
3. Dwarf Possumhaw or Smooth Witherod (*V. nudum var. nudum*), Zones 6-9, 9-6. Grows 6-9' (can go up to 20') with a dwarf selection 'Winterthur' at 6'. Beautiful foliage, flowers, blue fruit and fall color.
4. Witherod (*V. nudum var. cassinoides*) aka (*V. cassinoides*), Zones 2-8, 8-1. Grows 12' x 12'. Sun or part shade, blue fruit and fall foliage changing from orange to purple.
5. American Cranberry Bush (*V. opulus var. americanum*), Zones 2-8, 8-1. Grows 8-12' x 8-12'. the showiest of the species with red fruit and red fall foliage. Several outstanding selections are available ('Andrews', 'Hahs', 'Wentworth' and 'Red Wing').
6. Squashberry or Moosewood Viburnum (*V. edule*), Zones 2-7, 7-1. Similar to *V. opulus var. americanum* but not as showy.
7. Blackhaw Viburnum (*V. prunifolium*), Zones 3-9, 9-1. Grows to 35' with black fruits. Prone to mildew during droughts.
8. Rusty Blackhaw or Blue Haw Viburnum (*V. rufidulum*), Zones 7-9, 9-7. Blue-black berries. Like Blackhaw but tolerant of heat and humidity.
9. Downy Arrowwood (*V. rafinesquianum*), Zones 3-8, 8-1. Like Arrowwood but smaller with finer leaves and blue-black fruit. Needs good drainage.

* From an article by C. Colston Burrell, "Native Viburnums", The American Gardeners, Sep/Oct 2002 v. 81 (5) p 48-52.

~ submitted by Rosemarie Papayanopulos, LIHS member

Editor's Corner

I just came back from San Francisco, staying in the middle of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in the Marin Headlands for a workshop. What a beautiful few days it was, to be surrounded by nature, peace, beauty and serenity. I had a wonderful view of the Golden Gate Bridge, as well as San Francisco itself. The first day I was there, I had plenty of time to go hiking around the park, just taking in the views, and checking out all the different plants in the landscape. After dinner, a few of us who came a day early, took a short walk

and watched the sunset over the Pacific Ocean.

I'm happy to be back home. I was in a cloud for a couple of days after returning from the most relaxing place I have ever visited. Even though it was only a few days that I was on the west coast, I was pleasantly surprised to see all the spring flowering trees begin to bloom, as well as spring flowering plants upon my return. Looking forward to getting back to working in my garden!

Sylvia

GARDENERS' CALENDAR

May 2011

- 1 **Walks in the Woods: Red Spring Woods**, Glen Cove, 10am. Soil and plant expert Richard Weir will guide us through this delightful forested gem. Space is limited; registration is recommended. To register and for directions please contact North Shore Land Alliance at 516-626-0908 or andrea@northshorelandalliance.org.
- 2 **Dahlia Club Class and Dahlia Sale**, 7pm Dahlias 101 Class - How to grow beautiful dahlias, 8pm - Dahlia Sale (tubers, cuttings and potted plants). Mid Island Dahlia Society, Church of the Advent, 555 Advent St., Westbury. Free refreshments will be served. Call 516-791-6894 or visit midislanddahlia.com for details.
- 5-7 **Clark Botanic Garden Plant Sale**, 10am-4pm, Clark Botanic Garden. Free admission - rain or shine. 193 IU Willets Rd., Albertson. For more information visit www.clarkbotanicgarden.org or call 516-484-2208.
- 5-15 **NYC Wild Flower Week**. Visit www.nycwildflowerweek.org for more information.
- 7-8 / 14-15 **Azalea Garden Grand Opening**, The Azalea Garden, New York Botanical Gardens. For more information visit www.nybg.org.
- 7 **Alpine Adventures in the Himalayas** at Wave Hill. 12-1pm - Tour of the Alpine House; 2pm - Lilies, Lamas & Leeches: Plant Hunting in Nepal; 3pm - Paradise on Earth: The Beautiful Alpines of Kashmir. For directions visit www.wavehill.org or call 718-549-3200.
- 7 **Suffolk County Open Day Garden Tours**, The Garden Conservancy. Visit www.gardenconservancy.org for details.
- 9 **LI Bonsai Society Meeting**, 7:30pm - Hardy Olives: Care and Design, Doug Philips. Main Greenhouse classroom, Planting Fields Arboretum, Oyster Bay. Call 516-922-9210 or visit www.longislandbonsai.org.
- 14 **Walks in the Woods: Shu Swamp and Upper Francis Pond**, Mill Neck, 8am. Huntington-Oyster Bay Audubon Society's John Turner and Stella Miller will lead us through these treasured preserves on a search for Spring migrating birds and ephemeral plants. Space is limited; registration is recommended. To register and for directions please contact North Shore Land Alliance at 516-626-0908 or andrea@northshorelandalliance.org.
- 18 **Cranberry Lake Preserve**, 10am-12pm. Curator Taro Ietaka will lead a two-mile hike through a rich fen, a sandy meadow, and an upland forest. Registration required. Registration Deadline: Monday, May 9. For more information go to www.nativeplantcenter.org.
- 21 **Nassau County Open Day Garden Tours**, The Garden Conservancy. Visit www.gardenconservancy.org for details.
- 22 **Monthly Meeting, May Flower Show**, 2pm, American Rhododendron Society, NY Chapter Conference Ctr., Planting Fields Arboretum, Oyster Bay, NY
- 22 **Monthly Meeting/Plant Sale**, North American Rock Garden Society-Long Island Chapter, 10:30am - "The Daphne/Rock Garden, John Bieber; 12pm - Lunch; 12:30pm - Annual Spring Plant Sale, Annex at Planting Fields Arboretum.

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- 5 **L.I. Rose Society Annual Show**, 1-5pm, "Say It With Roses", Horticultural Center building, Planting Fields Arboretum, Oyster Bay, NY. For further information go to www.longislandroses.org or contact Mary Jane Lee at 516-627-6382.
- 13 **LI Bonsai Society Meeting**, 7:30pm - Jim Byrne. Main Greenhouse classroom, Planting Fields Arboretum, Oyster Bay. Call 516-922-9210 or visit www.longislandbonsai.org.
- 18 **Roosevelt Preserve, Roosevelt**, 10am. Botanist Dr. Andrew Greller will reveal the world of plants as we explore this hidden jewel. (Rain date Sunday, June 19). To register and for directions please contact North Shore Land Alliance at 516-626-0908 or andrea@northshorelandalliance.org.
- 25 **2011 North Fork Garden Tour & Progressive Tasting of the North Fork**, 1-5pm. Tickets will be limited - \$75.00 per person. For further information call 516-249-0545 or email infor@linla.org.

Martin Viette 2011 Spring and Summer Lectures

Get your green thumb growing! Join us for one or all of these free informative Saturday lectures at Martin Viette, 6050 Northern Blvd., East Norwich, NY 11732. Lectures are given at 11am, rain or shine. Please call ahead to reserve a free seat under the big green tent - 516-922-5530.

- May 7 Vegetable & Herb Gardening Made Easy
May 14 Roses for Every Garden
May 28 Creating Beautiful Container Gardens
June 11 Easy Summer Landscape Solutions
July 9 Heavenly Hydrangeas for Long Island Gardens

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

At our last meeting, we were lucky to have **Hal Mahoney** speak on Bonsai. He took us through the steps of creating Bonsai. If you want a moss named after you, stay in touch with Hal and if your moss is used on his bonsai, he will name it after you. Hal has agreed to let us tour his bonsai collection on the second Saturday in July. We will post the date, time, and directions in our June newsletter.

I had never heard of the High Line Park, so our next speaker, **Andi Pettis**, was a real surprise. It's nice to see that there are people that want to conserve rather than destroy. If you go to the website you can get an incredible list of plants that they grow in the park. The website is www.thehighline.org.

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On April 20th, I was given a tour of shade tolerant shrubs and perennials at Atlantic Nurseries by Dr. Lehrer from the Farmingdale Horticultural Department. Dr. Lehrer will be speaking at our November meeting on Gold Medal Plants. I was fortunate to be able to register for the Woodies 3 course that he will be teaching in the fall semester. I was very frustrated seeing all the annuals in the greenhouses and not being able to buy them yet.

It's Easter Sunday and the temperature is already 68 degrees. It's time to get outside and do what the members of this society do best.

Bruce



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



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

One of the most delightful things about a garden is the anticipation it provides. ~W.E. Johns