



Bayard Cutting Arboretum
Horticultural Society's
Education Brochure
Fall and Winter 2011 - 2012

Well, here it is again – a new season full of different programs and trips along with our favorites looking a little different. An early program to look for is a trip to New York City to get some glimpses into local gardens and then take a relaxing cruise around the harbor. Join the basket weavers in September instead of January. Our fall foliage trip takes us to northwestern New Jersey and back to Frelinghuysen as many of you have requested. Read on to get the full scoop!

The Education Committee would like to thank all our society members and the community who have continued to support our society's efforts.

New Procedures:

1. Leave your name at the arboretum entrance booth as you enter on the day of the program for which you are registered.
2. There is a two-person limit per registration form.
3. Please help us by writing a separate check for each class for which you are registering and write the name of the class in the Memo section of your check so we can save time and expense in our registration process. We can return your check for any classes that are already filled and will place your name on a waiting list. You may register for as many classes/trips as you want using the same registration form as long as there is a separate check for each class with the class name on it.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Bayard Cutting Arboretum Horticultural Society

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Please note:

This phone is a limited use resource for urgent questions regarding classes and trips. If it is too late to mail your registration, or if you want to sign up for a class or trip at the last minute, call for availability. We do keep a stand-by list. For course information and to print additional registration forms, visit us at our website www.bcahs.net. You can contact us via email at bcahs@optonline.net

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1. Four Farms Foray to the North Fork ~ a *self-drive trip*

We will begin our tour at 10:00 am at Koppert Cress in Cutchogue. These growers search the world for unusual varieties of aromatic herbs to grow as micro-vegetables which restaurants use as exotic garnishes for their most elegant dishes. A tasting and talk will be provided.

Then we will be guided to Satur Farms, which specializes in leafy vegetables, heirloom tomatoes and herbs. These are sold to the region's high-end restaurants, which demand the finest ingredients. We will enjoy a guided walking tour here.

Lunch will be on your own. You can do your own picnic or enjoy one of the many lovely local places in the area. A list will be provided for your convenience.

After lunch we will meet at the Sang Lee Farm in Peconic. A map will be provided prior to lunch. Mr. Lee will give a short talk about becoming an organic farmer. This will be followed by a tour. We will be shown their organically grown vegetables, heirloom tomatoes, baby greens, herbs, flowers, and Asian greens. These items can be purchased at their stand.

Last we will visit the Catapano Dairy Farm. This is a small family-operated farm that raises goats and makes goats' milk cheeses, yogurt, fudge and goat milk skincare products. We will get a sample of the cheese and fudge and an overview of the farm. We may even have an opportunity to milk a goat as well as see the milking process which is done at the end of each day!

This self-drive tour is limited to 20 people and is rain or shine.

Wednesday, August 24

10:00 – Meet at Koppert Farm in Cutchogue

Fee: \$40 for All

2. Tour Bus to Little Known New York City Gardens & History Cruise

We will spend the morning touring some little known gardens in the City. Some may have seen the very beautiful Central Park Conservatory Gardens, but few will have had an opportunity to visit the rest. Our tour has been specifically planned and designed for our horticultural interests by Art Zuckerman, licensed NYC tour guide, entrepreneur and radio talk show host. He will guide and narrate for us for the entire day.

We will enjoy a delicious four-course lunch followed by a three-hour cruise around Manhattan. Mr. Zuckerman will provide a very interesting and informative history of our beloved city and its world-class harbor. For those of you who haven't seen where the World Trade Center stood from the water, you will never forget this cruise.

Our boat's main deck is partially enclosed so that we may enjoy shelter in the event of inclement weather. Wear comfortable shoes and clothing and dress for the weather, as the tour goes rain or shine.

Friday, September 9

7:00am – Meet in the Arboretum Parking Lot** (Bus leaves promptly at 7:30am).

Approximate return time is 7:30pm. Please bring any snacks or drinks that you might want for the bus trip.

Fee: \$120/Member \$110

Please let us know **on your registration form** if you would prefer to meet the bus at 8:00am at the east **end of the Park and Ride Lot**

at the LIE Exit 49-North (Rt. 110 exit).

The bus will NOT STOP UNLESS YOU ALERT US ON YOUR REGISTRATION FORM.

3. Frédéric Church's Olana, Lessons in Viewsheds ~ Sarah F. Price

Sarah F. Price, Landscape Curator at the Olana State Historic site, former home of Frederic Edwin Church, renowned landscape painter, will speak at Bayard. Among her many horticultural accomplishments, two are local: her experience serving as Curator of the Conservatory Garden in Central Park and managing the display gardens at the New York Botanical Garden. She holds a Masters in Ornamental Horticulture and Public Garden Management, University of Delaware's Longwood Program and a B.S. in Botany, University of Michigan.

At Olana, Frederic Church, the Hudson River School landscape painter, created a romantic, naturalistic landscape of unparalleled beauty. Sarah will discuss Olana's design and the challenges of maintaining viewsheds such as the unsurpassed views of the Hudson River and Catskill Mountains at Olana and other historic gardens. As you may know, Frederick Law Olmstead was the landscape designer of Central Park as well as the designer who laid out the plans for the Bayard Cutting Estate starting in 1887. Church was a colleague of Olmsted and served as a Parks Commissioner of the young Central Park. Olmstead had the vision to incorporate many viewsheds into his plan for William Bayard Cutting.

viewshed, n. the natural environment visible from one or more viewing points Have you thought about viewshed design for your garden?

Space is by registration only. Fee includes reception with light refreshment.

Saturday, September 17

3:00pm – *Upper Carriage House*

Fee: All \$20



4. “What's Behind the Green Roof?” & Clark Botanic Garden ~ a self-drive trip

Come with us to see Dennis Schrader's Landcraft Environments, Inc. green roof installation which, from inception to finish, has established in the U.S. an innovative approach to taking a commercial facility and utilizing what is considered useless footage, that old flat roof, and turning it into an area that will contribute to the conservation of resources and the value of a property. Besides creating an insulating barrier to help modulate the temperature in the building, it becomes an oasis of solitude for employees to enjoy during their break or lunch periods. It is also impressive that a forward-thinking corporation would take the chance of using an entirely different focus on landscaping. Little green spheres and hardy impatiens are not necessarily in this design! So, please join us and see for yourself, because all of this can be created on a small scale in anyone's garden.

Lunch will be on your own. A list of nearby restaurants will be included in your registration packet.

At 2:00pm we will regather to visit a small gem in Nassau - The Clark Botanic Garden. Much has been written regarding Grenville Clark & Louis Sohn's World Peace through World Law, but, as it is today, the world was not ready for such radical thinking, although many a movie has been written with that theory! Grenville Clark did found the American Bar Association's Civil Liberties Committee and in 1966, he did have the vision to dedicate his twelve-acre property as a horticultural living museum. But, as they tout, behind every successful man is a guiding woman and Fanny Dwight Clark became the garden designer and horticulturalist creator of the suburban oasis that we stroll through today.

Saturday, September 24 (Rain date September 25)

9:30am – Meet at green roof installation site (maps and directions will be included with your registration)

Fee: \$20 for All

5. The Oak Trees at Bayard ~ *Nelson Steiner, Director of Bayard Cutting Arboretum*

There are many well-known and rare collections of mature trees at Bayard. Join the Director for a walk-about, learning the history of the oak collection as well as other deciduous trees here. Identification of different species through bark, twigs, and leaves will be discussed. Then walk the grounds of the arboretum to learn to identify the “big oaks that grew from little acorns” as well as some other deciduous trees.

The class is limited to 25 people. Wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the changeable fall weather. This class is rain or shine. You may call the arboretum at 631-581-1002 if you have any questions.

Saturday, October 1

10:15am – 12:15pm – Meet at the Manor House

Fee: \$20/Members \$15

6. Weave Your Own *Unique* Natural Basket ~

*Miriam Fink & Linda Heidenfelder, Instructors from **Woven Treasures***

No more ice! Basket weaving has moved to the fall! This time we are daring to be different as once again Miriam Fink and Linda Heidenfelder lead us through the process of basket weaving. Each of us will create a basket unlike any other as we weave a small wall basket using bittersweet and/or grapevines and embellish our baskets with natural materials of choice.

Another innovation!! We will gather our own natural vines to use on our baskets. Meet on Friday, October 7 to collect the vines we will use the next day. Bring your pruners and gloves and wear good walking shoes. We will notify you of the exact time and place as it gets closer to the time to collect the vines.

Please feel free to bring in vines from home to use or mix with the ones we collect. They will need to be in 6' lengths and should be harvested with the leaves on, if possible, no earlier than the day before class to ensure that they are supple enough to use. Natural adornments will be provided; however feel free to bring in your own small natural adornments such as feathers, shells, pinecones, interesting pieces of wood, beads or whatever else you may wish to use. We will use the basket for a small planting.

Bring your own lunch and snack. We'll put hot water on for tea and coffee. Class is limited to 20.

Friday, ~~October 7~~ – October 14 - Gather materials

Saturday, ~~October 8~~ – October 15 - Class

10:00am~3:00pm – Lower Carriage House

Fee: \$40/Member \$30



7. Fall Foliage Bus Trip to New Jersey: *Willowwood Arboretum,*

*Leonard J. Buck Gardens, **Frelinghuysen Arboretum***

We will first head to the Willowwood Arboretum in the Hacklebarney Hills of north central N.J. It is comprised of 130 acres of rolling farmland in a shallow valley. Willowwood has about 3,500 kinds of native and exotic plants in this historic farm area. Both wild and cultivated plantings can be seen here. In addition to the western hill of undisturbed forest, plantings include many kinds of oaks, maples, willows, a superb specimen of Dawn Redwood now more than 100 feet tall, masses of ferns, and handsome stands of field and forest wild flowers. Fine collections of lilacs, magnolias, hollies, cherries, and conifers are also featured. The residence dates from 1792 and dominates two formal gardens. In 1908 Henry and Robert Tubbs bought the property and began collecting and growing distinctive plants of all kinds. In 1958 it became a private arboretum, and from 1967 to 1980 it was under the proprietorship of Rutgers when it officially became part of the Morris County Park System. We will have a 45-minute guided tour here.

Next we will head to the Leonard J. Buck Gardens in Far Hills. This time of year reds, oranges, purples, yellows, browns and bronzes are the colors that attract the eye. Add beautiful bark and berry branches and you have the fall colors here. This garden is one of the premier rock gardens in the Eastern U.S. It consists of a series of alpine and woodland gardens situated on 13 acres of wooded stream valley. It is named for the man who developed the gardens as part of his estate in the 1930's; his wife later donated it to the Parks Commission. One of the greatest delights in visiting Buck Gardens is discovering its variety of plants. Tucked among the rocks are rare and exotic rock garden plants. Mr. Buck, along with well-known landscape architect Mr. Schreiber, worked to develop a naturalistic garden incorporating several large rock outcroppings that would be ecologically correct and not recognizable as being man-made.

At 12:30pm a hot buffet luncheon will be catered for us at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum by Black River Catering. We will spend a leisurely afternoon here, self-touring the arboretum as well as having a guided tour. The 127-acre arboretum surrounds a magnificent Colonial Revival mansion built as a summer home by George G. Frelinghuysen, a patent attorney and son of Frederick T. Frelinghuysen, Secretary of State under president Chester A. Arthur. The property was a working farm. Vegetables and flowers were grown for the family's consumption and sent to them in their New York City residence via train. There were greenhouses, several barns and some smaller houses on the property. This property was left to their only daughter, Matilda (1887-1969). Miss Frelinghuysen had an interest in gardening and was a member of the Garden Club of Morristown.

In 1964, she began plans for turning the estate into an arboretum. Upon her death the land and house were bequeathed to the people of Morris County for the use as a public arboretum. The fall colors here are many because of the variety of trees that grow in this area. The arboretum features several horticulturally interesting areas in addition to its collection of woody trees and shrubs. Among them you will find a raised rock garden, a walled garden with espaliered and pruned fruit trees and vines where much grows vertically in a surprisingly small space, a children's garden, and a detention basin to name a few. After some time to explore on our own, we will have a guided tour from 2:30-3:30 before departing for home.

This is a rain-or-shine trip so please plan for the changeable fall weather.

Thursday, October 20

6:30am – Meet in the Arboretum Parking Lot** (Bus leaves promptly at 7:00am).

Our 4:00pm departure from Frelinghuysen will get us home to Bayard between 6:00 and 6:30pm. Please bring any snacks or drinks that you might want for the bus trip.

Fee: \$110/Members \$100

**Please let us know on your registration form if you would prefer to meet the bus at 7:30am at the east end of the Park and Ride Lot at the LIE Exit 49-North (Rt. 110 exit).

The bus will NOT STOP UNLESS YOU ALERT US ON YOUR REGISTRATION FORM.

8. Fall Container Workshop ~ *Margie Potash of The Perennial Palette*

Once again we have the expertise of Margie Potash to help us create a fall display in a container. With Margie's help we will create a container with fall plants on top and spring bulbs tucked down inside. You will have fall flowers to look at and then in spring a new display of flowers.

Please bring gloves. All the other materials and plants will be provided. Limited to 15 people.

Saturday, October 29

10:15 until finished – *Lower Carriage House*

Fee: \$50/Members \$40

9. Basket Weaving – Victorian Provender (Gathering) Basket ~

Miriam Fink & Linda Heidenzelder, Instructors from Woven Treasures

At this class we will learn to make a Victorian gathering basket that we can use for collecting flowers or veggies from our gardens or for decorative purposes in our homes. Welcome back Miriam and Linda, who have successfully guided everyone in weaving baskets from beginning to completion, often despite our lack of experience or talent. It is an amazing sense of accomplishment to be able to go home with a lovely basket that you have made with your own hands. Come join us for a creative journey in basket weaving!

Bring your own lunch and snack. We'll put hot water on for tea and coffee. Class limited to 20 people.

Saturday, November 5

10:00am~3:00pm – *Lower Carriage House*

Fee: \$60/Member \$50

10. EVENING TOURS of the Manor House at Bayard Cutting Arboretum

The Cutting family enjoyed the holidays together. In their Manor House, built in 1886, the decorations were elegant in their simplicity. A festive atmosphere still pervades the restored Manor House that is decorated in an historical Victorian style during the holidays. Let your imagination wander as you take this very special docent-led tour to view the delicately lit and decorated rooms for the 2011 season. Treat a friend to a gift of time spent together. Light refreshments will be served.

Friday, November 18

7:00-9:00pm

Fee: \$10 for All

11. Making a Cold Weather Outdoor Arrangement at *Bayport Flower Houses*
with *Karl Auwaerter ~ a self-drive trip*

Karl Auwaerter of Bayport Flower Houses is offering a workshop for creating an outdoor arrangement consisting of a variety of cut evergreens such as holly, cedar, pine and others with birch branch and pinecone accents. You will be taking home the arrangement in a 12-inch container suitable for inserting into a favorite urn or outdoor container of your own with which to grace your home's front steps or patio for the winter season. There will be decorative outdoor containers available to purchase should you choose this option. This will be an indoor class to help you decorate for the outdoors. All you need to bring is gloves and pruners.

The workshop is indoors and so will take place rain or shine. It is limited to 30 people.

Thursday, December 1 (Snow date December 8)

10am – Meet at Bayport Flower Houses

Fee: \$45/Members \$35

12. Holiday Table Centerpiece with Fresh Greens ~
Marië Camenars and Suz Randazzo

You might say that after so many years of offering this class, the class itself has become a society tradition. So here is yet another opportunity to make some holiday magic for yourself. Join us to create and take home a lovely holiday table decoration that you will make from several different varieties of fresh greens and a candle. You will learn about the selection, identification and care of cut greenery.

Class is limited to 25 people and it will be held rain or shine. Bring gloves and a pruning shears labeled with your name. All materials are included; however, if you have some fresh greens such as holly or cedar that you can cut and would like to share, or even just several branches to add variety to your own project, please bring them with you.

Saturday, December 10 (Snow date December 11)

10:15am-12:15pm – *Upper Carriage House*

Fee: \$40/Members \$30

13. Planting a Terrarium at *Bayport Flower Houses*
with *Karl Auwaerter ~ a self-drive trip*

Create a magical garden for your home. You will be planting dwarf plants in a ten-inch glass bubble bowl. At the same time you will receive instructions on the proper care and maintenance of your indoor magical garden. Please bring gloves and any little decorative item to place inside the garden. These can be small sticks, stones, little birds or other ceramic items -- the magic happens when you put them in your finished 'glass garden'.

Bring a box and/or padding to keep your terrarium from moving around in the car as you travel home. The workshop is indoors and so will take place rain or shine. Workshop is limited to 30 people.

Thursday, February 2 (Snow date February 8)

10:00am – Meet at Bayport Flower Houses

Fee: \$50/Members \$40

14. Heartly Soups at *Anita's Kitchen* with *Karen Connolly ~ a self-drive trip*

Learn to use these easy recipes and enjoy small tastings of simple-to-make soups that are great for entertaining. Our own seasoned entertainer, Karen Connolly, will discuss her tricks and recipes for three hardy winter soups – beef with vegetable, broccoli with cream cheese and potato cheese.

This class is rain or shine and limited to 15 people.

Wednesday, February 15 (Snow date February 16)

10:45am – Meet at Anita's house for class 11am – 2pm

Fee: \$35/Member \$25

15. Art from Flowers ~ *Darlene Widirstky*

There is an afterlife for that beautiful violet or exquisite daisy -- even for the seeds that are beyond their expiration dates. Having gone to the Philly Flower Show, you may remember a competition exhibit for artists that use flower petals and other natural materials to create magnificent pictures. Ours won't quite be at that level, but we are introducing this art craft for you to learn. A Master Gardener will teach you which plants are best for pressing, and how to do some crafting. With the supplies that she has collected, you will create your matted and framed picture. You will need to bring only a pair of tweezers and a small pair of sharp scissors - all else is included in your workshop fee! So, come join us on a wintry day to create something that will give us a jump-start to the coming spring. Workshop is limited to 20 people.

Saturday, March 10 (Inclement weather date March 17)

10:15 - 12:15 or until finished – *Upper Carriage House*

Fee: \$45/Member \$35

16. The Conifers at Bagard ~ *Nelson Sterner, Director of Bagard Cutting Arboretum*

The Conifer Collection here is well-known for its variety and the age of some the specimens; several are quite rare. Join the Director for a walk-and-talk to find out why these trees are so special. Learn about the history and design of the collection in the three pinetum areas.

Conifers are excellent landscape trees because of their four-season interest. We will review the different genera of conifers including *Picea* (spruce), *Abies* (firs), *Pinus* (pines), and *Ilex* (holly) and will take a special look at the extensive 200-plus trees in our Fir Collection at BCA. We boast some of the largest firs on Long Island; we will study and learn the subtle differences of each of the twenty species that we have.

The class is limited to 25 people. Wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the changeable spring weather. This class is rain or shine. You may call the arboretum at 631-581-1002 if you have any questions.

Saturday, March 24 (Inclement weather date March 31)

10:15am-12: 15pm – Meet at the Manor House

Fee: \$20/Member \$15

Join us for our monthly meetings.

This season we are featuring many interesting new speakers

as well as a pre-meeting social time for swapping and sharing the “seeds” of ideas and plants.

Our meetings begin at 7:30pm on the second Wednesday of the month

and are open to the public.

(June and December are special events for members only.)

