



*“Awareness through Education...
Responsibility through Involvement”*

Bayard Cutting Arboretum Horticultural Society

NEWSLETTER

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P R E S I D E N T ’ S M E S S A G E

Dear BCAHS Members,

I do hope that you had a happy and healthy holiday season. With the coming of the New Year, the time has come for a “State of BCAHS” report. There have been many accomplishments this year in programs, procedures and personnel and we look forward to more as we move into the future.

PROGRAMS

- The first Fall Garden and Harvest Festival was well received by the public. This successful festival was the brainchild of Nelson Sterner, co-sponsored by BCA and BCAHS and supported by the Long Island Dahlia Society, the Long Island Railway and Garden Society and an army of volunteers.
- The scope of horticultural topics for General Meetings and Education Brochure offerings has been broadened. This includes Director Nelson Sterner presenting programs that emphasize the arboretum and as well as his suggestions of many of his own contacts to add to our list of presenters.
- We are venturing into our first overnight program in the upcoming brochure.

PROCEDURES

- New email and web accounts were established.
- A new integrated digital bookkeeping system is in the process of being implemented.

APPOINTMENTS

- New Webmaster Rita Schmidt was appointed.

THE FUTURE

- At the writing of this letter, we are still looking to appoint a new treasurer. We are in the process of getting software which we hope will simplify the financial process.
- We are exploring “going digital” with our newsletters and education brochures, though members who wish to do so will continue to receive theirs in the mail.
- We are looking to expand the types of programs offered based on your interests, so let us know.

If there are issues you would like to see addressed, please let us know by email us at bcahs2@gmail.com or send us a note by mail. This is your organization and your input is important.

In this time of national stress, it is our job to plant the seeds of ideas for a new season.

What do sleeping seeds dream of in the winter?

As we go forward together,
Janice Mancini

I M P O R T A N T N E W S

T R E A S U R E R S E A R C H R E O P E N E D

Problem solvers and organizers are encouraged to apply. If you have the qualities, skills, knowledge and talent to successfully handle the finances of our society, consider sharing them as a volunteer member of the BCAHS board. The ability to implement and teach QuickBooks or a related program is a plus, as we would like to transition our system to digital. As this is a multi-faceted position, a Finance Committee will be formed to assist the treasurer with the necessary tasks.

Join us as we go forward together, fostering the principles of our motto: *Awareness through Education - Responsibility through Involvement*. Please submit your resume and references to us at bcahs2@gmail.com.

Annual Meeting and Elections – 2/8

Let Your Voice Be Heard.

According to our by-laws, additional nominations may still be taken from the floor. You may nominate yourself or someone else, but the nominee must have agreed to accept the nomination beforehand. The candidates for elected positions as of 1/13/2012 are:

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| • President | Janice Mancini | • Historian | Janice Alto |
| • 1 st Vice President | ? | • 2 Members-at-Large (2-yr) | Nancy Blackstone, |
| • 2 nd Vice President | Tony La Scala | | Karen Connolly |
| • Corresponding Secretary | Paula Schlicht | • 1 Member-at-Large (1 yr fill in) | Marjorie Noulis |
| • Recording Secretary | Julia Arena | | |

Winter Manor House Closing

***The Manor House and the Hidden Oak Café will be closed
from Tuesday, February 14 through Friday, March 3, 2012
and will reopen on Saturday, March 4.
The grounds will be open during this time.***

COMING SOON

Newsletter by Email

As a preliminary test, this newsletter will be sent as an email attachment in our next Email Blast, which will arrive before the next General Meeting. The newsletter will be sent through the post office as well. If we do not have your current email address, please **email** it to us. If you have any difficulty, please tell us of the nature of the difficulty so we can troubleshoot the problem.

March General Meeting, 3/7

Carolyn Kunz Zambraski from Kunz Greenhouses in Port Jefferson will present *Gardening vs. Wildlife*. The presentation will cover a variety of controls so your garden and wildlife can live in harmony.

April General Meeting, 4/11

At our general meeting on April 11th, we will be welcoming back Tom Stemler from Daisy Garden. Tom will be showing us many of the new and upcoming plants that we can look forward to in 2012. This is a presentation that no one will want to miss.

SOMETHING NEW

SHUFFLE OFF TO BUFFALO GARDEN WALK

**JULY 27 to 31, 2012
via Amtrak**

<http://www.gardenwalkbuffalo.com>

This is a new venture for us. We are currently looking into the details of doing this trip and would like to know your interest in and/or thoughts about it.

No commitment is necessary until a deposit is required
but your input beforehand is invaluable.

Email abrazo@optonline.net for this item only.

FROM THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Opportunities Await! Come Join Us and Bring a Friend.

Openings are available for the following programs from our Education Brochure:

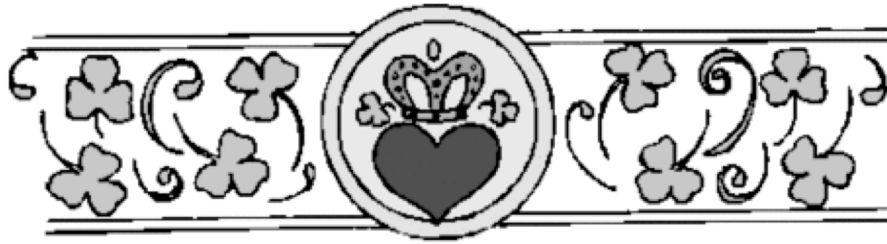
- *Hearty Soups* on Wednesday, 2/15
- *Art from Flowers* on Saturday, 3/10
- *The Conifers of Bayard* with Director Nelson Sterner on Saturday, 3/31 (**Change of Date**)

Please call 631-579-7551 to check for last-minute availability.

Reminder: New Registration Procedures

In addition to being able to register by mail, we now have a Membership and Program Registration table at every General Meeting. You can register at the General Meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Registration forms and information will be available. As usual, our registration form, which was included in your brochure, may also be downloaded from our website at www.bcahs.net.

*Happy
Valentine's
Day*



*Happy
St. Patrick's
Day*

THANKS and MORE

Annual Tree Lighting, 12/2

The annual tree lighting was well attended. The visitors were greeted by life-size wooden soldiers standing in formation at the gate and along the road to the Manor House. There was music with singing of carols to highlight the event. The Long Island Railroad Garden Society set up their trains right outside the Manor House. The café was open for warm food and hot cocoa, of course, Santa was on hand for the children.

Many thanks to Nelson Sterner and his entire crew plus Pat Calabrese, Karen Connolly, Tony La Scala and their many elves for a delightful night.

Holiday Party, 12/14

The holiday party was a delightful time to share our seasonal cheer. The Manor House rooms were decked out with boughs of holly and paper whites in bloom. The horticultural members each brought a special dish for the dinner. The planning committee and their helpers came early to set up so we could begin our merry time. Piano music was provided by Wayne Sabella and for an added treat the acapella group, Close Enough, a barbershop quartet, sang songs of merriment while we ate. They sang both traditional songs and their own clever lyrics to other songs of the season. Great raffle prizes that Lorraine Seus collected and members donated were awarded to the all the winners.

The special centerpieces made by Catherine Romano and Barbara Renner were also raffled off. They were made from a bush that Brian, our former director, gave to Catherine years ago to plant in her garden. What a treasure she shared with us that evening!

I want to thank the planning committee: MJ Picken, Lorraine Seus, Anita Bischoff, Barbara Renner, Catherine Romano, Marjorie Noulis, and Karen Connolly.

Thanks also to the set up and clean up crews: Marjorie Noulis, Bob Viet, Paula Schlicht, Irene Enright, Jack DiScafani, Nancy Blackstone, Peggy Braun, Phyllis Jeanes, Carol Murphy, Judy Burtenkant, Rita Schmidt, Patricia Davidson, Karen Connolly, Joan Wiecks, Diane Scotto, Judy Larsen, Dorothy Auer and Joan O'Grady.

Carol Kirschner

End of the Season Decoration Takedown, 1/9

Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped take down the holiday decorations. Many hands make light work. The decorations were all put away carefully and we look forward to next year when we can again fill the Manor House with holiday spirit. Our thanks to Anne Marie and Pat Calabrese, Karen Connolly, Christine Ayasse, Joan Wiecks, Anita Bischoff, Mary Ann Touchet, Sheila Quinn, Barbara Renner and Jackie Harned.



For On-Going Support BCAHS would like to thank the following businesses for their generous and continuous support of our activities. Please keep them in mind when you are shopping.

- ❖ **Bayport Flower Houses**, 940 Montauk Highway, Bayport - 472-0014
- ❖ **Daisy Garden**, Gillette Avenue, Bayport - 363-2708
- ❖ **G. Fontana & Sons** (Concrete Products), 890 Montauk Highway, Bayport - 472-1600
- ❖ **Joseph's Garden & Greenhouse**, 525 Smithtown Ave, Bohemia - 567-0292
- ❖ **Spring Garden Greenhouses**, 45 Carleton Avenue, E Islip – 277-5986
- ❖ **Whole Foods Market**, New Moriches Road, Lake Grove - 588-1466

We also want to thank the **New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation** for their continued support of the BCA Horticultural Society's activities.

W E L C O M E N E W A N D R E N E W I N G M E M B E R S



NEW

Florence & Thomas Gerold

RENEW

Barbara Kersch
James Michaels
Kathy & Bob VanDyke
Loretta Olenick
Nick & Eileen Guarino
Rosemary Craven
Sue Randazzo

R A V E R E V I E W S & M E E T I N G N E W S

Cold Weather Arrangement at Bayport Flower Houses, 12/1 This workshop conducted by Karl Auwaerter was a pre-holiday treat! Our twenty BCAHS members and their friends watched Karl expertly demonstrate the necessary construction techniques using an array of freshly cut greens and embellishments. The well-organized materials were plentiful giving us a variety to work with as we created our own unique arrangement while listening to holiday music. This atmosphere was conducive to meeting new friends, as well as being immersed in the holiday spirit. Thank you Bayport Flower Houses for a wonder time!

Janice Alto

January General Meeting, 1/11 Our January Owl Hunt meeting was something different. Before the walk Dennis showed us the two owls he had brought with him, a Screech Owl and a Great Horned Owl. He talked to us and answered our questions about these birds of prey. Owls are at the top of the food chain. There are seven species of owls on Long Island. They depend on their hearing and sight to catch their prey. Although their eyes don't move from side to side, their heads can rotate 270 degrees. Peter Walsh of Seatuck came prepared with a power point presentation if the weather didn't cooperate. The rain held off and Peter led us on a walk around the grounds trying to whistle up an owl. Alas, no luck, but nevertheless we enjoyed a pleasant walk.

The evening was lively and very informative. Both Peter and Dennis encouraged us to visit them at Seatuck Nature Center in East Islip.

MJ Picken

*I prefer winter and fall, when you feel the bone structure of the
landscape – the loneliness of it, the dead feeling of winter.
Something waits beneath it, the whole story doesn't show.*

*- Andrew Wyeth
Submitted by Jane Manning*

NEIGHBORHOOD CALENDAR

At the Arboretum
For more information about any of the events at the arboretum, call 581-1002. Admission to the events is free except where noted, but the New York State Parks parking fee of \$8 may be in effect.

House Tours

Tours will begin again in the Spring

Islip Arts Council Sunday Concert Series:

2:00 p.m. in the Carriage House

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| • 2/5 | Di.vi.sion Piano Trio | Kurt Briggs, violin; Matt Goeke, cello; Renée Cometa Briggs, piano |
| • 2/12 | Clarion Winds | Bob Dalpiaz, Gene Keyes, Jeff Lange, Joel Levy: woodwinds |
| • 2/19 | Morrongiello and Young | Christopher Morrongiello, lute and Marcia Young, harp |
| • 2/26 | Duo Pastorale | Jill Sokol, flute and Emily Olin, piano |
| • 3/4 | Stephen Framil | Cello |
| • 3/18 | Cross Island | S. Mueller, cello; E. Abrams Zayas, piano; T. Piercy, clarinet |
| • 3/25 | Rachel Brandwein | Harp |



Around and About
These events are listed as a courtesy to our members. For more information about any of these events, please use the contact number, website and/or e-mail address given by the organization.

Sunday, 2/26, 12 noon - 2012 Winter Lectures at Madoo - - Madoo Conservancy, 618 Sagg Main Street, Sagaponack. Featuring Paula Deitz, author of *Of Gardens* (with book signing). Limited seating. For reservations email info@madoo.org. \$20 member/ \$30 nonmember.

Sunday 2/5, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. William Floyd Estate Winter Woods Walk. On the William Floyd Estate. 2-3 mile walk to discover winter plants and animals in the woods of the William Floyd Estate at 245 Park Drive, Mastic Beach. Fees: Free. Dress for the weather and be prepared for a 2 - 3 mile roundtrip walk. (631) 399-2030

Sunday, 3/18, 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Vernal Equinox Sunset Walk. Meet at the Fire Island National Seashore: Wilderness Visitor Center. Celebrate the soon to come Vernal Equinox by hiking between ocean and bay, day and night, and winter and spring. As the sun slowly sets on winter, we'll look for signs of spring in Fire Island's Otis Pike High Dune Wilderness. Wear sturdy walking shoes and dress for the weather. Fees: Free. Contact: 631-281-3010.

Saturday Environmental Programs, Town of Brookhaven

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| • 2/18, 9:00 a.m. | 3/3, 9:00 a.m. | 3/24, 9:00 a.m. | Birding Walks |
| • 2/18, 1:00 p.m. | 3/24, 1:00 p.m. | | Seasonal Nature Walks |

All walks last approximately 2 hours. Meet at Pavilion at West Meadow Beach, Stony Brook. Binoculars are suggested. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. For more information or to make reservations, call Eileen at 631-751-7863 or e-mail to egerle@brookhaven.org. *Programs cancelled in inclement weather. Dates and times may change.

Brooklyn Botanic Garden - www.bbg.org, 718-623-7220

- **Sunday, 2/5, 1:00 p.m.** - Guided Tour: *Chase Away the Winter Blues* - meet at Visitor Center. Join licensed psychotherapist and veteran BBG tour guide Lynne Spevack, LCSW, for February's hour-long, outdoor walk designed to relieve the winter doldrums.
- **Sunday, 2/12, 10-1 p.m.** - *Introduction to Ikebana Workshop* - Registration required - \$89 member; \$94 nonmember (Fee includes \$45 materials charge.)
- **Thursday 2/26** - Exhibit: "Terrarium" - Jae Hi Ahn's art manipulates, shapes, and ultimately reimagines nature in synthetic materials.
- **3/3 thru 4/22**, *The Orchid Show*. The Enid A. Haupt Conservatory.
- **Saturday, 3/3, 3-5 p.m.** - *Wake Up Your Garden Pruning: Shape-Up for Spring*. \$28.00 member/\$31.00 nonmember. **Saturday, 3/24, 10:30-12:30 p.m.** - Class: *Resplendent Flowering Shrubs for Shade*. Registration required. \$31 member/ \$37 nonmember
- **Tuesday, 3/27, 6-9 p.m.** - *Workshop: Designing a Night Garden*. Learn about white-flowering plant choices that shine after dark, night bloomers that release fragrance into the twilight. Registration is required - \$43 member/ \$48 nonmembers

Cornell Cooperative Extension 2012 Spring Gardening School -

- **Saturday, 4/14, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday, 4/21, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Academy of St. Joseph, Brentwood or
Riverhead Middle School, Riverhead

For brochure information or registration form, contact Julie Nichols at 631-727-7850, ext. 345 or email jn345@cornell.edu.



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UPCOMING BCAHS EVENTS

GENERAL MEETINGS – Upstairs in the Carriage House.
All meetings begin with a social at 7:30. Business meetings
start at 7:45 followed by the evening's program at 8:00.

- 2/8 *How to Get Your Roses Up and Growing:*
Cathy Guzzardo
- 3/14 *Gardening vs. Wildlife:*
Carolyn Kunz Zambraski
- 4/11 *What's New in 2012:* Tom Stemler

SPECIAL EVENTS

- 2/8 Annual Meeting and Elections of Officers

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- 2/2 *Terrariums at Bayport Flower Houses*
- 2/15 *Sharing Hearty Soups*
- 3/10 *Art from Flowers*
- 3/31 *The Conifers Collection at Bayard*

NEWSLETTER

- 3/7 Next deadline

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tell your computer to accept our new one.***

DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

SUBMITTED BY BOBBYE HENRY

- 1975** **GARY LAWTON WAS FIRST COORDINATOR OF THE PROGRAM, WHICH CONSISTED OF SEVEN COURSES AND MINI-LECTURES.**
- 1977** **GARY ACCEPTED A JOB AT CONNETQUOT STATE PARK AS ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR.**
- 1978** **RUTH MCGOWAN BECAME EDUCATION COORDINATOR, INCREASING THE NUMBER OF PROGRAMS AND ADDING CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS AND LOCAL NURSERY AND GARDEN TOURS.**
- 1983** **RUTH MCGOWAN RESIGNED. BOBBY HENRY ASSUMED THE POSITION, ADDING FIELD TRIPS AND ADDITIONAL COURSES TOTALING 18 COURSES FOR THE FALL SEASON, ENDING WITH "GARDENING IN CHINA"**
- 2000** **BOBBYE HENRY RESIGNED. A NEW COMMITTEE WAS FORMED AND HAS CONTINUED TO THIS DAY.**