

WGC NEWS

Horticulture | Design | Conservation and More

Tip of the Month

Simple way to have fresh lettuce all winter outside.....check out this video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8PrPpApufW8>

Opportunities

November 9th-our first Virtual design show. See your Yearbook for classes. Details to follow via email.

We have two extra packs of Arrowwood Seeds left over from the propagation table. Who wants to plant and tend them for the exchange next year? If you're interested contact me and I can drop off all you need to get started. Melissa 540-551-0059.

Quogue School Needs Garden Tools, extra Hand Trowels, Hand Rakes, Weeding Tool's. Please email or call me for pick up. MMN

Upcoming Events

Visit Downton Abbey, aka Highclere Castle without leaving home. This should be a great program 11/9/2020 following our Meeting.

What's Been Happening?



We took action and thinned our native garden...look for new additions this spring.

We learned how to propagate...both from seed and using root hormones for our cuttings.



While the bugs enjoyed checking out the native garden ...we had fun shopping all of Lovejoy's Hort and Design containers.



Conservation

How do you save energy in the fall?

1. Keep your thermostat at or below 68 degrees. ...
2. Check for cracks, leaks, and drafts. ...
3. Take note of your fireplace. ...
4. Let light and heat from windows inside. Let the sun do some of the heating for your home! ...
5. Reverse the spin of ceiling fans. ...
6. Replace your HVAC filter.

Photography

What is the best time to take fall pictures?

The best time to take fall pictures is when the leaves have turned colors but the majority have not fallen yet. This usually only leaves you with about a two week window for the absolute best photos.

Horticulture

Now is a good time to sow some seeds. If you would like a list email me. One of my favorites is Wild columbine *Aquilegia canadensis*.

Design

Design IOI-some fun tips.

<https://www.gardenista.com/posts/flower-arranging-IOI-a-crash-course-for-the-uninitiated/>

The trip to LongHouse Reserve...where there are seven seasons...more to follow regarding this in 2021.



Our two groups passed each other at the moss garden; what fun-my group got to walk through it...all for social distancing...thanks to Holger Winenga the Reserve's Horticulturist.

Community service planters refreshed at East End

Hospice. Roberta Young was indeed the the best potter of the day.



Conservation News, Joy Flynn

The Conservation Committee met on October 22 to start mapping out the goals and activities to address this year. Our role will be to educate Club members and the community in ways to protect our environment—LEAF—Learn Environment Action Fun! We will be seeking your participation as we select our projects this year!

Registration is now open for the free virtual 2020
Conservation Study Conference,

November 17 and 18, 2020, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM and 4:00-6:00 PM each day. The Committee strongly recommends you register now. Last day to register is **Tuesday, November 10.** (<https://www.gcamerica.org/members/calendar/ereventdetails/id/339>)

Conservation continued...

- At the Lily Pond Garden on October 16, Sue Avery reminded us of the importance of native plants. At the Peconic Land Trust webinar on native plants on October 24, the speakers reinforced Sue's teaching.
<https://www.naturesedgegardens.com/about-me>
- *What is a native plant?* Plants which were born here or naturally found in the Northeast or the Mid-Atlantic States.
- *Why native plants?*
- § They've adapted to our soil conditions which reduces water needs; more self caring so less work for the gardener. (Rick Bogusch, Director of Bridge Gardens)
- § Native trees are more resilient to storms. (Brian Smith, VP, Long Island Native Plant Initiative)
- § Native insects cannot and will not feed on non-native plants. Without natives and the insects that co-evolved with them, local birds can't survive. (From Entomologist Doug Tallamy's book, *Bringing Nature Home*)
- § Native oak trees support over 500 species of caterpillars whereas ginkgoes, a popular Asian import, host only five. It takes over 6,000 caterpillars to raise one brood.
- § Many exotic nursery plants have become invasive pests, outcompeting native species and degrading habitat.
- § For native bees, plant in clumps rather than single plants so bees don't have to travel far (John Witzenbocker, Owner/Beekeeper of Sag Harbor Honey)

Some resources to further your own study on native plants and conservation:

- Horticulture Alliance of the Hamptons (HAH) <https://hahgarden.org/>
- Long Island Native Plant Initiative (LINPI)– <http://www.linpi.org/>
- Long Island Invasive Species Management Area (LISSMA)– <http://nyis.info/liisma-prism/>
- Native Plant Trust– <https://www.nativeplanttrust.org/>
- National Garden Clubs– <https://gardenclub.org/plant-america>
- Garden Club of America– <https://www.gcamerica.org/members/committees-conservation>
- Peconic Land Trust– <https://peconiclandtrust.org/>