

WGC NEWS

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Tip of the Month

5 Reasons Native Plants Help You Save Money and the Planet

- Native plants are stronger. Plants native to an area are more likely to establish quickly and will naturally be hardy and healthier. ...
- Native plants create wildlife habitat in your backyard. ...
- Native plants help the environment. ...
- Native plants are low maintenance. ...
- Native Plants add splendor to your landscape. ...

Opportunities

October 12th. 9:30 am till noon

9:30 am Come to the Lily Pond and meet Sue Avery from Nature's Edge Garden's as she helps us take the pond garden to the next level.

<https://www.naturesedgegardens.com>

Then cross the street to the QFD for seed and plant exchange and Propagation project.....with a surprise sale of Hort and design containers from our own Lovejoy's stash. Proceeds to benefit the Lily Pond Garden.

Upcoming Events

25 to attend field trip to LongHouse Reserve 10/19

What's been Happening



The Board had first meeting of the year, outside at the Quogue Fire House.

Holiday Amaryllis Fund Raiser

We will all need big doses of holiday cheer this year, so we are in the planning stages for a fund raiser in early December that will feature special varieties of Holiday blooming Amaryllis. This initiative is being led by a group of Provisional Members – Kelly Bennett, Lisa Chapman, Donna Levy, Peggy Veziris, and Alicia Whitaker, with support from Nancy Lombardi and Ki Nobiletti.

We will be ordering high quality bulbs from a wholesaler, potting them up in November and holding them in a greenhouse or our homes until distributing them in early December. We believe that we can do all of this safely, on a low contact basis, with use of our WGC website's "donate now" button. We'll need more volunteers when we are ready to distribute the pre-paid pots, probably gathering them at the Quogue Firehouse for pick up on a specific weekend. We may also sell some in front of the Quogue Post Office. More details will be available soon. Let us know if you want to volunteer to help.



Conservation

Print as Little as Necessary. ... Photography

Consider a Gorilla pod

<https://joby.com/us-en/which-gorillapod-is-right-for-your-camera/>

Horticulture

Easy winter seed starting tip

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WgNTAJgW_w4

Design

Get ready for our first-ever virtual flower show on November 9th. Please see the schedule in the Yearbook.

Joy Flynn learns a new design-
the NGC Grouped Mass
Design ...keep your eyes peeled
for more workshops and design



Conservation News

- To take advantage of our time together at the plant exchange on Monday, October 12, at 10:30 AM, we have invited Sue Avery to join us for a tour of our **Lily Pond Garden in Quogue at 9:30 AM.**

Sue Avery had designed our first native garden at the Quogue Lily Pond in 2017. A landscape designer at [Nature's Edge Gardens](#); a member of the Three Village Garden Club in Setauket; a board member of the Long Island Native Plant Initiative (LINPI); and the Environmental Chair for District II Federated Garden Clubs of New York State; Sue knows native plants!

With Sue's help, we hope to cull some of the unruly plants for our plant exchange and in the process learn a little more about the benefits of going native!

- Looking for an upbeat film on the environment? Try Kiss the Ground on Netflix. <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/09/22/movies/kiss-the-ground-review.html>
Drawdown East End is showing **Kiss the Ground on Sunday, October 4, 7:00 PM** outdoors with warm jackets at the Southampton Arts Center. Bundle up and join us at the SAC for a social distanced picnic before the film (or stay cozy at home and watch on Netflix)!
- Interested in the environment and conservation? Join the Conservation Committee to plan related activities for the WGC to spearhead in the community

Alicia Whitaker, new WGC provisional and President of the Horticultural Society of the Hamptons (HSH), has informed us of a special Webinar by Dr. Doug Tallamy hosted by the Carl Schurz Park Conservancy on Thursday, October 15, at 4:00 PM, titled Restoring Nature's Relationships in Your Garden. To register:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_G6nKIKT9SSWtySBYil-CgQ

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