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Lady slipper



The Liberty Hyde Bailey Garden Club of Ithaca meets each month on the Second Tuesday at the Horton Room in the Floriculture Greenhouse, Tower Road Cornell University Ithaca, New York. The Club is open to all gardeners. Visitors are welcome.

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From the Historian Ruth Doll and Board Member Ed Cobb

This year, 2010, is the 50th year since the Liberty Hyde Bailey club was chartered. We have searched back through the past 50 years of the *Baileyan* and selected some material that we feel will be interesting and informative to our membership. We have selected items from all five decades of the club's history.

We have learned much about our club during this search. In the 60's we had several prominent Cornell faculty as members, including Ralph Wright Curtiss, Lawrence H.

MacDaniels, and William J.

Hamilton, Jr. who wrote articles for the *Baileyan* about their favorite plants. The club suffered a severe shock when the president Al Wurster was killed in a tractor accident in June of 1997. We include the June-July 1997 *Baileyan* in this package.

Membership has increased and declined over the years but it is apparent that the members shared their interests in plants and have spent many hours together doing things that they enjoyed. We look forward to the next 50 years of the garden club. Enjoy!!!



Plant exchange



Hospice Planting

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Liberty Hyde Bailey Men's Garden Club of the Ithaca Area in the state of New York

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November 1964

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

As 1964 is drawing to a close, as your president, I am examining the year's activities of our Men's Garden Club. In a sense I may seem critical but I am examining what we could have done along with our actual accomplishments.

As I see it, the Liberty Hyde Bailey Men's Garden Club is one of the finest organizations in Tompkins County. It brings together all factions of men to unify one common interest -- gardening.

Gardening as a hobby or as a profession is one of the most satisfying and therapeutic of all occupations. For this reason it draws together men who love plants and who are interested in the environment which the good Lord gave us for growing our plants.

I believe one of our accomplishments this year is we as a garden club have learned that we have some really dedicated gardeners in the Club, who are accomplished gardeners. These men have not only proven that they know how but have proven their skill in their gardens.

Next year I hope many of these accomplished gardeners will relay more of their knowledge in some for our our Club so that others may profit by their success or failures. In so doing our members will not only be enriched by their gained knowledge but enriched in companionship. To my way of thinking there is nothing more gratifying than to chat with a man of common interest and feel the coordination of thoughts along a common interest.

This year through the planning of our good program chairman, Victor Lazar, we have visited several gardens, visited the Geneva Experiment Station where we learned much about fruit testing, and on this same trip visited one of the finest dahlia farms in this part of the country.

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The L. H. Bailey Men's Garden Club regularly meets at 8 P.M. on the
third Tuesday of each month at the Women's Community Building

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October 1968

Women's Night

Women's night for L. H. Bailey Men's Garden Club members and their wives will be held on Saturday evening, October 19, 1968, at 6:30 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall of the Danby Federated Church. The charge will be \$2.50 each for banquet and entertainment.

The Danby Federated Church is located across from the gas station in Danby, about six miles from State Street up South Aurora Street on Route 96-B.

Entertainment will be provided by the Allen Family (Mr. and Mrs. Allen and six children).

For reservations contact Almus VandeBogart, 1250 Danby Rd., Ithaca, 273-7739, Leon Oltz, 273-3311, or Paul Smith, 272-8370, after 5 P.M. The committee would appreciate receiving your reservations before October 18.

Report on Member Activities

On September 14, Earl Brown, Bill Hamilton, Whit Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lokken, Mr. and Mrs. Almus VandeBogart, and Mr. and Mrs. Francis VandeBogart participated in the Upstate Fall Regional held in Schrafft's Motor Inn at Binghamton, co-sponsored by the Men's Garden Club of Broome County and the Tioga County Men's Garden Club.

Then on October 5, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Oltz, Mr. and Mrs. Whit Reynolds and son, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lokken, Mr. and Mrs. Almus VandeBogart, and Mr. and Mrs. Francis VandeBogart attended the Ladies Night and Auction at Newark Valley staged by the Tioga County Men's Garden Club. Cortland and Broome Counties men's garden clubs were also well represented. We had a most enjoyable time.

Don't forget that the Fall Directors business meeting of the Upstate Regional is scheduled for Exit 35 Syracuse at the John Milton Thruway Motel at noon on Saturday, November 2.

1969

Retirement Years

There comes a time in everyone's life when our career years draw to a close and a new life begins.

Many people call this retirement years. Some people are prepared for this time in life and there are others who feel lost and insecure for something to occupy their leisure time after many years of work or business.

There are many ways of using these retirement years such as fishing, scouting, civic activities, traveling, boating, sports, gardening, etc. With so many things one can do with retirement years, there is no excuse to be idle and bored over old age.

After many years as a greenhouse gardener, I have launched upon a new life, which might be called retirement years, but what I call the happiest years of my life.

Although I love sports, camping, etc., I find my time completely occupied with one of the most rewarding of hobbies. This is my hobby greenhouse, called Fred's Hobby Greenhouse, where I grow African violets, gloxinia and related plants.

The hobby started in 1950 with a small Orlyt greenhouse and a small headhouse attached. In 1966 I built another Orlyt greenhouse of aluminum, with a general work room attached between the old and the new.

The first headhouse I made over into a gift shop, making a place for my wife to carry out her hobby.

My wife and I find our retirement years extremely rewarding in growing and caring for our plants and gift shop. Most pleasant of all is the pleasure of sharing these pleasures with our friends of like interests.

There is no time in one's life more pleasurable than one's retirement years. -- Fred Horton

From Your Editor

Listening to Prof. John Tomkins, speaker at our January meeting, really paid off for me. He said I should spray my strawberry plants for tarnished plant bud bug. He thought part of my berry loss last year was due to bud bug damage on late flowers, so this year I sprayed with DDT (with my handy watering can) just as the plants were flowering. Right now, all late berries look perfect. Also, by the same watering can method, I sprayed the plants with Captan fungicide to prevent rotting.

Lineolum knife. Ever try a lineolum knife for weeding? It is one of the handiest tools we use in the garden, especially when kept sharp.

March 1980

PRESIDENT AL SAYS -

Congratulations to our own Gene Durham for being named "Outstanding Man of the Year" by the Rotary Club. Those of us who know Gene were aware of his outstanding services to the community for some time but I didn't know that it began in 1923 before I was born.

We are certainly having an unusual Winter with hardly any snow. A week ago I was out getting a head start pruning fruit trees in balmy weather, this morning the thermometer read 12 degrees below zero, a good day to stay indoors and write this message and complete the plans for my barn expansion.

I am just waiting for the ground to thaw. In spite of the date and cold, there are sure signs of Spring around; lambs and goat kids being born, the amount of hay left in the barn, and indoors I have pussy willows and forsythia blooming, thanks to Francis VanDebogart who is sure as Spring to supply us with branches to force in the cold months every year.

I hope to have onion sets, sugar snap peas and sweet corn seed at the March meeting for those of you that want them.

Editor's Note -

We are trying to obtain a complete set of the Baileyan, starting from it's inception to date. So far we are missing issues before October 1975 and the May and June 1977 issues. If any members have these issues, would you please contact myself or Bob Kinner, as we would like to have a complete set for the Club Library.

WANTED!!!!

Soil Cables that have burned out and no longer work. Please contact George Pierro at 273-7952 or bring to next meeting.

Baileyana

1955

Dr. Clement Gray Bowers of Maine, New York, knew Liberty Hyde Bailey for more than thirty years. He described the great dean as "a six-footer, or thereabouts, a bit on the lean and bony side, but as straight as a ramrod and with plenty of fire within his breast, almost to the last." This quotation is from "A Footnote to Horticultural History," which appeared in the official publication of the Men's Garden Clubs of America in 1955.

He was a precise speaker, but an impressive one who seemed to exude strength and vital power with every word. The last assistant at Harvard of the famous American botanist Asa Gray, Bailey was the means of transmitting a sort of botanical apostolic succession through an unbroken line of students that has filled our experiment stations and horticultural departments with men who trace their scientific lineage straight back to this grand old master.

It is not generally known that Liberty Hyde Bailey was a member of the Men's Garden Club of Broome County, New York, the club nearest his home. After he was honored by receiving the first gold medal ever granted by Men's Garden Clubs of America, the members of this local club thought that he should be taken into their midst, since this was in reality his home club. Knowing, however, that the distinction of having Bailey as a member would bring a sort of glamour to any club and that such would be distasteful both to Bailey and to the Broome County club, Bailey was officially but quietly made an honorary life member of the local club. He accepted that membership with great gusto. Later he invited the club to hold a meeting in his Sage Place home in Ithaca and to inspect his experimental garden, but the unfortunate accident that terminated his active career occurred before this meeting could be held.



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R.H. Bailey

THE LIBERTY HYDE BAILEY MEN'S

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The Liberty Hyde Bailey Men's Garden Club meets each month on the 3rd Tuesday at the Floriculture Greenhouse, Upper Tower Road, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York

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DATES TO REMEMBER

March 17 - Regular Monthly Meeting at the Greenhouse 7:30
Officers and Directors at 7:00

Scheduled Program - Lawn Care by Ed Kabelac

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THE LIBERTY HYDE BAILEY MENS GARDEN CLUB - OF THE ITHACA, NY AREA - MEETS EACH MONTH ON THE THIRD TUESDAY AT THE FLORICULTURE GREENHOUSE, TOWER ROAD, CORNELL UNIVERSITY, ITHACA, NEW YORK

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TUESDAY - OCTOBER 16, 1984 - "ANNUAL FALL PLANT SALE"

* REGULAR MEETING AT 7:30 PM - DIRECTORS MEET AT 7 PM.

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SATURDAY - OCTOBER 20, 1984 - "BONSAI" EXHIBIT - WE ARE INVITED

- AT WOMEN'S COMMUNITY BLDG - 10:00 TO 3:00 - FREE ADMISSION

- PRESENTED BY FINGER LAKES BONSAI SOCIETY

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1997 Officers are as follows:

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GARDEN CLUB EVENTS

THIS MONTH:

7:30 pm Tuesday, **July 15 1997**, Meeting will be a Debbie Nero's (see map on cover and note overleaf) **IF IT RAINS:REGULAR MEETING PLACE.** Director's meeting at 7:00pm

NEXT MONTH:

Tuesday, **August, 19**, Meeting will be at Elizabeth Owens Roe's, for the annual picnic. See August's newsletter for map and details.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September:LHBGC Show at Pyramid Mall
Cooperative Extension (:Call 272-2202)
July 16:Invasive Plant Forum,6-8;30pm
July 25:Beneficial Bats,8-9:30pm
July 31:Designing Gardens for Children,9-11am

CLUB NOTES FROM DEBBIE NERO:

July 15 meeting will be held at Debbie Nero's house and gardens. This meeting will be a Club memorial service for Al Wurster. Al's loss will make a huge difference to the Liberty Hyde Bailey Garden Club. We hope that the July meeting will be a time to share memories of Al as well as a time to look ahead to the future. Please bring memories of Al to share with all. There will be a Remembrance Book where you can write your memories of Al - please include photos, poetry or excerpts from literature as well. Let's discuss a Club memorial for Al. Several ideas have been suggested - among them are planting a tree, having a memorial garden at the Farmer's Market berm planted with plants from Club member's gardens, working in Al's gardens and buying a special book(s) for the Club library. Please think about a Club memorial and come with your own ideas. The number of things we do is only limited by our willingness to commit the time and energy.

Directions to 63 N Landon Rd are included in this month's Baileyan. Please bring a chair. Refreshments will be provided as usual. In case of a torrential downpour in the late afternoon/evening, the meeting will be held at the usual location on campus. If in doubt about the weather, please call Debbie on Tuesday late afternoon/evening at 539-7062.

August 19 will be the annual Family Picnic. This year it will be held at Elizabeth Owens-Roe's house. A map will be included in the August Baileyan. As usual, bring chairs and your own place setting and a dish to pass. The meat and coffee and tea will be provided by the Club. More information in the August Baileyan.

1. Thanks tons to Bill Bryant for stepping in as the auctioneer at the May meeting. Joann Gruttadaurio was unfortunately unable to attend at the last minute. I understand that Bill did an absolutely outstanding job! If he isn't careful, he may have the job for life!
2. Very heartfelt thanks to those who helped out at the Cooperative Extension Plant Sale on Saturday, May 17. By the way, who did end up with the Club banner?
3. We had a very nice tour of Miss Minn's Garden on Tower Rd for the June meeting. We then went on to visit the Dean's Garden on the north side of Warren Hall, and then the group split up. At least a few of us went on to look at Comstock Knoll, the Peony Garden and the plantings around the Plantations

Building. It was pretty much full dark and a perfect summer's evening when we got back to Tower Road and the refreshments in Ruth and John Doll's car! It was a lot of fun.

I attended the Memorial Service for Al Wurster on Saturday, June 28 at the First Baptist Church. At first I was a little surprised by the large number of people present, probably between 250 and 300. After a couple of minutes of thought, however, I realized that the large attendance was not very surprising at all. Al lived his life doing things he enjoyed immensely. As a result, he was tremendously enthusiastic about his projects and was always willing to learn from others and to share his knowledge with others. Enthusiasts touch the lives of many, many other people, and these people honored Al by attending his Memorial Service.

Thank you Debi Lampman for mentioning Al's long connection with the Liberty Hyde Bailey Garden Club. I would also like to tender heartfelt thanks to Laura Burch who provided many of the potted flowering plants that were displayed in the church and the meeting room during the Memorial Service.

Debbie Nero.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

This issue is a combination of news from June and July. On June 12, a thursday, and the day of the month that I usually do the Baileyan, I was scheduled to travel out to Saskatchewan to attend my church's 90th Reunion. Since I had received no submissions, and my partner in crime was scheduled to be on vacation the following week, I saw no possible way to create a Baileyan for the month of June in any reasonable time-frame. (Each issue costs the club approximately fifty dollars) I apologize for making this decision without the sanction of the board of directors.

Due to Nicole's increased work load, she is not able to continue her work on the Baileyan. Debbie Nero has promised to continue contributing her notes to me, so with her help I will continue to edit and distribute it. My work load has also increased so while I will not abandon the club, I am still ready to hand over the editorship at any time.

Upon returning from my brief vacation I was absolutely shocked to hear of Al's unfortunate accident. To me Al was a role model not only as a gardener but as a tireless devoted volunteer. His work for the club included working on virtually every project the club was involved in. (See attached list) While he is not the only past president we have lost, he may be the only one who has passed away while in office. Consequently I have selected Al's comments from past Baileyans, to inspire us through the rest of the coming year.

Elizabeth Owens-Roe

PRESIDENT AL SEZ

NOTES FROM THE BAILEYAN :1980-1981,1989

President Al says -

I was born in Queens, New York City, in the thirties. Dad always had lots of flowers in his garden. When WWII broke out we had our Victory Garden. We had a garden about 30 feet square and Dad knew all about growing food, he grew up on a small farm in Germany where his family raised almost all their needs. I have always been fascinated with growing things.

In and after high school I studied Mechanical Engineering. I became a Tool & Diemaker apprentice and that became my trade. Then I got drafted into the Army and met a friend from the Ithaca area. Later when I got married my wife got a job at Cornell as a Biochemist and I bought a 68 acre farm in Enfield and some apartments in Ithaca. For the last 10 years I have been growing every vegetable, fruit, berry, nut and ornamental that I can. I also have a vineyard of about 250 grapes for eating and wine. I raise beef cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, chickens, ducks, geese, rabbits and bees. That keeps me pretty busy and takes care of about 90% of my food. I love to grow things outdoors and in my greenhouse and I like to help other fellow gardeners to grow more and I learn a lot from them - that's what a garden club is for.

-JANUARY, 1980, (First Term as President)

President Al says -

On Saturday April 25th, five members attended the Upstate Regional meeting at Morrisville. 110 members and wives were present. The morning was mainly a business meeting which was much longer than ours and a lot less productive. The dinner was great and in the afternoon we had two very interesting talks, one on Soil Testing and the other on Growing Sinningias From Seed.

On May 12th we will again have the biggest and best attended event of the garden club year, our Spring Plant Auction. We always have a tremendous amount of plant material at reasonable prices. Here we have a chance to share some of our surplus plants and anything else related to gardening with our fellow members, so make some room in your gardens for all those new additions you will be bringing home. It is the main fund raising event of the year and wives and guests are cordially invited. It was at this sale some years ago that I was introduced to the club by Dr. Mac.

-MAY,1981

As I wander around my ponds and flower and vegetable gardens and observe the beautiful flowers and wonderful plants I cannot help but wonder just how wonderful and varied nature is. Some were started in my greenhouse or cold-frame, other were brought home as seedlings from the club and many seeded themselves.

They all started from a seed and I am always looking for a superior specimen from which I can collect seeds. This is how many of our present day flowers were selected from wild plants.

--JULY, 1981

President Al says -

On October 24th a group of us went to Syracuse for the Fall meeting of the Upstate Regional. We had a business meeting, a fine dinner and witnessed one of our own fine member installed as President of the Upstate NY Regional Mens Garden Club of America, Almus Van de Bogart.

We had a good opportunity to meet with some old friends from Cortland, Syracuse, Rome, and Albany. The Spring 1982 meeting will be held right here at Cornell sometime next May.

I received a notice from Headquarters in Des Moines that the Oct/Nov/Dec Gardener and Newsletter were sent out with a new mailing service and anyone that did not receive them should notify myself or any other club officer to be sure you will receive future issues.

-NOVEMBER, 1981

President Al Says

Last month our guest speaker was unable to come because he fell off a greenhouse roof and hurt his back. Bill is back on his feet again and looking forward to giving us his slide show and talk on Clematis at our November meeting. This should be a really interesting night and I'm hoping that members of the Cortland club will be able to join us to make it a joint meeting. Try and come along and share the fun.

I stopped by the Farmer's Market a few times this summer and fall to see how our plants were performing. They didn't look so great compared with some of the other planted areas. We got a late start and just planted "left over" seedlings. The Farmer's Market is becoming a very popular event for the locals and visitors. With a little bit more planning we could make this area really impressive but we should decide soon what we would like to plant there next year so that the Seed Committee can order the seed in January. The planting is about 75' long and 5-6' wide. Think about it and let's hear your planting ideas at our November meeting.

List of things that Al did for the Club:

member of seed selection committee
involved in planting seeds, arranging greenhouse space and watering the seedlings
transported the seedlings to the Horton Room for the Seedling Sale, and back to the Muenscher greenhouse again afterwards
transported seedlings down to the High School for the Cooperative Extension Sale in June
planned the plantings for the Farmer's Market berm and made sure the plants were kept apart from the seedling sales
organized, oversaw and executed planting, mulching, weeding and maintenance of the berm
stored all the items needed for the Flower and Vegetable Show in the fall
a major exhibitor at the Flower and Vegetable Show, especially vegetables, fruit and nuts



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this is the garden: colours come and go,
frail azures fluttering from night's outer wing
strong silent greens serenely lingering,
absolute lights like baths of golden snow.
This is the garden: pursed lips do blow
upon cool flutes within wide glooms, and sing
(of harps celestial to the quivering string)
invisible faces hauntingly and slow.

This is the garden. Time shall surely reap
and on Death's blade lie many a flower curled,
in other lands where other songs be sung;
yet stand They here enraptured, as among
the slow deep trees perpetual of sleep
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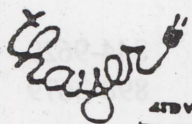


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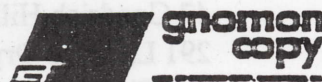


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MADAM PRESIDENT: Debra Nero, a genetic specialist at Cornell University, in January became the first female president of the Liberty Hyde Bailey Men's Garden Club.

Geneticist is first woman president of men's garden club

By MARGARET CLAIBORNE
Journal Staff

It's true. The Liberty Hyde Bailey Men's Garden Club has a woman president.

The 30-year-old club, named for the first dean of Cornell's College of Agriculture, quietly elected Debra Nero its leader in January. She'll be presiding Saturday and Sunday at the club's annual fall garden show at the Pyramid Mall.

Nero, 37, is a geneticist and teaching-support specialist in the Department of Genetics and Development, Division of Biological Sciences, at Cornell's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Call it a sign of the changing times in Ithaca. The 40-plus-member club, which was organized in 1960 by professional horticulturalists and young professionals from many walks of life, finally allowed women to be full members in 1989.

"It's a change for the better," says club member Charles Lounsbury. "The women coming in are competent, helpful and needed."

Originally, says Nero, only women who were wives of full members were allowed in the club, as affiliate members. But four years ago, Anne Fordsham, a transplanted Australian horticulturalist, voiced a strong interest in the club's program, and members voted her in. Now there are eight women members.

"L. H. Bailey was a supporter of women's emancipation, so we hope he might have approved," laughs Nero.

In the '60s, she says, the men's garden club had its female counterpart in the Ithaca

Garden display

What: L. H. Bailey Men's Garden Club Show

Where: Pyramid Mall, between The Bon-Ton and Citizen's Savings Bank

When: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday

Opportunities: To enter specimens for judging in the show: flowers, vegetables or house plants; to join the club, which takes both men and women.

Contacts: President Debra Nero, 254-4854; Vice President Cliff Manchester, 539-7456.

Women's Garden Club. The men mostly specialized in vegetables and the women in flowers. But over the years, Nero says, as gender bias has disappeared, men have gotten more into flower growing.

Nero's own first love is a large perennial flower garden she cultivates at the country home she shares with her husband, Colin Parrish, just outside Ithaca. Parrish, a virologist at Cornell's College of Veterinary Medicine, has a sizeable vegetable garden.

Nero got interested in gardening when she and Parrish were doing post-doctoral work at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia.

"There's no frost there, so people can gar-

BIOFILE

Who: Debra Nero

Age: 37

Born: South Portland, Maine

Education: Bachelor's, University of

Rochester; doctorate, Cornell University; post-doctoral work, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia

Family: Husband, Colin Parrish; two dogs, four cats, two parakeets and a flock of ducks

Home: 11 acres with pond, just outside Ithaca

Job: Teaching support specialist, Department of Genetics and

Development, Division of Biological Sciences, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Community activities: "Expanding Your Horizons," Cornell project to

interest high school girls in science and mathematics; secretary, Historic Ithaca and Tompkins County.

den all year 'round," she says. "Australians are big gardeners."

It was through Fordsham that Nero heard about the Ithaca club, and joined in 1990. As

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president, Nero has worked especially hard on getting good speakers for the year and on the club's annual field trip.

Among the speakers will be Paul Curtis of Cornell's Natural Resources Division in the College of Agriculture. He will speak on "Controlling Garden Pests of the Warm-Blooded Variety."

Ken Horst of Cornell's Plant Pathology Division will talk about dealing with rose diseases.

This year the club trip will be a tour of the George Eastman Gardens at Rochester. "The grounds are being restored to the way they were at their most formal, in the '30s," Nero says.

In addition to gardening, club members work to benefit the community. Some members teach as master gardeners or composters in Cornell's Extension Program. Others are mentors to young gardeners in the 4-H Program.

"Gardening is great therapy, especially for mentally and physically challenged people," says Nero. "Some of our people work at Ithaca. And in the past, we've worked at Willard Psychiatric Center."

Club member Lounsbury and the club's vice president, Cliff Manchester, have nothing but praise for Nero. "She's doing just fine," says Manchester.

The club is affiliated with the National Federation of Men's Garden Clubs. That organization is in the process of changing its name to "Gardeners of America," says Nero.

But, says Manchester, there's no move to change the Ithaca club's name.

Members of the Liberty Hyde Bailey Garden Club met Saturday Oct. 11, to plant several hundred daffodil bulbs at the Hospicare on East King Road. Lisa Miller, Hospice gardener was on hand to plan the display of new bulbs for next Spring. Narcissus bulbs were selected as a precaution as many deer and rabbits roam that area of the town.



Pictured are, left to right, John Doll, Ken Devine, Ray Fox, Ruth Doll, Ed Cobb, Beverly Hillman, Bob Hillman, Lisa Miller (Hospice gardener) and Cliff Manchester.

To celebrate the 150th year since the birth of Liberty Hyde Bailey on the Ides of March in 1858, the L H Bailey Garden Club of Ithaca, NY will host a lecture, "Dean Bailey's 'pet project': A Department of Outdoor Art." by Daniel Krall (Associate professor in the Department of Landscape Architecture at Cornell University).

L.H. Bailey was a major contributor to horticulture and considered by many to be the father of horticulture in the US. He wrote 65 books, some of the most notable of which are the Standard Cyclopedia of Horticulture and the Manual of Cultivated Plants. However, it is fair to say that his most famous and widely read book is Hortus and Hortus Second, which was compiled with his daughter Ethel Zoe Bailey.

Bailey was also involved in starting the 4-H movement and the nature study movement. Bailey was also interested in landscape architecture and started a herbarium of cultivated plants, which became the LH Bailey Hortorium in 1935 when he donated his massive (over 140,000 specimen) collection to Cornell University.

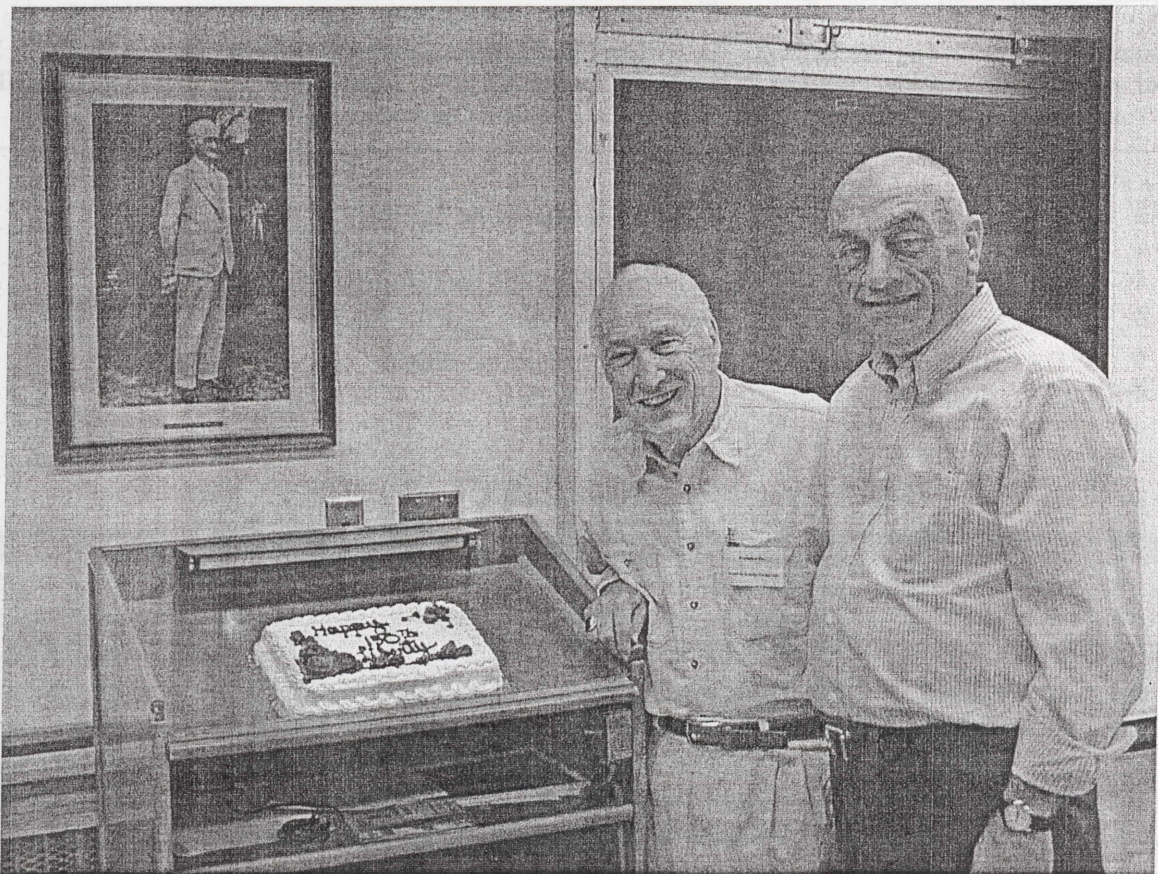




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Ask A Master Gardener: Is it safe to plant my veggies yet? The Ithaca Journal, April 25th, 2009

The AVERAGE last frost date in Tompkins County is May 14, but there are often frosts later. However, most of us want to get an early start to gardening and there's always the chance that most of May will be frost-free. So should we risk it? The answer is that if the air temperature drops we can be vigilant and cover the new plants to protect them.

A more important and less known factor influencing planting is the soil temperature. Plant roots cannot grow until the soil temperature rises above 50 degrees Fahrenheit and this generally happens in late May.

If you plant tender annuals before that, the seeds or roots can freeze or rot. If this happens, then in the end you didn't gain anything from trying to get a jump on the season. Different microclimates warm up at different times and different vegetables need different soil temperatures to begin to grow. Good vegetable gardeners learn which crops go in early for this reason.

As a guide, you can plant peas, beets, radish, turnips, rutabagas, lettuce, spinach, chard and other greens as seed after April 15 depending on the

spring. Cole crops like broccoli, cabbage, Brussels sprouts, and onions can also be planted but generally as transplants.

Beans, sweet corn and potatoes can be planted in mid May, along with transplants of tomatoes, pepper, and eggplants. And the seeds that need to wait until early June planting include: cucumber, melons, squash and pumpkins.

For information on beginning vegetable gardening, contact the Growline at 272-2292.

Today's column was provided by the CCETC Master Gardener Program. Ask a Gardener runs weekly in the Life section. Submit your questions by email to growline@cornell.edu or call 272-2292. The Growline is staffed by Cornell Cooperative Extension Tompkins County Horticulture Program staff and Master Gardener volunteers.

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- ❖ <http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/tompkins/events/index.html>
- ❖ <http://www.gardening.cornell.edu/>
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