

The BAILEYAN

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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.



Save the date!

March 8th

History of the American Chestnut by Shawn Kenaley

Horton Room

The Board of Directors will meet at 6:30 PM. The regular meeting will begin at 7 PM



April 12th

The Role of Plants in Drug Development by Manuel Aregullin

** All photos are courtesy of Ed Cobb unless otherwise noted*

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From the President's corner

I think that we have all seen enough snow this winter. After the late February thaw, I spotted some snowdrops that had been blooming under the snow near my patio. Nothing was going to stop them from blooming. The winter aconites and Spring will not be far behind.

Bob and Duff have been seeding the early geraniums. Anyone who would like to help with the second planting should meet Bob Parlett at Gutterman Greenhouse 161 (far east range) on Saturday March 12 at 10 AM.

For the March meeting we will have Shawn Kenaley, a visiting scholar in Plant Pathology, speak to us about the fate of the American chestnut, *Castanea dentata*. I hope to see everyone at the meeting.

Ed Cobb, President

Some pictures of the American Chestnut



February '11 Meeting Minutes by Anna Stalter

President Ed Cobb called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.
Sixteen members were present.

Members were asked to consider signing up for committees; the sign-up sheet was passed around. A volunteer is sought to lead a softwood cutting demonstration at a future meeting. Bob Parlett is also seeking volunteers to help re-pot geraniums on March 12.

Helen Swank gave the Treasurer's report. Discussion followed about establishing a Scholarship fund for CH Horticulture undergrads. Ed will contact Departments of Horticulture, Plant Biology and Plant Pathology about how this could be done.

Ken Devine then demonstrated how to start hardwood cuttings and members spent the remainder of the meeting preparing cuttings of boxwood, dwarf juniper, and other species. Members will eventually be able to take rooted cuttings home to plant. Thanks to Ken and Bev Hillman for providing plant materials, and to Ed and Ken for preparing starting trays and soil.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Liberty Hyde Bailey Garden Club 2011 Meeting Schedule (and refreshments)

January 11th: Meeting cancelled

February 8th: Organization for 2011 & Hardwood Cuttings
(Ed)

March 8th: History of the American Chestnut – Shawn Kenaley (Beverly)

April 12th: The Role of Plants in Drug Development – Manuel Aregullin (Ken)

May 10th: Plant Auction at the Horton Room (Helen)

June 14th: TBA (Elke)

July 12th: Picnic?

August 9th or 13th: Butterfly Display at the Cayuga Nature Center – Jack Little & Joan

September 13th: Plant Exchange at the Horton Room (David & Arnaud)

October 11th: Dish to Pass Dinner

November 8th: Election

December 13th: Holiday Decorations



Cornell Extension Activities

<http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/tompkins/events/index.html>

Unless another location is listed in the entry, events are held at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Education Center, 615 Willow Avenue, Ithaca NY

Food Gardening Panel Discussion

Wednesday, March 9, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Don't miss this panel discussion by several experienced food gardeners! Master Gardeners and others with years of food growing experience will highlight some advanced ways to maximize your crop and extend the growing season. Includes a special focus on **home fruit production**. The workshop will assume that attendees have had some growing experience. \$5/person. Pre-registration is recommended. Call (607) 272-2292.

Garden Travel Slide Show: Botanical Travel to the Finger Lakes (and beyond)

Saturday, March 12, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

This presentation by Daniel Segal of The Plantsmen Nursery will highlight some of the most beautiful native species that make Ithaca and surrounding areas truly a travel destination. For a fun twist, we will also look at some related species from other regions, and discuss some basics regarding relationships between these plants and our own. A light dose of plant geography and ecology with a heavy dose of pretty plant slides. Refreshments and time to socialize will follow the talk. Free and open to the public but a suggested donation of \$3 helps support the Horticulture Program. Please call (607) 272-2292 for more information.

Gardens 4 Humanity Training

Participants must attend all 4 sessions! Training meets: (3) Mondays 3/14, 3/28 & 4/11 from 6:00-9:00pm, and Saturday 4/2 from 10:00-4:00pm. Registration is required. Application available online at www.ccetompkins.org/g4h or pick one up at CCE-Tompkins and GIAC. For questions please contact Liz Falk erf59@cornell.edu.

A FREE 15-hour training to create more garden educators in our community. This "garden based learning" training covers topics including gardening basics, effectively teaching kids and adults in and out of the classroom setting, and garden and food related activities.

Fruit Tress Pruning Workshop

Saturdays, March 19 and 26, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Reisinger's Apple Country Orchards, 2750 Apple Lane, Watkins Glen, NY 14891

This fun, educational workshop is ideal for those that are new to fruit growing as well as the seasoned fruit grower. Instructor Rick Reisinger will demonstrate pruning techniques on apples, stone fruits, nuts and berries throughout his family orchard. Other topics to be covered include grafting and apple tree and renovating an older tree to improve fruit production. This is an outdoor demonstration; participants should dress for the weather. Cider and donuts will be provided. **Preregistration is required by March 4, 2011 for admission to either workshop.** Call Schuyler County CCE to register at (607) 535-7161.

Free Guided Tree Walks

Saturdays, March 19 and April 9, 2:15 - 4:15 pm

EcoVillage - Song Common House, Rachel Carson Way, Ithaca, NY 14850

Join Akiva Silver, tree lore raconteur extraordinaire of Primitive Pursuits, and kindle your own passion and appreciation for the world of trees. If you want to go beyond simple tree identification and learn their edible, medicinal and utilitarian uses, then this is the walk for you. For adults, and children with supervision. *Pre-registration is not required, but is recommended in the event that we must cancel the walk. Please come dressed for the weather.*

Directions: The walk will be held at Ecovillage. Take 79 West from Ithaca for a few minutes (about a mile outside of the 35mph zone), then take a left on to Rachel Carson Way. Follow the driveway all the way to the back and stay to the right. We will meet in the parking lot near the Song common house. It will be appreciated if you don't speed when driving down Rachel Carson Way. If you have any questions call the Primitive Pursuits office at (607) 272-2292

Beautification Brigade Volunteer Training

Tuesday, March 22 & Monday March 28, 6:00 - 8:30 pm

The Beautification Brigade takes care of public flower plantings in Ithaca. Have fun, learn gardening techniques, and help keep Ithaca gorgeous. Free dinner provided at the trainings. FREE and open to anyone who wishes to volunteer with the program. Contact Dan Klein at dek22@cornell.edu, or call (607) 272-2292 for more information or a volunteer application.

Learn to Prune Trees & Shrubs

Mondays, April 4, 11 and 18, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Each spring, CCE-Tompkins offers a training series for individuals who wish to volunteer with the Citizen Pruner Program and for members of the general public. Three workshops will be offered this year:

- April 4, **Trees for Challenging Sites**, with Dr. Nina Bassuk of Cornell's Urban Horticulture Institute
- April 11, **Training Young Trees, Pruning Older Trees, and Tools of the Trade**, with City Forestry Technician Jeanne Grace and arborist Keith Vanderhye
- April 18, **Pruning Shrubs**, with Monika Roth, Agriculture Extension Educator at CCE-Tompkins.

Classes are \$5/each for the general public and FREE to volunteers!

Event from Ed Cobb**2011 Spring Garden Fair and Plant Sale**

Date: Saturday May 14

Hours: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Location: I am 90% certain that we will hold the event at the NYS Armory off Rt. 13 N at Hanshaw Rd.

The site has many advantages ... lots of parking with no competing events on Saturday, bigger indoor space.

Event from Elke Schofield**FLNPS talk on Invasive Plants
Research**

The Finger Lakes Native Plant Society presents a slide show & talk by Bernd Blossey, Cornell Dept. of Natural Resources, on New Twists in Control of Introduced Species

For years we have been removing invasive plants from natural areas in the hope of preserving the native ecosystem. Meanwhile, Bernd Blossey has been in the forefront of research on control and effects of invasives. Come hear his approach to invasive species management in forests in light of some new results from his studies. He will discuss garlic mustard, where his recommendation is to cease all management, except when the species is just invading and in very small populations. Bernd will also discuss the interactions of invasive plants and deer and how, without substantial reductions in the deer herd, our beloved Finger Lakes forests will be buckthorn and honeysuckle thickets.

Wednesday March 16, 2011 7:00 - 8:30 pm at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County 615 Willow Ave., Ithaca
ALL ARE WELCOME!

**Flower Shows****Philadelphia Flower Show**

“Spring Time in Paris” March 6th – 13th (<http://www.theflowershow.com/ShowInfo/index.html>)

Syracuse Flower Show

“CNY Blooms” March 3rd – 6th (<http://www.cnyblooms.com/>)

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