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
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.
Learn to Prune Trees & Shrubs Program. Please call (607) 272-2292 for more information.

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:

- **Mondays, April 4, 11 and 18, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**
  Training Young Trees, Pruning Older Trees, and Tools of the Trade. With City Forestry Technician Jeanne Grace and arborist Keith Vanderhye.
- **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.
- **Wednesdays, April 4, 11 and 18, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**
  Learn to Prune Trees & 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

Syracuse Flower Show
“CNY Blooms” March 3rd – 6th (http://www.cnyblooms.com/)

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