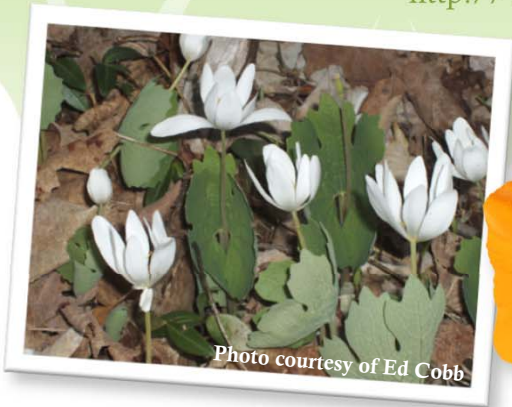


The BAILEYAN

<http://www.hort.cornell.edu/LHBGC/>



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.

Volume 49, Number 4 From the President's corner

Dear Members:

It seems like spring has finally arrived to Central New York. The trees are budding and by the time we gather for our May 12 meeting we should be seeing leaves on the trees; the spring bulbs and some flowering trees are making a magnificent color debut all throughout the area.

Our April meeting featured a presentation on Forest Farming at the MacDaniels Nut Grove by Dr. Kenneth Mudge. Many thanks to him for the insight on forest farming.

The plants for the May 16 sale at the Ithaca High School have all been transplanted and are doing well. We will need to discuss our strategy for setting up our display and sale area there.

The May meeting will be our annual plant auction and fundraiser. Please give some thought as to what you can provide for this event. Always keep in mind that this is a good time to obtain new plants for your gardens.

Looking forward to welcoming all of you to our May 12 meeting. Why not invite a friend to come along?

Warm regards,

Ken Devine, President

Save the Date!

May 12th

Plant Auction

Horton Room

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



June 9th or 13th

McLean bog habitat tour of native orchids

April '09 Meeting Minutes

President Ken Devine updated us on the status of our checking, savings and CD accounts. Our CD of \$1,500 is now with Elmira Savings Bank.

Ken will contact Bob Parlett about the transplanting of the geraniums for the Ithaca School Plant sale in May. Many members volunteered to help with the transplanting. Ken will also make arrangements to sell the plants at the Ithaca High School sale on May 16.



The May meeting will feature a plant auction. Please bring plants and seedlings that you would like to auction or exchange.

Dr. Ken Mudge of the Horticulture department at Cornell spoke to the club about Forest Farming. It was an informative lecture centered around nut trees that had been planted and grafted by Lawrence H. MacDaniels in the 1930's. Many of the trees are still in the woodlot today. Some plants being grown in the plot include: American ginseng (*Panax quinquefolius*), Gold seal (*Hydrastis canadensis*), Pawpaw (*Asimina triloba*) and raspberries (*Rubus spp.*). Several species of mushrooms (including Shitake) are being grown on logs at the MacDaniels Nut Grove.

Berm Clean-up day

We will be having a Berm clean-up day in May. All interested members are urged to join in the effort.



Tree Peony Festival of Flowers 2009

Linwood is located 35 miles southwest of Rochester. The historic gardens feature a distinguished collection of tree peonies.

Each spring when the tree peonies are in bloom, Linwood celebrates this special event with a Festival of Flowers.

May 23, 24, and 25; May 30 and 31; and June 6 and 7

<http://www.linwoodgardens.org/> or (585) 584-3913





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

Spring Compost Workshop

Saturday, May 2, 12 Noon-1:00 pm

Hospicare, 172 E. King Rd, Ithaca

Join Master Composters and the amazing Garden staff from Hospicare for a free and fun compost workshop. Hospicare has been composting their food and garden waste for nine years. There will be demonstrations showing compost techniques, and discussions about how you can set up and manage a compost system of your own. Please come with questions, and bring kids, your friends and family.

Mothers Day Wildflower Breakfast

Sunday, May 10. Breakfast and self-guided walk 9:00 am 12:00 pm, Guided walk 11:00 am

Arnot Forest, 611 County Route 13, Van Eten, NY 14889

Bring Mom to the Arnot Forest for a peaceful and relaxing breakfast at the lodge. Afterward, take a guided or self-guided wildflower walk. Learn to identify the beautiful wildflowers that carpet the forest floor in the springtime. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged. Check website for last-minute updates. Pre-registration Cost: \$8/person, \$2/person kids under 12; Day of event cost: \$10/person, \$2/person kid under 12. To register and pay on-line, visit Arnotconservation.info. You may also register by phone (607) 535-7161), or by emailing cab377@cornell.edu.

Annual Spring Garden Fair & Plant Sale

Saturday, May 16, 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Ithaca High School, 1401 North Cayuga Street, Ithaca

In addition to perennials sold by Cooperative Extension Master Gardener volunteers, other garden groups join the event to offer specialty plants and gardening advice. Learn about growing rock garden plants or selecting native plants for the garden. For the vegetable garden, you will find organically grown transplants and heirloom varieties. A huge variety of colorful annuals, fragrant herbs and many specialty perennials are offered by over 40 area growers to add season-long interest to the garden. Small flowering shrubs, hardy roses and fruit crops round out the selection. Free soil pH testing will be available and educational exhibits and information offered. Kids can join the Ithaca Children's Garden for a fun hands-on activity. Bring baskets, wagons, and other containers for transporting plants. For more information, call 272-2292 or email: growline@cornell.edu.



Liberty Hyde Bailey Garden Club 2009 Meeting Schedule (and refreshments)

January 13th: Meeting cancelled

February 10th: Fruitwise apple tree grafting – YouTube
(Ken Devine)

March 10th: An Introduction to the Orchid Family: their history, taxonomy and cultivation – Alfonso Doucette
(amd94@cornell.edu) (Ed Cobb)

April 14th: Forest Farming at the MacDaniels Nut Grove – Dr. Kenneth Mudge (Ruth Doll)

May 12th: Plant Auction
(David Hiner & Arnaud Germain)

June 9th or 13th: McLean bog habitat tour of native orchids

July 14th: Picnic? (Helen Swank)

August 11th: Garden Tour
(Don Williams)

September 8th: Plant exchange Horton Room (Anna Statler)

October 13th: Dish to pass dinner

November 10th: Election
(Debi Lampman)

December 8th: Holiday Decorations (Beverly Hillman)



Photo courtesy of Ed Cobb

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.

Websites of interest (provided by Ed Cobb)

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

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