

# 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.

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### From the President's corner

The geranium sale was a great success. Special thanks to Bob Parlett and Duff for their hard work in growing and tending the wonderful and healthy geraniums plants. Thanks also to all of the club members who helped grow and sell the geraniums. We had a great product that we all can be proud of. All but a 24 plants were sold. Those left were donated to McGraw house and to Cayuga Ridge Nursing Home for their gardens.

Our garden club auction yielded us income and a chance to grow some new plants.

There was a partial clean-up at the berm on May 25. Much progress was made but more weeding is needed. Please help keeping our public garden looking good this season by spending some time at the berm. Perhaps we can get ahead of the *Artemisia vulgaris* this season.

There will be no formal LHBGC meeting in June. Please consider taking a friend to visit one of the many gardens that will be open to the public in June. Information for some of these gardens is listed in this month's newsletter.

Good growing!

Ed Cobb, President

### Save the Date!

#### Month of June

Visit a garden of your choice  
But where? Well, read this  
newsletter...



#### July 12th Picnic?

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

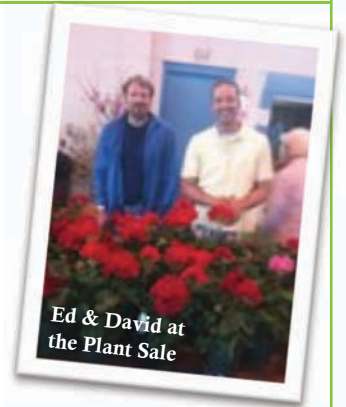
## May'11 Meeting Minutes

By David Hiner

Ed Cobb brought the garden club meeting to a start at 7:05pm.

The club discussed the plant sale and prices on the geraniums. The club is to sell 300 geraniums at a \$4 to \$5 sale price. For a convenience and to alleviate any headaches the day of the plant sale the planning committee decided to bring half of the geraniums to the Armory on Friday between 4 pm to 7 pm and the remaining geraniums on Saturday morning before 8:30 am. For those who are interested lilac will likely be available at the plant sale.

It was determined there would be no official meeting in June however it would be replaced with a tour of your choice. In June there are 4 garden tours under way. There are several tours to choose from, all of them included in this newsletter.



The new bicycle rack is up at the Ithaca falls, however, Helen suggested we think about putting an additional bike rack at the falls location. The railing that was installed is now "wobbly", it does not appear it was cemented into the ground.

The berm clean up is scheduled for May 25<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 5pm.

Debbie Lampman said she has a baptista and some grasses that need to be dug up and are

available for those who would like them.

Plant sale started!



## Linwood Gardens

<http://lindwoodgardens.org>

Linwood Gardens is located 35 miles southwest of Rochester, New York, in the farmlands of the Genesee Valley. The garden landscape was designed in the early 1900's, with an Arts and Crafts style summerhouse, walled gardens with pools and fountains, ornamental trees, and a view of the valley below.

The gardens include a distinguished collection of Japanese and American tree peonies featured each

spring at the Tree Peony Festival of Flowers.

Our mission is to preserve the gardens and tree peony collection for future generations to enjoy.

Linwood Gardens serves as a private residence. It is only open to the public for the Tree Peony Festival of Flowers, Summer Workshops and the Open Garden Days participants.

Linwood Gardens is the home of an historical collection of tree peonies dating from 1940. It is not a commercial nursery.



# 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



## Free Guided Tree Walks

**Saturday, June 4, 2:15 – 4:15 pm**

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.

## Introduction to Edible & Medicinal Herbs & Spices

**Monday, June 6, 6 - 8 pm**

Learn about the growing habits and benefits of herbs and spices in your home garden -- culinary, medicinal, and aromatherapeutic! Explore the folklore and history of herbs. Enjoy a hands-on class with a complete sampling of herbs and plenty of time for questions and answers. Please call (607) 272-2292 and register in advance so we can make a sufficient number of handouts! \$5/person



## Garden Reprise

**Thursday, June 9, 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

*Groton Public Library, 112 East Cortland St. Groton, NY 13073*

Gardening doesn't have to stop with spring planting! Find out what veggies and herbs can be planted in June or July for late summer/fall harvest. Patricia Curran, Horticulture Educator at CCE-Tompkins, also will discuss ornamental plants, nursery sales and late summer container plantings. Questions welcome! Sign up at the Groton Public Library, by e-mail at [director@grotonpubliclibrary.org](mailto:director@grotonpubliclibrary.org) or by telephone at (607) 898-5055.

## 4-H Forestry Exploration: "Know your Trees"

**Saturday, June 18, 10 am - Noon**

*4-H Acres, 418 Lower Creek Rd. Ithaca, NY 14850*

Youth will learn how to identify deciduous trees by leaf shape in this session of the 4-H Forestry Exploration program. We will discuss leaf terms, tree growth patterns, and how fungi grows on trees. Program takes place outdoors, so dress for the weather! Participants may attend one or all of the sessions in this series. Please preregister by calling Sherron at (607) 272-2292 or emailing [scb42@cornell.edu](mailto:scb42@cornell.edu). For a list of all topics, visit <http://ccetompkins.org/4h-forestry>

## Gardener's Pot Swap & Recycling Event

**June 24, 25, 26 & 27, 9 am - 6 pm**

From Friday June 24 through Monday June 27, you can leave your plastic nursery pots, trays and cell packs in the designated area off the CCE-Tompkins main parking lot on Willow Avenue. You may take away as many pots as you can use, too! Plastic that is left after the weekend event will be taken to a recycler for processing. This is a FREE opportunity for gardeners to recycle their plastic plant containers instead of throwing them away.



## Compost with Confidence: Getting Started

**Saturday, June 25, 10 - 11 am**

*Compost Demonstration site is at Ithaca Community Gardens, off 3rd Street at the entrance to the Ithaca Farmers' Market.*

Local compost experts will provide information and give hands-on demonstrations to help you set up and manage a compost system in any setting! Each class of the series (last Saturday of the month, 10:00-11:00am) covers composting basics. In addition, the July class will focus on "troubleshooting" - what could go wrong and how to prevent / remedy the situation. The class will be taught by a team of Tompkins County Master Composters, who are prepared to answer questions. Sign-up for this FREE class by emailing Liz Falk, [erf59@cornell.edu](mailto:erf59@cornell.edu) or call (607) 272-2292.

## Master Food Preserver Training

**Tuesday, June 28, 18:30 am – 4:30 pm**

*Cornell University, 360 Martha Van Rensselaer Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853*

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County will be offering a **Master Food Preserver** training, taught by Cornell Cooperative Extension food preservation experts. This is a 3-day program for those who would like to go beyond the basics of home food preservation. However, no prior experience in food preservation is required.

**Class will be held: Tuesday, June 28 to Thursday, June 30th, from 8:30am to 4:30pm (all 3 days)**

Participants will learn the science of food preservation, boiling water bath canning, pressure canning, freezing and drying foods, quick pickling, and making jam/jelly using the safest, most updated information available.

Those who attend the full 3-days and choose to take the exam will receive a Certificate of Participation. Those wishing to become a 'CCETC Master Food Preserver' will need to apply and meet additional requirements.

This is a hands-on training, so space is limited. It will be held on the Cornell University campus. Please contact Carole Fisher if you have questions or would like to register (607) 272-2292. \$295/person, includes food preservation manual. (Some scholarships may be available; ask Carole).



## Dryden Garden and Art Tour

The third annual Dryden Beautification Brigade Garden and Art Tour is ready to blossom. **On Saturday, June 25**, this year's tour is heading out on the road, visiting four of Dryden's more rural country gardens. The



nominal entrance fee of \$5 provides access to four carefully maintained gardens and the works of local artists, along with shuttle transportation to each site. The tour runs from 9 am - 1 pm, beginning at the municipal parking lot on George Street in Dryden (behind the First National Bank, Main Street branch). Tour passes, maps and shuttle vans will be available here as well as on each site along the tour.

## Woodland Wonders

*Our Garden was chosen to be on the **Open Days Garden Tour** this year! On **June 11<sup>th</sup>** (see p.5), our garden, along with 2 other private gardens in Tompkins County, will be open from 10 am to 4 pm. The Open Days Garden Tour is part of a national program coordinated by the Garden Conservancy. Locally, the Tompkins County Community Beautification Program organizes the tour and gets a share of the \$5 per person entry fee to each garden. To view pictures of the local gardens that will participate on this day and see more information please check out this site ~ <http://ccetompkins.org/garden/open-days-garden-tours>*

Many of you have been asking about the "Walks" and we have been busy (between rain drops) getting our property ready for your visit! **Two different months:** (because gardens are ever changing) **Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> and July 23<sup>rd</sup> 9 am – 3 pm.**

Be sure to sign the guest book as we will hold a drawing each day for a complimentary Perennial Plant and a set of Woodland Wonder Photography Greeting Cards. Bud's Perennials are looking their best and all wintered over! We appreciate you taking the time to come and visit us and it is our hope that we can speak to each of you while you are strolling the gardens. Feel free to ask questions. See you soon! No reservations necessary. Come rain or shine.

Bud & Terie Rawn, 192 Vankirk Road, Newfield NY. 607-564-7516



Soloman's seal



Aquilegia



Baptisia

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

**January 11<sup>th</sup>: Meeting cancelled**

**February 8<sup>th</sup>: Organization for 2011 & Hardwood Cuttings**  
(Ed)

**March 8<sup>th</sup>: History of the American Chestnut** – Shawn Kenaley (Beverly)

**April 12<sup>th</sup>: The Role of Plants in Drug Development** – Manuel Aregullin (Ken)

**May 10<sup>th</sup>: Plant Auction at the Horton Room** (Helen)

**June 14<sup>th</sup>: Visit a garden**

**July 12<sup>th</sup>: Picnic?**

**August 9<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup>: Butterfly Display at the Cayuga Nature Center** – Jack Little & Joan

**September 13<sup>th</sup>: Plant Exchange at the Horton Room** (David & Arnaud)

**October 11<sup>th</sup>: Dish to Pass Dinner**

**November 8<sup>th</sup>: Election**

**December 13<sup>th</sup>: Holiday Decorations**

## Open Days Garden Tour

(Saturday, June 11 from 10 am - 4 pm)

<http://cctompkins.org/gardentour>

*The Tompkins County Community Beautification Program coordinates local participation in The Open Days Garden Tours, a national event sponsored by The Garden Conservancy. These private gardens are open to the public on one day only. The gardens are selected because they have that "something special". Visitors can drop-in at any or all of the gardens on their own schedule during the hours that the garden is open. The cost is \$5 per person per garden, with proceeds split between the Tompkins County Community Beautification Program and the national Garden Conservancy. The tour goes on rain or shine.*

### ❖ Isbell Garden (534 Valley Rd. Brooktondale)

This garden features a series of rooms, separated by trees and shrubs that were planted in 1984 starting with 2 Spring rock gardens next to the house. The owner next experimented with a sand bed and a 'hot garden', inspired by Elizabeth Sheldon's garden in Lansing. The pond and waterfall replaced the old perennial garden in 2005, and a crevice garden was added next to the waterfall in 2006. In 2010, 3 more rooms were completed: another crevice garden called Apu Isbell, an outdoor study under the canopy of a gigantic weeping beech, and an Earth Mother altar.

### ❖ Woodland Wonders (192 Van Kirk Rd. Newfield)

Nestled into a natural curve of the woods edge, the garden creators positioned their home and gardens to obtain maximum views of Ithaca and its surrounding countryside. The curves were then repeated by establishing a variety of paths throughout the perennial gardens. Elegant mixed borders edge the lawn and gracefully lead the wanderer to a quiet bench, the pond, or perhaps a stroll through the 30 acre woodlot (all paths lead home).

Existing trees stand proud as backdrop to shade gardens dappled in sunlight, adding depth and interest. A pond encourages wildlife to venture near, and birds sing happily as they claim this sanctuary for their own. After 20 years of playing in the woods, the hosts are ready to welcome you. A special treat - viewing the gardens from inside 'Stepback Cottage'.

### ❖ Medicine Tree Farm (91 Shaffer Rd. Newfield)

This perpetually evolving, eclectic garden takes inspiration from the owner's childhood memories of the dramatically different gardens kept by his grandparents. One is remembered as a rambling rock garden full of color, pools, and surprises while the other was filled with square rose beds, grassy allees, and rows of vegetables. The whimsy of the entry bridge over the first pond and the many rustic arbors draped in grapevines, hops, and clematis, along with the underplantings of naturalizing perennials, ornamentals, and grasses provide a maze of pathways for wandering, imagining, and games of hide and seek. The central 'peacock garden' is surrounded by aviaries containing a vast collection of rare Java Green, opal, silver pied, and bronze peafowl, all of which will be in full breeding plumage by June. This garden will welcome all visitors to return for a torchlight viewing on the evening of June 11 to experience the real magic of the place.



## The Borglum's Iris Gardens

<http://www.borglumiris.com>

We live in the wonderful countryside of the Finger Lakes Region of west central New York. Around our farm house there are four acres of numerous varieties of iris, peonies, hostas, and daylilies plus other perennials and trees. We are experimenting with varieties of 'coral bells' (Heuchera) and Clematis this year. The garden areas are broken up into "Dig Your Own" (DYO), growing, seedling and display beds. We welcome you to slide into your walking shoes and come visit us (please note- no Saturday sales).



## Secret Gardens In and Around Aurora

Tickets will be available at Bet the Farm, they will also be offering free wine tasting with the purchase of a ticket. This is located next to the Aurora Inn on Rt. 90.

*Save The Date!*  
Southern Cayuga Garden Club  
*Presents the*  
24th Annual Garden Tour  
**Secret Gardens**  
**In and Around Aurora**  
Sunday, June 19, 2011  
1:00—4:00 pm  
Locations and details available soon

## 2011 Berm Schedule

As you can see, there are still some openings which need to be filled. Please sign up with Elke.

*May 30-June 5: Elke Schofield; June 6-12: ???; June 13-19: Sandra Jensen; June 20-26: Don Williams; June 27-July 3: Duff & Bob Partlett; July 4-10: ???; July 11-17: Ken Devine; July 18-24: Cliff Manchester; July 25-31: Bob Hillman; August 1-7: ???; August 8-14: David & Arnaud; August 15-21: ???; August 22-28: ???*



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