

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.

Save the Date!

NO July Meeting



August 11th at 3PM

Garden Tour



September 8th

Plant exchange



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Dear Members,

Our June meeting was held at the O.D. von Engeln Preserve at Malloryville. Although it was a rainy Saturday, we had very good attendance and we welcomed a new member, Jennifer Lorang, to our group. The heavy canopy of leaves kept us from getting too wet on our walk through the bog. Although we did not see any orchids in flower, we did see a beautiful pitcher plant (*Deinante*) in flower as well as a variety native ferns and other bog species. Thanks to Ed Cobb for leading the tour.

The club **will not** have a formal July meeting. For those of you who would like to go on your own, the Cornell Floriculture Field Day and Kathy Pufahl Container Competition will be held on Tuesday, July 21st, 2009. If interested please check the Horticulture website for additional information:

http://greenhouse.cornell.edu/calendar/200907floriculture_field_day.htm

There is still a need for volunteers to spend a few hours at the LHBGC berm at the Ithaca Farmers Market. Please keep in mind that Saturday is not a good time to work there since parking is difficult.

We look forward to seeing all of you at our August 11 meeting.

Warm regards,

Ken Devine, President



June '09 Meeting Minutes

On Saturday June 13, garden club members toured the Von Engeln Preserve in Malloryville. Despite the threatening rain, many different plants were observed including blueberry, bog rosemary, Dame's rocket, pitcher plants, wild calla, two species of Lycopodium and several species of native ferns.

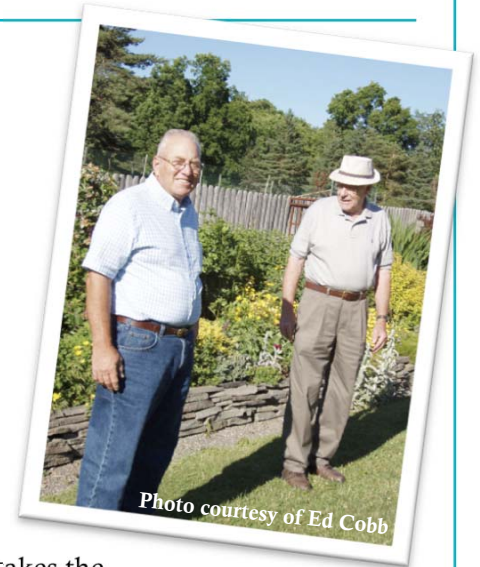
The Garden Conservancy's OPEN DAYS

<http://www.gardenconservancy.org/opendays/events.pl?ID=226&SortBy=&State=>

◆ **Hillman Garden (10am-4pm)**

159 Ellis Hollow Creek Road
Ithaca, New York

One of the many interesting features in this thirteen-acre estate is a 100-foot perennial border with garden ornaments, fronted by a stone wall and backed by a board fence that divides the lawn, old brick paths, house, Lord & Burnham greenhouse, and pergola from stunning open vistas of horse pasture and horses. A one-acre fish pond with raft and dock nestle between two vegetable gardens, an apple orchard, and a riding ring. The koi pool made from two pallets of river washed stone, a meandering stream, and a path with four bridges takes the lower route through the shade garden of hostas and ligularia. The property also boasts more than 100 dahlias, and more than seventy labeled potentially poisonous plants. The old board fence and forty-five-year-old spruce trees make this a special private retreat.



If anyone would like to help Beverly with her open house on July 11 from 10 AM to 4 PM. Please call her at 273-8838 to arrange a time that you can volunteer.

Directions:

Take Ellis Hollow road past East Hill Plaza. Go 2 miles, take third left onto Turkey Hill Road. Go 0.5 mile and turn right onto Ellis Hollow Creek Road. Go 0.8 mile to mailbox on right, #159, driveway opposite. Please parking along Ellis Hollow Creek Road, next to wooden fence. Enter through pedestrian gate next to electric gate.



◆ **Gibson Garden (10:00am-4:00pm)**

2021 Ellis Hollow Road
Ithaca, New York

Gibson's cottage-style garden roams around a white farmhouse that allows garden views from the front porch and back patio. Included are a large front shade garden, two partial-sun side gardens, and a hillside shrub garden along the side and back patio. The "drifts of one" garden uses plant combinations the majority of which are perennials. There is an emphasis on unique plants and those with large and colorful foliage, interspersed with favorite annuals and vines. Enjoy the view from benches located along the rock-lined garden paths.

Directions:

Take Route 79. Pass Caroline Elementary School and take first left onto Ellis Hollow Road. Go 1 mile to top of hill.



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

Native Plants in the Home Landscape

Tuesday, July 7, 6:30-8:30pm

Master Gardeners and Horticulture staff will discuss native plants, how they are adapted to our different habitats, and suggest native plants to use in the home landscape. Fee: \$5. Please pre-register so that we can make sufficient handouts. For more information, contact Pat Curran, Horticulture Program Manager, 607-272-2292 or email: pc21@cornell.edu.



Photo courtesy of Ed Cobb

Canning Tomatoes & Fruits

Friday, July 10, 12:30-3:00pm

In this hands-on class, you'll learn how to safely can tomatoes and fruits using a boiling water bath canner and receive updated information on canning methods. Fee \$15. Advance registration and pre-payment required. For more information, call Carole Fisher at 272-2292 or email: crf11@cornell.edu. Offered again on Thursday, July 16, 6:30-9:00pm.

Worm Power 101

Monday, July 20, 6:00-7:00pm

Several Master Composters from Tompkins County Cooperative Extension are offering compost classes through the Freeskool this summer. This session explores the wonders of vermicomposting; a great way to compost indoors and keep the compost going even after your pile freezes. With 5 hearts each, these little wigglers have a lot of love to give. So, make love not landfills - let the worms eat your garbage! Facilitators are: Alan Bitar, Nicole Stumpf and Laura

Canning Vegetables and Meats

Friday, July 24, 12:30-3:00pm

In this hands-on class, you'll learn the procedures for safely canning low-acid foods in a pressure canner. You'll receive updated information on canning techniques, learn about the different types of pressure canners and why they must be used instead of a water bath canner. Fee \$15. Advance registration and pre-payment required. For more information, call Carole Fisher at 272-2292 or email: crf11@cornell.edu. Offered again on Tuesday, July 28, 6:30-9:00pm.

Compost with Confidence: Troubleshooting

Saturday, July 25, 12:00-1:00pm

Ithaca Community Gardens, Carpenter Rd off the 3rd St Ext (near the Farmer's 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, noon - 1pm) will cover 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. Registration not required - just show up!



Photo courtesy of Ed Cobb

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 13th: McLean bog habitat tour of native orchids

July: No Meeting

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)

The Great Outdoors: Nature's show goes on despite the rain (by Rick Marsi • Ithaca Journal, June 27, 2009)

Given this week's very nice summer weather, it's hard to say June was a bust.

Until this warm spell, though, I heard quite a bit of complaining. The brunt of the griping seemed focused on rain - how it wears on the mind and the body. I, too, find rainy days smother my self-motivation. But I know through experience the trick is to simply press on. That means going outside despite rainy weather. I did that this June, dripped a lot and reaped ample rewards.

There was a mink in broad daylight, on a wet riverbank. Hump-backed, in a hurry, it snaked through a lattice of tree roots exposed by erosion from flood waters passed. Keep still was my first thought. Blend in. It will pass without knowing you're there. It did, thinking, no doubt, about pickerel frogs. Hiding under rocks and logs turned green by moss, they rank high on a mink's luncheon menu.

Minks, incidentally, love rain. So do pickerel frogs.

There also were birds singing songs in the rain. I looked at my watch while I listened. The time was high noon. Were the sky blue and clear, the beating sun would have broiled these loud songsters into silent submission.

One bird I watched was a black-billed cuckoo. It scanned the branches of a backyard oak, then ran, neck outstretched, along one limb to spear a spiny caterpillar. The gypsy moth larva got grasped by its head, spun around once or twice and then swallowed.

I saw bluebirds as well, dropping from garden fence posts to snatch insects intent on bean plunder. Would a sunny day enhance the appeal of these gems, or would its glare siphon richness from the beauty of blue backs and tails?

Orioles, too, dashed among the rain drops. A female, grasping a foot-long grass blade, flew through a thorn apple tangle. Her orange-and-black mate kept watch, whistling somewhere within snow-white blooms.

The female is building a nest somewhere near. She's a pro basket weaver, creating a pouch in which nestlings will sway in both storms and a fresh northwest wind. It hangs somewhere nearby, but unseen among thousands of leaves. The raindrops continue. Oriole wings beat through leaves spraying droplets. Now they're out in the open, then gone.

I can augment these rainy-day sightings with more:

* I saw columbine clumps, waxy flowers shaped like little pink trumpets.

* I smiled at a mother merganser dashing down a riffle - fuzz-ball chicks close behind - when my kayak got too close for comfort.

* I walked in that riffle, felt it push on my legs while it loosened a buffet of insect nymphs trout would consume.

* I sniffed dogwood and choke cherry, locust and horse chestnut - all of which bloomed in profusion while spring rains persisted.

If you'd like to collect your own June recollections, slip on a rain jacket the next time it showers. Pad about in a spongy forest. Squish across the lawn. You'll find things turn quiet when drops start to fall. That's another good thing about rain.

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