

# 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!

**September 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Plant Exchange**  
Horton Room

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



**October 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Dish to Pass Dinner**

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### From the President's corner

Dear Members,

The fall season is upon us, cooler weather has arrived, once again; the Great New York State Fair has come and gone; and we should now be thinking about our fall plantings.

The September meeting will include a plant exchange, so peruse your gardens and decide what little gems you have that others would enjoy in their garden and bring those to our meeting. This is a wonderful opportunity for those of you who are just beginning to garden, and for all of you seasoned gardeners, to obtain a variety of plant material that you would otherwise not have available to you.

If you have some time on a nice day this is a good time of year to visit some of the public gardens around the area to see what has done well over the summer and to get an idea of what you would like to do with your garden next year.

The club has agreed to support the fall planting of bulbs or other plant material to continue to make the Hospicare grounds on West King Road a place of beauty. Ed Cobb will be checking with the folks there to find out their preference.

As we have done in past years, we need to decide on a fall clean up day at the berm after a killing frost has occurred, most likely in late September or early October.

See you at our September 8th meeting.

Regards,

Ken Devine, President

# August '09 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by president Ken Devine. Volunteers are needed to man the garden booth at the NYS Fair on August 28. Ken has tickets and parking tags. Normally members cover the questions booth for either a morning or afternoon shift. Please contact Ken Devine if interested.



Photo courtesy of Ed Cobb

The Upstate New York Regional meeting will be held September 26 in Smyrna, New York. Arnaud brought flyers describing the event.

Possible activities for the Ithaca Hospice were discussed. Fall planting of bulbs, planting species that bloom during the Summer and possible holiday decorations were discussed as possibilities. Ed will check with Lisa Miller, the head gardener about desired projects.



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Club members toured several gardens on the Cornell campus including the Dean's Garden, the Andrew D. White Garden and the Ruth Uris Garden. Deer damage was noted on many of the *Hydrangea* and *Hosta* varieties some of the large leaved hosta were less damaged than the smaller

leaved Hosta growing in deeper shade. Several species introduced from Asia

including Japanese forest grass, *Hakonechloa macra*, the seven sons tree, *Heptacodium miconiodes*, and Japanese Stewartia, *Stewartia pseudocamellia* were admired.



Photo courtesy of Ed Cobb

Delicious refreshments provided by Don and Berverly Willams were enjoyed by all.



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## 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

### Summer Sprouts

**Wednesday, September 2, 10:00-11:00 am**

**Wednesday, September 9, 10:00-11:00 am**

**Wednesday, September 16, 10:00-11:00 am**

*Ithaca Children's Garden, Cass Park Rt. 89 Ithaca*

Experience the wonders of gardening every Wednesday (to Sept. 16) through stories and hands-on gardening projects. Especially for young children ages 2-5 and their caregivers. Each session includes a story, hands-on activity, and gardening in the Growing Gardens. For more information, contact Leigh MacDonald-Rizzo 272-2292 x186 or email: [lam26cornell.edu](mailto:lam26cornell.edu).

### Kitchen Garden Tour: "Country Stimulus Garden"

**Tuesday, September 8, 6:00-7:30 pm.** *77 Halseyville Road, Enfield (take Rt. 79 West, turn right onto Halseyville at the detour)* FREE! Park at 77 Halseyville Road in the driveway past the house, by the shed. Meet at the shed and walk next door to the garden. This garden will include a guided tour by the owners. Neighbors Joan Adler, David Dietrich and Ann Rider have joined forces to grow veggies this season. They prepared the site in fall with cardboard mulch topped with manure, tilled it in spring and have been planting and enjoying the fruits (or better said, vegetables) of their labor ever since. The garden has been yielding greens, peas, beans, cole crops, root crops with more to come in fall for both fresh eating and winter preserving. So that we may track interest, please pre-register by calling Cooperative Extension at (607) 272-2292.

### Kitchen Garden Tour: Home Food Gardening & Storage I

**Thursday, September 10, 6:00-7:30 pm.** *2505 Danby Rd. (Rt. 96B), Ithaca*

**\$5 fee/person, or \$8/couple at same address. Pre-register at 272-2292.** If tour fills we will start a waiting list for a second tour. Kathy, Bill and Dan Halton own 120 acres in Danby, mostly woodland. In 1984, Bill used a construction technique from Ken Kern (*The Owner Built Home*) to build a circular root cellar dug into the hillside. In 1991, when they built their house, they put in another root cellar below ground, which they use to store the produce from their gardens. They have found root cellars to be very useful for storing: potatoes, beets, carrots, and other root crops, as well as wine, beer, and rain water for dyeing fiber. They have extensive vegetable and fruit gardens, and make their own electricity from solar panels, which stand inside the garden. Please pre-register by calling Cooperative Extension at (607) 272-2292. *Last Kitchen Garden Tour is Thursday, Sept. 17, 6:00-7:30pm (\$5/person limited to 40 people).*

### Kitchen Garden Tour: Home Food Gardening & Storage II

**Thursday, September 17, 6:00-7:30 pm.** *Peasant Dreams Farm, 52 Sodom Road, Ithaca*

**\$5 fee/person, or \$8/couple at same address. Pre-register at 272-2292.** If tour fills we will start a waiting list for a second tour. Directions: *From Ithaca, off Snyder Hill Rd. past Besemer, take Sodom to #52. Drive down long drive towards house.* Peasant Dreams Farm is focusing on root crops for home winter storage and offers information about root cellaring. The farm uses certified organic seed and no chemical fertilizers or pesticides. The gardens are a mix of raised bed, raised rows and larger plantings. Their orchard includes apple, pear, peach, paw paw, northern kiwi and Cornelian cherry, a variety of shrubs (elderberry, high bush cranberry, currants, quince), berries (raspberry, blackberry, black raspberry & blueberry) and nut trees (hazelnut and English walnut). The root cellar is below the porch and is divided into two storage areas: one for cool dry and the other for cool moist storage to accommodate different crops. Chickens and Romney sheep provide manure to the gardens. Please pre-register by calling Cooperative Extension at (607) 272-2292.



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

**January 13<sup>th</sup>: Meeting cancelled**

**February 10<sup>th</sup>: Fruitwise apple tree grafting – YouTube**  
(Ken Devine)

**March 10<sup>th</sup>: An Introduction to the Orchid Family: their history, taxonomy and cultivation – Alfonso Doucette**  
([amd94@cornell.edu](mailto:amd94@cornell.edu)) (Ed Cobb)

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

**May 12<sup>th</sup>: Plant Auction**  
(David Hiner & Arnaud Germain)

**June 13<sup>th</sup>: McLean bog habitat tour of native orchids**

**July: No Meeting**

**August 11<sup>th</sup>: Garden Tour**  
(Don Williams)

**September 8<sup>th</sup>: Plant exchange**  
Horton Room (Anna Statler)

**October 13<sup>th</sup>: Dish to pass dinner**

**November 10<sup>th</sup>: Election**  
(Debi Lampman)

**December 8<sup>th</sup>: Holiday Decorations** (Beverly Hillman)

Message from Barbara Littlefair

The golden-rod is yellow;  
The corn is turning brown;  
The trees in apple orchards  
With fruit are bending down.



Photo courtesy of Barbara Littlefair

The gentian's bluest fringes  
Are curling in the sun;  
In dusty pods the milkweed  
Its hidden silk has spun.

The sedges flaunt their harvest  
In every meadow nook;  
And asters by the brook-side  
Make asters in the brook.



Photo courtesy of Ed Cobb

From dewy lanes at morning  
The grapes' sweet odors rise;  
At noon the roads all flutter  
With yellow butterflies.

By all these lovely tokens  
September days are here,  
With summers's best of weather,  
And autumn's best of cheer.



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