

**THE BAILEYAN**

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The Official Newsletter of the Liberty Hyde Bailey Garden Club of Ithaca, New York

All meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

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**This month: February 12 Organizational Meeting Talk on New Zealand Travel (cover photo)**

**Horton Room KLP Green House 7PM**

**Next Month Activity: March 4,8 Philadelphia Flower Show  
Philadelphia Pa**



LIBERTY HYDE BAILEY GARDEN CLUB  
of the Ithaca, NY, area



P. O. Box 6523, Ithaca, New York 14851

2008 LIBERTY HYDE BAILEY GARDEN CLUB DUES

1 January - 31 December 2008

Local Dues:

Individual or Family Membership \$ 10.00

Gardeners of America/  
Men's Garden Clubs of America:

Regular member \$ 15.00

Additional family member 5.00

American Horticulture Society:

Three year membership \$ 45.00  
if paid by 12/15/07

Two year membership \$ 35.00

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Please check which level of membership you prefer and  
send your payment to: LHBGC, P.O. Box 6523, Ithaca 14851.

2008 Local Membership dues must be paid by 15 January 2008.

If you have questions, call Treasurer Helen Swank at  
607-257-9501.

We hope you will continue to join this merry group of  
devoted gardeners in 2008. Why not pay a membership as  
a gift to a gardening friend?

## 2008 Meeting Schedule

L H Bailey Garden Club

Date	Topic	Speaker	Contact info
Dec 11, 2007	Holiday Decorations		
Jan 8	Slide tour of gardens by club member	???	
Feb 12	Organization Meeting		
	Travel to New Zealand		
Mar 4 & 8	Philadelphia Flower Show	Swarthout Tours	257-2660 / 1 800-772-7267
	Cost for bus to and back from show: \$104		
March 11	150th L H Bailey Birthday	Dan Krall	<a href="#">dwk5</a>
	Dean Bailey's 'pet project': A Department of Outdoor Art.		5-1802
April 8	Significant events in the world of Plant Disease	Karen Snover-Clift	kls13
			5-7860
May 13	Plant Auction??? Or weekend		
June 14 or 21	Garden Tour & Picnic / Dish to pass	Location???	
July 15?	Tour of Perennial Trials	Bill Miller	WBM8
Aug 12	Tour of Sycamore Hill???	George & Karen Hanford	<a href="mailto:hanfordgardens@aol.com">hanfordgardens@aol.com</a>
Sept 9	Plant exchange Horton Room		
Oct 14	Dish to Pass Dinner		
Nov 11	Election		
Dec 9	Holiday Decorations		

## The Presidents Corner

I am planning on presenting a talk about "Travel to New Zealand" at The meeting on Feb 12. We are updating our website.(<http://www.hort.cornell.edu/LHBGC/links.html> ) If you would like to share slides or digital photos of your garden please bring to next meeting or send to the webmaster, Robert and Linda Parlett.

We are also updating our mailing list for the newsletters. If you would like to have a copy of the newsletter mailed to you please send a message to Robert and Linda Parlett. Presently it costs about \$ .75 to mail the Newsletter. Some members may prefer to have them emailed to them. If you don't want them emailed please let us know that also. Committee selections are still available in abundant numbers and can be had for just the asking. Be sure to look at the list and sign up.



# Calendar of Events

## February - March 2008

### **2008 Master Composter Volunteer Training**

**Application Deadline: Friday, February 1**

**Thursday evenings, February 14 - May 1 (no class Mar. 20), 6:30-8:30 pm**

Master Composters are an enthusiastic group committed to promoting responsible composting in Tompkins County. The training program covers all aspects of composting and includes some collaborative volunteering. Following completion of the training program, Master Composters give time back to the community in a wide variety of outreach activities. Consider joining in our efforts to reduce waste, protect the environment and improve gardens! For more information or an application, call the "Rotline" (272-2292 x 124) or visit us on the web at [www.ccetompkins.org/compost](http://www.ccetompkins.org/compost)

### **Natural Leaders Initiative:**

**Friday, February 1 : Nomination Deadline**

Do you know someone who has ideas about how to make things better in the community? Who can get things done? Who people go to for help? The [Natural Leaders Initiative](#) supports emerging leaders (particularly those from low and moderate income communities and communities of color) to grow as community leaders. NLI participants take part in a supportive leadership development group (8 sessions), work on an action project they choose and are paired with a mentor. Child care, dinner and (if needed) help with transportation are provided for each session; the program is free to those selected.

[Nomination forms](#) are available at [cctompkins.org](http://cctompkins.org), by calling [272-2292](tel:272-2292) x 167 or emailing [mjh17@cornell.edu](mailto:mjh17@cornell.edu).

### **New York Forest Owners Association Winter Meeting**

**Saturday, February 2, 1:00-4:30 pm**

*Spencer - Van Etten High School Auditorium; 16 Dartt Cross Road (Rt. 34); Spencer, NY*

The latest on invasive species, deer diseases, biofuels, and carbon credits as they apply to your forest. Great raffles and door prizes. Free. For information, call Brett Chedzoy, Senior Extension Resource Educator for Schuyler County Cooperative Extension, at [\(607\) 535-7161](tel:607-535-7161) or email: [bjc226@cornell.edu](mailto:bjc226@cornell.edu)

### **Save Energy, Save Dollars**

**Tuesday, February 5, 12 Noon**

Participants will learn about low-cost and no-cost ways to reduce their energy usage and about programs that can help them afford energy-efficiency improvements. Each participating household will receive a free kit of energy-saving items worth \$15. This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required. Call CCE to reserve a seat at [\(607\) 272-2292](tel:607-272-2292) or email Carole Fisher at [crf11@cornell.edu](mailto:crf11@cornell.edu). (Offered again on Feb. 27 at 6:30 pm, March 10 at 6:30 pm, and March 26 at 12 Noon)

### **Green Building Seminar #3: Heating Strategies to Maximize Thermal Performance**

**Tuesday, February 5, 7:00-9:00 pm**

*First Unitarian Church Annex, Corner of Buffalo and Aurora Streets, Ithaca (enter from Buffalo Street)*

**Paul Myers** will present strategies for improving indoor thermal performance through energy efficient heating systems. He will discuss use of high efficiency hydronic, forced air and solar hot water for space heating in residential renovations. Also included will be a discussion on interior thermal mass to enhance indoor comfort and heating and cooling efficiency. Fee: \$5/seminar or \$25/series (scholarships available in exchange for volunteering). For more information, contact Tania Schusler at [607-272-2292](tel:607-272-2292) or [tms23@cornell.edu](mailto:tms23@cornell.edu). Seminar co-presented with the Ithaca Green Building Alliance.

## Wind Energy for Homes and Communities

**Wednesday, February 6, 7:00-8:30 pm**

*Candor Fire Hall, Candor, NY*

"It's always windy at my house, I sure wish I could make all that wind work for me!" If that sounds like you, then come to this seminar to learn if you can harness the wind to produce electricity for your own home. In addition, learn if wind energy will work at a larger scale to provide for your community. Francis Vanek, visiting lecturer in Civil, Environmental and Mechanical Engineering at Cornell University, will describe the components of a wind system and our local wind resources. He will also provide insights on the feasibility of small scale wind projects in our region. Francis is a board member of Sustainable Technology and Energy for Vital Economic Needs, a non-profit institute that focuses on research on small-scale alternative energy and appropriate technology. **Seminar is free, but pre-registration is required. Call [607-687-4020](tel:607-687-4020) to reserve a space.** Sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension Tioga County.

## Parenting: the Hardest Job in the World

**Friday mornings, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.**

**February 8, 15, 22, 29, March 7, 14, 21 & 28**

*Hasbrouck Community Center, Ithaca*

This free workshop led by Amanda Spaulding and Christy Bianconi will help you learn how to talk with your child (any age) using the five communication skills: *Encouragement, Can Do, Choices, Self Control, and Respecting Feelings*. Share your strengths with other parents/guardians, and learn new strategies you can use! Every parent comes out with something new! Sponsored by Tompkins County Cooperative Extension - Family and Community Development Program and Hasbrouck Community Center. Call [272-2292](tel:272-2292) to register.

[Program flier](#). **For free child care please register by Friday, February 1, 2008.**

## Garden Travel Slide Show: Chelsea Flower Show

**Saturday, February 9, 2:00-3:30 pm**

The Chelsea Flower Show in London every May is the world's most famous flower show: twenty show gardens by designers from around the world, more than 100 floral displays, and many smaller gardens suitable for different settings. Charlie Mazza of Cornell's Horticulture Department will show pictures from his recent visit to this gardening extravaganza. Slide show will be followed by refreshments and a chance for gardeners and travelers or would-be travelers to socialize. Free and open to the public; a suggested donation of \$3 helps support CCE-Tompkins' horticulture programs. For information, call [272-2292](tel:272-2292) or email Pat Curran at [pc21@cornell.edu](mailto:pc21@cornell.edu)

## Save Energy, Save Dollars

**Tuesday, February 12, 12 Noon --~~CANCELLED~~. Rescheduled for Tuesday, February 5th**

## Green Building Seminar #4: Eco-groovy Kitchen and Bath Design

**Tuesday, February 12, 7:00-9:00 pm**

*First Unitarian Church Annex, Corner of Buffalo and Aurora Streets, Ithaca (enter from Buffalo Street)*

**Andy Foster, Will Pinkham and Diana Katzmann** will discuss renewable materials for cabinet construction, recycled material countertops, alternatives to cabinet replacement and finishing options for kitchens and baths. Fee: \$5/seminar or \$25/series (scholarships available in exchange for volunteering). For more information, contact Tania Schusler at [607-272-2292](tel:607-272-2292) or [tms23@cornell.edu](mailto:tms23@cornell.edu). Seminar co-presented with the Ithaca Green Building Alliance.

## Monitoring Water Quality in the Cayuga Lake Watershed

**Wednesdays, February 13 & 27, 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

*Borg-Warner Room, Tompkins County Public Library*

On February 13, a panel will review current programs monitoring water quality in Cayuga Lake and its tributaries and their purposes. On Feb 27, we will focus in greater depth on how to make sense of the data collected and its various uses. Co-sponsored with the Community Science Institute and Tompkins County Water Resources Council. Free. For more information, contact Tania Schusler, [272-2292](tel:272-2292) or [tms23@cornell.edu](mailto:tms23@cornell.edu).

## Primitive Pursuits Winter Break Camp

**February 18-22, 9:00 am-3:00 pm**

*4-H Acres, Lower Creek Road*

Separate groups for ages 6-9 and 9-14. Spend a week outdoors, enjoying winter and thinking like an animal. Where do mice go in the winter? Raccoons? Weasels? Practice the skills of shelter, water, fire, and food in a frozen world. Participants will build fires, track animals, play games, and more. Cost: \$195-\$250 sliding scale. Download a registration form at: [www.primitivepursuits.net](http://www.primitivepursuits.net) or call [272.2292](tel:272-2292) x 261.

## **Making Ends Meet**

**Tuesday, February 19, 10:00 am**

This workshop provides an overview of the process for developing and using a household spending plan. We also explore ways to maximize resources and reduce energy use. Free and open to the public, with refreshments and door prizes. All attendees also receive a money management tool kit. Information also will be provided about the One-on-One Program for households that would like individualized instruction. Class size is limited; advance registration is required. Call [272-2292](tel:272-2292) for more information or to reserve a seat. (*Offered again on: Monday Feb. 25 at 6:30 pm, Monday March 17 at 10 am, and Thursday March 27 at 6 pm*)

## **Coalition for Families**

**Thursday, February 21, 8:15-9:30 am**

Topic to be determined. Discover resources for your family and neighbors. Collaborate on creative projects. Build a supportive community for all families! Call [Nancy Potter 272-2292](tel:272-2292), x127, for more information.

## **Submission Deadline March *Reality Bites***

**Friday, February 22**

Deadline for submissions to *Reality Bites*, a monthly newsletter that showcases the programs and activities in Tompkins County which help provide healthy food and fitness choices for kids and families. Articles should be no longer than 500 words (short announcements also are welcomed!). Submission is FREE! For more information, or to receive the free *Reality Bites* newsletter online or by mail, contact Shira Adriance at [272-2292](tel:272-2292) or [sma38@cornell.edu](mailto:sma38@cornell.edu).

## **Making Ends Meet**

**Monday, February 25, 6:30 pm**

This workshop provides an overview of the process for developing and using a household spending plan. We also explore ways to maximize resources and reduce energy use. Free and open to the public, with refreshments and door prizes. All attendees also receive a money management tool kit. Information also will be provided about the One-on-One Program for households that would like individualized instruction. Class size is limited; advance registration is required. Call [272-2292](tel:272-2292) for more information or to reserve a seat. (*Offered again on: Monday March 17 at 10 am, and Thursday March 27 at 6 pm*)

## **Green Building Seminar #5 Non-toxic Interior Materials and Finishes**

**Tuesday, February 26, 7:00-9:00 pm**

*First Unitarian Church Annex, Corner of Buffalo and Aurora Streets, Ithaca (enter from Buffalo Street)*

A tour of possibilities for refinishing existing living spaces that includes natural paints, plasters, oils and waxes for wood, drywall and masonry surfaces. Presenters **Sarah Highland** and **Brent Katzmann** will cover successes and caveats. Discussion will also touch on ideas for eco-friendly interior materials including flooring, trim, doors and other millwork, and a look at posts and beams as "structural finishes" when remodeling. Fee: \$5/seminar or \$25/series (scholarships available in exchange for volunteering). For more information, contact Tania Schusler at [607-272-2292](tel:607-272-2292) or [tms23@cornell.edu](mailto:tms23@cornell.edu). *Seminar co-presented with the Ithaca Green Building Alliance.*

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## **March 2008 [and beyond](#)**

## **Primitive Pursuits - Adult Bow & Arrow Workshops**

**4 weekends, March 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 29-30, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm**

*4-H Acres, Lower Creek Road*

Learn the ancient art of bow and arrow making with materials gathered directly from the land. Class focus is on knowledge through experience, individual participation, and an end product that can stand up to the rigors of shooting in the woods.

Participants can expect to leave with a fine shooting bow and arrow made with their own hands. Classes will cover:



gathering materials, splitting and seasoning wood, carving and tool use, bow design and tillering, making strings, complete arrow construction, and shooting techniques. Sessions instructed by Tim Brown and Akiva Silver, both of whom studied and worked at Hawk Circle's Wilderness education center. Cost: \$350-\$450 (limited scholarships available) Download a registration form at: <http://primitivepursuits.net>. To register or ask questions, call Akiva at [898-4230](tel:898-4230), email Tim at [twb7@cornell.edu](mailto:twb7@cornell.edu), or call Primitive Pursuits at [272.2292](tel:272-2292) x 261.

## **Beginning Maple Workshop**

**Saturday, March 1, 9:00 am-12:00 noon**

*Hamley's Maple, 1242 Oak Hill Rd., Barton, NY*

Got REAL maple syrup? You will after attending this pancake breakfast and workshop for novice producers. Cost: \$10/person covers pancake breakfast and starter kit. To register, call Schuyler County Cooperative Extension at [\(607\) 535-7161](tel:607-535-7161). For additional information, call Brett Chedzoy, Senior Extension Resource Educator for Schuyler County Cooperative Extension, at [\(607\) 535-7161](tel:607-535-7161) or email: [bjc226@cornell.edu](mailto:bjc226@cornell.edu)

## **2008 Beautification Brigade Volunteer Training**

**Mondays, March 3, 17 & 24, 6:00-8:00 pm**

Volunteer with the Beautification Program and have fun while making a difference in the City of Ithaca. The Beautification Brigade plants and maintains spring and summer flowers on city traffic medians and the Ithaca Commons. Join this fun group and help make Ithaca more beautiful while learning useful gardening tips and techniques. Free dinner is provided at each training session. Free and open to anyone who wishes to volunteer with the program. Call [272-2292](tel:272-2292) extension 123, for more information or to request a volunteer application. To learn more about the beautification program, visit our website: [http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/tompkins/community\\_beautification/index.htm](http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/tompkins/community_beautification/index.htm)

## **Green Building Seminar #6:**

### **Designing Green: the Design Process with a Focus on Sustainability**

**Tuesday, March 4, 7:00-9:00 pm**

*First Unitarian Church Annex, Corner of Buffalo and Aurora Streets, Ithaca (enter from Buffalo Street)*

Professional designers struggle to balance decisions that satisfy their client's functional needs, aesthetic desires, and budgetary limits. Introducing the concept of "sustainability" into that decision-making process adds to the complexity. To kick off the seminar series, architects **Megan Nedzinski** and **Ernie Bayles** will lead a presentation/discussion on the question of how a "green" agenda changes how we think about the process of designing buildings and promote the idea that sustainable design is synonymous with good design. Register at [607-272-2292](tel:607-272-2292). Fee: \$5/seminar or \$25/series (scholarships available in exchange for volunteering). Advance payment appreciated. For more information, contact Tania Schusler at [607-272-2292](tel:607-272-2292) or [tms23@cornell.edu](mailto:tms23@cornell.edu). Seminars co-presented with the Ithaca Green Building Alliance.

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## **Winter Worm Composting Class**

**Saturday, March 15, 10:00 – noon**

This hands-on workshop teaches all you'll need to know about "vermicomposting," an indoor composting system that is easy and produces particularly rich compost for your garden and houseplants. Participants go home with a working worm bin. Fee: \$10 per household Register early, space is limited. For more information or an application, call the "Rotline" (272-2292 x 124) or visit us on the web at [www.ccetompkins.org/compost](http://www.ccetompkins.org/compost)

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## **Invasive Plants: How to Identify and Control**

**Monday, March 17, 6:30-8:30 pm**

This class will help you ID invasive plants in our gardens and natural landscapes. Learn each invader's life cycle, control and eradication, plus suggestions for natives to plant in their places. Pre-registration preferred. Fee: \$5. For information, call [272-2292](tel:272-2292) or email Pat Curran at [pc21@cornell.edu](mailto:pc21@cornell.edu)

## **Woody Plants for Difficult Sites**

**Wednesday, March 26, 6:30-8:30 pm**

If you have shade, a hot sunny location, wet areas, alkaline soil, exposure to road salt, or steep slopes, you need to select plants adapted for these difficult sites. Learn which plants are suited, how to plant them, and how to get them through the establishment period. Pre-registration preferred. Fee: \$5. For information, call [272-2292](tel:272-2292) or email Pat Curran at [pc21@cornell.edu](mailto:pc21@cornell.edu)

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**Organizational Meeting**  
Travel to New Zealand

7:00 PM

Horton Room

**The Liberty Hyde Bailey  
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