The Liberty Hide 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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Upcoming Events

February 10th
Fruitwise apple tree grafting
YouTube

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

March 10th
Orchid Collection and Conservation
Alfonso Doucette (amd94@cornell.edu)

From the President’s corner

Dear Members:

The New Year is upon us and remember that as the days lengthen, the cold strengthens. Hope you are all getting warm.

Our first meeting for 2009 is February 10. We have several things to accomplish so be thinking about which committee you can serve on; when you can provide refreshments; and some suggestions for meeting topics that would benefit all of us.

In the meantime, keep warm and think about inviting a friend to our first meeting of the year.

Regards,

Ken Devine, President

Nor will I thy modest grace forget,
Chaste Snow-drop, venturous harbinger of Spring,
And pensive monitor of fleeting years!

William Wordsworth, To a Snow-Drop
December ’08 Meeting Minutes

Club members had a relaxing time creating decorations for the holidays. Many thanks to Ray Fox who purchased wreaths and candles for the members and gave guidance in using his popular glue gun.

Holiday cookies and other treats were enjoyed by all.

A committee sign-up sheet for 2009 was passed around. More participation on our committees will make for a stronger organization. Please sign-up for a committee of your choice at the next meeting or contact Ken Devine.

It was decided to cancel our January meeting due to unpredictable weather.

Liberty Hide Bailey Garden Club 2009 Meeting Schedule

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Beginner Maple Producer Workshop
January 28, 6:30-8:30 pm
Ontario County Cooperative Extension Center, 480 N. Main Street, Canandaigua NY

Stephen Childs, NYS Maple Extension Specialist at Cornell University; will present a workshop covering a variety of aspects of maple syrup production including: why make maple syrup, tree identification, tree health, tapping, sap collection and handling, boiling, energy efficiency, finishing and grading syrup, canning, marketing and regulations. This workshop is aimed at the small or beginning maple producer and would be useful to the homeowner looking to tap a few trees in the backyard. Fee: $10.00 per family.

To register or for additional information, contact Ontario County Cooperative Extension at 585-394-3977 x 427 or x436 or email: nea8@cornell.edu. This workshop also will be offered on February 28 at Hamley's Maple, 1242 Oak Hill Rd, Barton, NY. Contact: Brett Chedzoy at Schuyler County Cornell Cooperative Extension, bjc226@cornell.edu, or 607-535-7161

2009 Master Composter Volunteer Training
Application Deadline: Friday, January 30
Wednesday evenings, February 11 - April 29 (no class Mar. 18), 6:30-8:30 pm

Master Composters are an enthusiastic group committed to promoting responsible composting in Tompkins County. Training involves 20-hours of class-time covering composting in depth, and 20-hours of learning-through-doing (a “practical internship”). 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

Garden Travel Slide Show:
Gardens and Landscapes of the Pacific Northwest
Saturday, January 31, 2:00-3:30 pm

Irene Lekstutis, Landscape Architect at Cornell Plantations, will show garden pictures from her recent trip to Bainbridge Island (Washington state), eastern Washington, and Vancouver, Canada. Suggested donation of $3 helps support the Horticulture Program.

Getting Started with Vegetable Gardening
Thursday, February 26, 6:30-8:30 pm

This class for beginning vegetable gardeners was so popular last year, that we are repeating it this spring! Learn where to site your garden, how to prepare the soil, how to start seeds, how to plant, when to mulch, which easy veggies to try first, and so on. Pre-registration recommended. Fee: $5. For information, call 272-2292 or email Pat Curran at pc21@cornell.edu
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**Winter Worm Composting Class**
**Saturday, February 28,**
10:00 am–12 Noon

More and more people are choosing to compost indoors with a worm bin. Learn all about the worms you will need and how to set up and maintain your bin. Everyone who completes this workshop will leave with a starter bin and worms. Children welcome with accompanying adult. Fee: $10 per household. Register early at 272-2292. Space is limited.

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