

# 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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Dear Members:

As we prepare for our April meeting the signs of spring become more evident every day. Additional species of our returning spring birds appear; many of our favorite plants have begun to emerge from their winters rest and we can begin to look for the swelling buds on the many flowering trees we have in our area.

The LHBGC would like to thank Alfonso Doucette for his presentation on the Introduction to the Orchid Family: Their History, Taxonomy and Cultivation. The presentation was very well done and we are fortunate to have many talented students right here on campus.

We are looking forward to our April meeting with a presentation by Dr. Kenneth Mudge who is a faculty member in the Horticulture Department here at Cornell. Dr. Mudge's topic is Forest Farming at the MacDaniels Nut Grove. We encourage each of you to attend and to invite a friend.

The *Upstate Gardeners' Journal* is now out in our area and has some superb reading. It is a free publication and is available at most garden centers.

I am encouraging all of you to be thinking about what plants you would like to provide from your garden for our clubs' plant auction that will occur at our May meeting. It is always a fun time and gives many of us an opportunity to acquire plants that perhaps we might not find elsewhere.

Looking forward to welcoming all of you to our April 14 meeting.

Ken Devine, President

### Save the Date!

April 14<sup>th</sup>

Forest Farming at the  
MacDaniels Nut Grove

Dr. Kenneth Mudge

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



May 12<sup>th</sup>

Plant Auction

Horton Room

# March '09 Meeting Minutes

**President Ken Devine called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. Approximately 20 members and guests were present.**

## Old Business

Helen Swank gave an update on the club treasury. Balances were as follows: Checking: \$1440; Savings: \$1020; CD: \$1603; Petty cash: \$21. Helen suggested that the funds from the mature CD be re-invested at Elmira Savings at a better rate of return. The motion to do so was made and approved by all members present.

The Men's Garden Club has asked for a 2010 calendar pre-order. Helen asked that members let her know if they would like copies.

Bob Parlett reported that 500 geraniums and 288 begonias had been started in the greenhouse. They will need transplanting sometime in the next couple of weeks; Rob will let everyone know via e-mail. The geraniums will be distributed by the club on Memorial Day to nursing homes at several regional Veteran's hospitals. This tradition is ~18 years long, for the last five years sponsored by LHBGC. The begonias will be ready to sell at the May 16 Cooperative

Extension Plant Sale at Ithaca High School. In addition to the greenhouse rent there will be a fee to participate in the sale, but the club will still realize a sizeable profit.

## New Business

Ken passed out ballots for the Gardener's of America/Men's Garden Club 2010 General Election.

Ray Fox provided some details about the upcoming Rochester Garden Show (March 11-14). Ray also reported that the home of Bill Valavanis, a bonsai expert in Henrietta, had burned down. Bill's nursery was not affected, but sadly, his library was lost.

Alfonso Doucette (Cornell Class of 2011) gave a very informative and entertaining presentation on orchid biology and cultivation and offered several plants for sale. Alfonso is headed to Panama this summer for more orchid exploration and we look forward to hearing about his travels.

Meeting was adjourned at ~8:45 pm.



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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



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### Citizen Pruner Volunteer Training

Citizen Pruner volunteers work in the City of Ithaca pruning young street trees for structure and form as well as limbing up older trees, removing dead branches, and pruning overgrown shrubs. Volunteers work once a week from May to October. Training is being held on Mondays in April and will cover the following topics:

**April 6, 7:00-8:30 pm** - Trees for Urban Landscapes by Nina Bassuk, Director Cornell Urban Horticulture Institute

**April 13, 7:00-8:30 pm** - Learn to Prune Shrubs by Monika Roth, Extension Educator, Cooperative Extension

**April 20, 7:00-8:30 pm** - Learn to Prune Trees with Andy Hillman & Lewis Ward, City of Ithaca Forestry Dept.

**April 27, 5:30-7:00 pm** - Tree & Shrub Assessment for structure and pruning needs - an outdoor class to look at pruning needs and demonstrate practices

**May 4, 5:30-7:00 pm** - 2009 Citizen Pruner Organizational Meeting

CLASSES ARE OPEN TO BOTH VOLUNTEERS AND THE PUBLIC. Classes cost \$5 each for the public and are FREE to volunteers. For a volunteer application or to register for the classes, call 272-2292 or e-mail Monika Roth at [mr55@cornell.edu](mailto:mr55@cornell.edu)

### Ithaca Children's Garden Spring Open House and Tree Planting

**Saturday, April 25, 11:00 am-1:00 pm**

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

Celebrate spring and Arbor Day at the Ithaca Children's Garden with hands-on activities for youth and adults including tree planting, wetlands exploration, sowing vegetable seeds, and Troll House adventures. Free! For more information: Leigh MacDonald-Rizzo, Education Coordinator 272-2292 x186, [lam26@cornell.edu](mailto:lam26@cornell.edu), [www.ithacachildrengarden.org](http://www.ithacachildrengarden.org)

### COMPOST FAIR at Ithaca Earth Day

**Sunday, April 26, 12 Noon to 5:00 pm**

Ithaca Farmer's Market Pavilion, 3rd Street Extension

Come to the Compost Fair to see and experience ALL aspects of composting. There will be games, contests, prizes, interactive displays and activities for kids of all ages. Come and see the various ways to compost and have your questions answered by Master Composters – just in time for spring clean up and gardening! The Fair will be held in conjunction with Ithaca Earth Day, which features live music, food and over 70 exhibitors including CCETC's Local Foods Program. Admission is free and open to the public.



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## 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 9<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup>: McLean bog habitat tour of native orchids**

**July 14<sup>th</sup>: Picnic?** (Helen Swank)

**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)

# The Forest

by Leonard C. Mayer



Photo courtesy of Arnaud Germain

The trees stand tall and stately,  
surveying their domain-----  
The first to glimpse the sunrise;  
the first to feel the rain.

The flowers add some color  
to mostly brown and green.  
Their fragrance bathes the air  
and makes it smell pristine.

The wind sets all in motion  
and makes things come alive.  
It brings the rain and pollen  
that lets this world survive.

The sun lends warmth and comfort  
to all the things that grow.  
It's perfect for their needs,  
high noon or evening glow.

The earth provides nutrition  
and serves the mother role-----  
Even the air that's needed  
comes from her heart and soul.



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## Websites of interest (provided by Ed Cobb)

- ❖ <http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/tompkins/events/index.html>
- ❖ <http://www.gardening.cornell.edu/>
- ❖ <http://www.gardening.cornell.edu/homegardening/>
- ❖ [http://hosts.cce.cornell.edu/woody\\_plants/](http://hosts.cce.cornell.edu/woody_plants/)

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