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President's Corner

Hello fellow gardeners,

I hope you are enjoying milder temperatures that spring has to offer and are able to get out and dig in the garden. Just this morning I was feeling the urge to get out there, buy new plants, dig and divide established ones, and get to spreading my mulch.

After our March meeting, Arnaud, Ed, and I were able to make it down to the Berm for a little spring cleanup, It's looking pretty good and you

can see pictures on page 3 of this newsletter. It looks like there will be lots of daffodils throughout, so I encourage you to make sure to go check them out.

I look forward to seeing you all at our April's meeting.

All the best,

David Hiner
President



Save the Date!

April 9th

Washington, DC
Gardens – **Ed Cobb**

Horton Room
The Board of Directors
meets at 6:30 pm.
The regular meeting
begins at 7 pm.

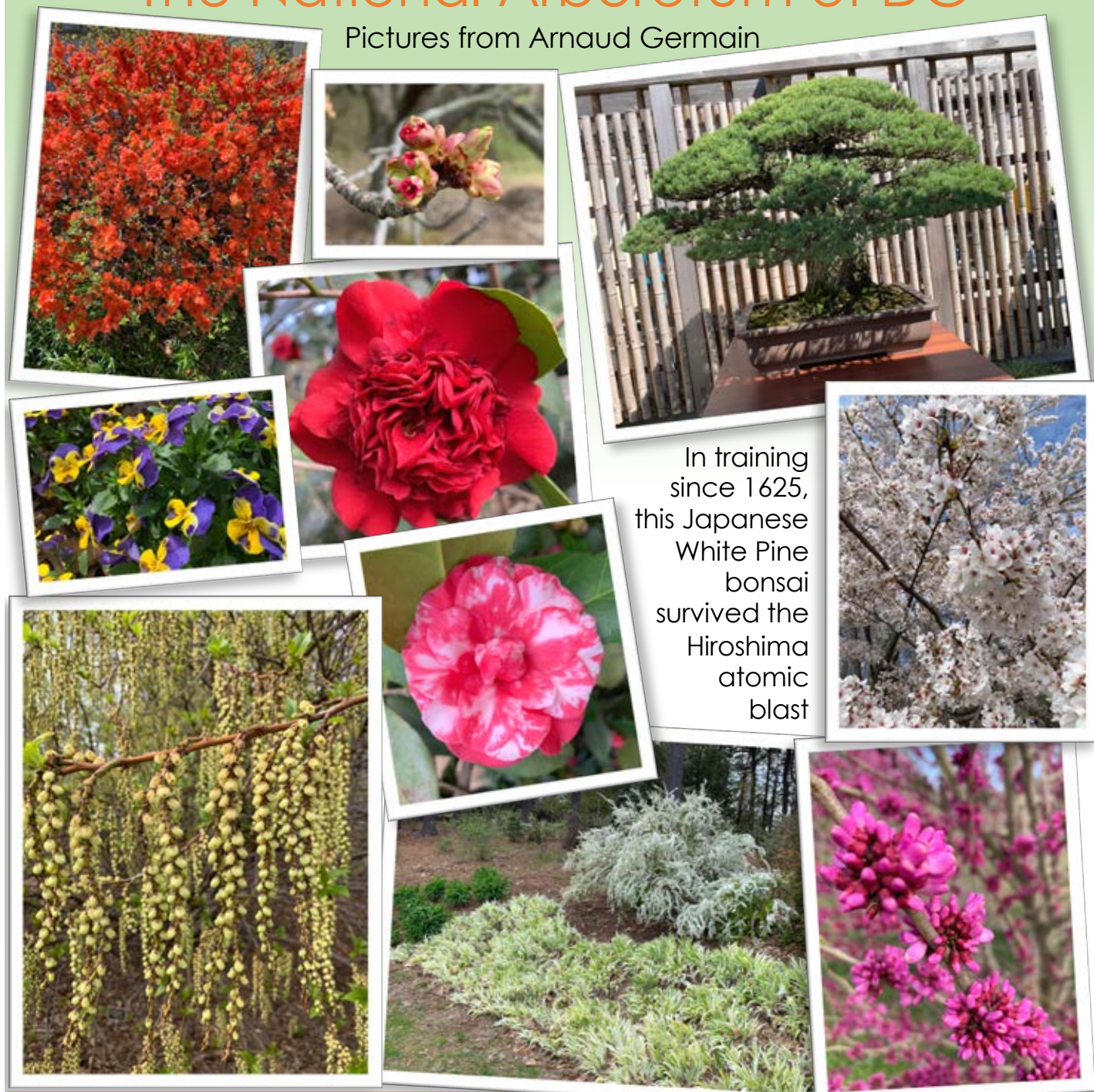
May 14th

TBA

The Liberty Hyde Bailey Garden Club of Ithaca meets each month on the Second Tuesday at the Horton Room in the Floriculture Greenhouse, Tower Rd, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. The Club is open to all gardeners. Visitors are welcome.

The National Arboretum of DC

Pictures from Arnaud Germain



In training since 1625, this Japanese White Pine bonsai survived the Hiroshima atomic blast

Liberty Hyde Bailey Garden Club 2019 Meeting Schedule (and refreshments)

January 8: No meeting

February 12: No meeting

March 12: A Las Vegas Botanical Garden - David Hiner (Hiner)

April 9: Washington, DC Gardens - Ed Cobb (Farmer)

May 14: Club Plant Auction

June 11: TBA

July 9: TBA

August 13: Garden Tour

September 10: Club Plant Exchange (Hillman)

October 8: Harvest Potluck

November 12: TBA & Elections (Lane)

December 10: Holiday Party & Cookie Exchange

The Berm Spring Cleanup of 2019

David Hiner – Ed Cobb – Arnaud Germain



Before



After



Plant-related Cornell Extensions Activities

<http://ccetompkins.org>

Unless another location is listed in the entry, events are held at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Education Center, 615 Willow Avenue, Ithaca NY

Tree Selection & Plant Care – Citizen Pruner Training #1

Mondays, April 15, 22 & 29, 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Each spring, CCE-Tompkins offers a 3-part training series for individuals who wish to become **Citizen Pruner Volunteers** AND for members of the general public who just want to know more about trees and how to care for them. Classes cover pruning of trees and shrubs in a 3 part series- take one or all!

Anyone who is interested in becoming a Citizen Pruner Volunteer for the City is encouraged to take these classes in preparation for volunteering in the summer.

Take one or all of the following workshops:

"Tree Selection and Plant Care" Monday, April 15, 7:00-8:30pm

"Training and Pruning Trees" Monday, April 22, 7:00-8:30pm.

"Pruning Shrubs" Monday, April 29, 7:00-8:30pm

Fee: \$7-\$15 per class self-determined sliding scale fee. Sign up for all 3 for \$20 total.

REGISTER: <http://db.ccetompkins.org/programs/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=1358>

Following the classroom instruction, there will be a **hands-on pruning workshop on Monday, May 6, 5:30 -7:00 PM (for an additional \$5).**

For questions, contact Monika Roth at mr55@cornell.edu or call 272-2292.

About the Citizen Pruner Volunteer Program:

Citizen Pruner Volunteers get LOTS of hands-on pruning practice helping to maintain street trees and shrubs in the City of Ithaca. After 4 training sessions at Cooperative Extension, volunteers work once a week from May to October and are free to come weekly or as time permits. Staff from Extension and the City are always on hand during work sessions to help guide volunteers in making pruning decisions.



Making Soil Mixes with Compost

Tuesday, April 16, 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Learn about a variety of inputs (including compost) used to make a soil, and go home with your own blended seed or potting mix! Bring a sample of your own finished compost to test for maturity. We will teach you how the

quality of the compost used will contribute to the properties of the soil. Take a tour of the soil production area of GreenTree to see how various blends are made on a larger scale.

This interactive, hands-on workshop will provide the knowledge and skills you need to make your own soil mix. Each paying household goes home with a ready-to-use seed or potting mix that they make. Register:

<http://db.ccetompkins.org/programs/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=1706>

Fee: \$10/household



Plant-related Cornell Extensions Activities

No-Till Gardening Techniques

Wednesday, April 24, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Reducing tillage in your garden helps preserve soil structure and also reduces the number of weed seeds that germinate each year. This helps improve your soil while also reducing the chore of weeding. At this hands-on class participants will learn a variety of no-dig techniques, including broad forking, lazy beds and using raised beds. Weather permitting, the class will venture outdoors so wear your gardening clothes and shoes!

Instructor Jennie Cramer is our Horticulture Program Manager and coordinates our Master Gardener Volunteer Program. She is a former conservation biologist with a passion for organic gardening, regenerative agriculture, natural history and botanical education. Pre-registration is required to hold your place in the class, and also in the event that a class is postponed or cancelled and we need to contact participants. Sign up at <http://db.ccetompkins.org/programs/civicrm/event/register?id=1677&reset=1>

Fee: \$10-\$20/person self-determined sliding scale; pay what you can afford



Climate Wise Gardening: An Earthkeeping Fair

Saturday, April 27, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Boynton Middle School Cafeteria - 1601 N. Cayuga St. Ithaca, NY 14850

Everyone with a garden or yard can be “climate wise” by adopting practices that protect the earth and support wildlife. Hands-on activities and displays will show how the ecosystem works and how soil, microorganisms, and plants capture carbon. Together, we can

contribute to bringing carbon and water cycles back into balance.

FREE! Demonstrations, exhibits, talks, and films on these and related topics:

- Pollinator and bird-friendly perennials and shrubs
- How to give up the lawn mower with “no-mow” grasses
- Intensive planting with increased diversity
- The magic of soil: turning dirt into rich, healthy soil
- Water solutions when there’s too much or too little
- Exchanging the rototiller for “no-till” methods
- Soil pH testing – bring a sample from your garden
- Free tree seedlings to take home

Creative Container Gardening

Wednesday, May 1, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Learn how to integrate perennials, annuals, herbs and edibles into containers from the leader of the Community Beautification Program, Martha Gioumousis who creates, designs, and plants the beautiful containers throughout Ithaca including those on the Ithaca Commons. No gardening experience necessary but even advanced gardeners will leave with new information, ideas, and inspiration. Martha will have a few choices of plants suitable for container gardening for you to take home.

Fee: \$10-\$20/person self-determined sliding scale, pay what you can afford.

Register: <http://db.ccetompkins.org/programs/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=1678>



Can you spot the bee?



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