

The BAILEYAN

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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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Greetings Fellow Gardeners,

Now that the April showers (both rain and snow) are behind us it's time to welcome the May flowers. The exceptionally warm early April has brought out the flowering trees in full glory. I just hope the late frosts haven't damaged the fruit trees.

Our May 11th meeting is our annual plant auction. This is a great time to share special plants and to reduce any excess inventory you might have. It's also a great way to upgrade your garden while assisting the club with this fundraiser.

The Annual Spring plant sale will be held at Stewart Park on May 15 this year. We should have lots of beautiful blooming geraniums to offer this year but need to organize help to set up the booth, move the plants, sell the plants and to clean up after the sale. Please be thinking about when you can help with these duties so we can set up a roster at our May 11th meeting.

Enclosed is an inventory of plants suggested to start as cutting with possible donors and the time suggested to start cuttings (see page 2). Consider which ones might interest you, as we should have some idea as to how many cuttings of each might be desired.

Looking forward to seeing you at our plant auction.

Bob Hillman, President

Save the Date!

May 11th
Plant Auction
Horton Room

The Board of Directors will meet at 6:30 PM. The regular meeting will begin at 7 PM



June 5th
Tour of the local natural area
Anna Statler

** All photos are courtesy of Ed Cobb unless otherwise noted*

April '10 Meeting Minutes

Provided by Ed Cobb

Meeting came to order at 7 PM. The Ithaca Fall project has been graded and bank run has been placed along the trail. Members of the Falls Improvement Committee and Ken Devine will meet to have a photo taken. Beverly is writing a short article to submit to the local newspaper and to the national garden club organization.

The rooting of cuttings was discussed. Members added plants to a wish list for cuttings. There will be a \$ 0.37 per month square foot charge for the mist bench. All material must be inspected by Cornell greenhouse personal before being moved into the cutting house. Contact Bob Hillman if you would like to root cuttings of a specific plant.

The club may be giving some assistance to the Victorian Bundy house in Binghamton. Ray Fox may provide them with a list of plants that were grown when the former IBM owner lived in the house. The club may also be giving some assistance to the Linderman Creek garden project. This may entail some demonstrations by our members.

A sign-up sheet for the berm at the Ithaca Farmer's Market was passed around. When you visit the garden during your scheduled week perhaps you can call the next person on the list and suggest what will need to be done during the following week. The list will be published in the May newsletter (see below).

The next meeting will be an auction and sharing of garden plants. On Saturday May 15, the club will be selling geraniums at the annual plant sale, which will be held at Stewart Park this year. Everyone is encouraged to help with the sale. We will need sellers and someone to make change and collect the money. This is our major money-maker for the year.

Delicious refreshments were provided by Ruth and Ken Devine.

Plants to start by cuttings

- BOXWOOD** (Ray Fox, Ed Cobb) Semi-ripe cuttings in summer
FORSYTHIA (Debi Lampman has a variegated strain) cutting late spring, early summer or semi-ripe cuttings in late summer
DWARF CONIFERS (Ken Devine)
ILEX (Holly) (B Hillman) Semi-ripe cuttings- summer or early autumn
HYPERICUM (B. Hillman) Soft wood cuttings late spring, Greenwood or semi-ripe in summer
BUDDLIA (Butterfly bush)?? Semi-ripe cuttings in summer, hardwood cuttings of B. Davidii in Autumn
THUJOPSIS DOLABRATA (Debi Lampman) cuttings late summer
CALLICARPA (Beauty Berry) (Debi Lampman) softwood cuttings in spring or semi-ripe cuttings with bottom heat in summer
SALIX (Willows) (Debi Lampman) softwood cuttings in Spring hardwood cutting in winter
THUSA occidentus (Holly Turner) (Debi Lampman) semi-ripe cuttings-late summer
THUSA Koraiensis? (B Hillman) semi-ripe cuttings-late summer
BRUNFELSIA (B Hillman) Softwood cuttings Spring or Summer



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

Primitive Pursuits Tree Walk

Sunday, May 9, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Lindsey Parsons Biodiversity Preserve, Rt. 34 South at Sylvan Lane, West Danby, NY 14883

For youth and adults (children must be accompanied by an adult guardian). Join Akiva Silver, tree raconteur extraordinaire, and kindle your own passion and appreciation of all things tree. If you want to learn your trees and be entertained, then this is the walk for you. This walk will cover native and invasive trees as well as their edible, medicinal and utilitarian uses. If you can't make this walk but want to stay in the loop "become a fan" on the Primitive Pursuits Face Book page or let us know that you would like to join our mailing list.

Cost: FREE but suggested donation of \$5 per person is welcome (money used to replant American Chestnuts). Come dressed for the weather! Questions? Call Primitive Pursuits at (607) 272-2292, ext. 195, or Akiva at 589-7937, or email primitivepursuits@cornell.edu.

Mother's Day Blossom Festival

Sunday, May 9, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Littletree Orchards, 345 Shaffer Rd., Newfiled, NY 14867

Surround Mom with blossoms, music, and memories; orchard tours, hands-on family activities, great food, 6 local bands celebrate the rebirth and renewal of spring in the orchard. For more information, call or email Debbie Teeter at (607) 272-2292 or dlt22@cornell.edu.

Spring Graden Fair & Plant Sale

Saturday, May 15, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Stewart Park, Gardner Parkway, Ithaca, NY 14850

Cooperative Extension Master Gardener volunteers, over 40 area growers, and other garden groups offer perennials, specialty plants and gardening advice. You will find organically grown vegetable transplants and heirloom varieties, a huge variety of annuals, herbs and many specialty perennials, flowering shrubs, trees, hardy roses and fruit crops. Free soil pH testing is available and educational exhibits and information are offered. Kids can join the Ithaca Children's Garden for a fun hands-on activity. Bring baskets, wagons, and other containers for transporting plants. Gadabout buses will circulate in the park to provide a lift to or from your car. For more information, call (607) 272-2292 or visit <http://ccetompkins.org/garden/spring-plant-sale>.

Summer Bulbs: More Colors, More Fun

Wednesday, June 2, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Lilies, cannas, callas, tuberous begonias, dahlias, gladiolus, caladiums the list of summer-blooming bulbs is long! Some like lilies are winter-hardy; some need frost-free warm weather but bloom for months. Some like it hot! Others flourish in dappled shade. Come explore the wide variety of summer and fall-blooming bulbs we can grow. Pre-registration recommended.

Liberty Hyde Bailey Garden Club 2010 Meeting Schedule (and refreshments)

January 12th: Meeting cancelled

February 9th: History of the Cornell Conservatory Greenhouses – Ed Cobb (Beverly Hillman)

March 9th: Vegetable variety selections for the Ithaca area – Ruth Doll (Ray Fox)

April 13th: Gardening with edible fruits – Marvin Pritts (Ken & Ruth Devine)

May 11th: Plant Auction Horton Room (David & Arnaud)

June 5th: Tour of the local natural area – Anna Statler (Ed Cobb)

July 13th: Picnic? Tour of Ithaca Falls?

August 10th: "Ornamental Grasses" – Irene Lekstusis (Elke)

September 14th: Plant exchange at the Horton Room (Don Williams)

October 12th: Dish to Pass Dinner

November 9th: Election (Beverly Hillman)

December 14th: Holiday Decorations (Ruth Doll)

Chosen News and Articles from other Garden Clubs

❖ **Lilac Festival in Rochester May 14th – 23rd** (<http://www.lilacfestival.com>)

❖ **Roses by Daniel Bronson of the Rome Sentinel** (April Romin' Gardener, Gardeners of Rome New York)

Daniel Bronson became interested in rose propagation at an extremely young age with moderate success. He had thus discovered a lifelong passion. His lecture focused on the history of the rose plant dating back to the late 18th century, and working up to 1960 when David Austin backcrossed a hybrid tea with old Europeans and achieved strong scent, repeat bloom, and a nicely shaped shrub. Following this era, the Canadians began breeding roses and developed a very winter hardy rose. Daniel then presented a list of considerations when selecting and planting rose shrubs.

1. They MUST grow in our climate.
2. Never trust a nursery catalog that says "hardy"; we are zone 4/5. Choose for zone 4.
3. Are the plants grafted or on own roots. For cold weather, own roots are best.
4. Darwinism: Some live...some die. Replace those that die with a better choice.
5. Hill with dirt for winter, not leaves.
6. Too much rain causes fungal diseases: black spot, powdery mildew, rust sports. Don't get leaves wet overnight when you water. Water the base of the plants in the a.m. Use mulch to retain moisture.
7. Pests: Japanese beetles, leaf miners, raspberry cane borer. He said he has tried organics, but only poisons work. He did recommend some chemicals but also listed their drawbacks.
8. Feeding; Bone meal when you plant. ¼ cup Epsom salts in the spring. Coffee grounds layered at the base of the plant. He also recommended Alfalfa tea and fish emulsion and explained how to prepare them.

Daniel recommends a visit (in mid-June) to the Edmund Mills Memorial Rose Garden located in the southwest corner of Thornden Park, Syracuse. It is one of the oldest municipal rose gardens in the country. The city purchased the unoccupied Thornden Estate from the heirs in 1921. Subsequently, the Syracuse Rose Society proposed that a municipal rose garden be established on a two-acre site. There were about 6,000 rose bushes at the time of the dedication of the gardens in 1924. It was dedicated to Dr. Mills who was the founder of the Syracuse Rose Society. The gardens presently contain over 4,000 rose bushes comprising about 29 classes of roses-from species and old garden roses to modern types, including hybrid teas, shrubs, floribundas, miniatures, climbing and English roses. David Austin Roses lists the E.M.Mills Garden among the top 20 public rose gardens in the U.S. There is a huge David Austin section and also a very large old rose section, and remember, they only bloom once a year in June. I (editor) have been to this garden many times and definitely recommend that you visit. It is well worth the 50-minute ride to get there, and is open daily free of charge to anyone wishing to enjoy the roses. Volunteers are at the park every Wednesday morning, 8:00am-noon and are happy to answer questions. From the East: I-690 to I-81 South. Exit at Harrison St. Stay under I-81 to E. Adams St. Left on E. Adams St to Ostrom Ave. Right on Ostrom Ave to Univ. Place. Rose Gardens on Left.

❖ **Composting from GRIT magazine** (April – AHWAGA GROWER)

There are 10 basic truths of composting.

1. Balancing ingredients is optional.
2. Good compost can either be hot or cold.
3. Small or large – any size will work just fine.
4. Turning compost is optional.
5. You can gauge the moisture level of your compost pile by its fragrance.
6. Compost need not be a secret.
7. You can compost diseased or weedy plants.
8. With a worm bin, you can even compost indoors.
9. You can safely compost livestock manure.
10. There are good uses for immature compost.

Tompkins County, NY Open Day – 5/8 *(provided by Barbara Littlefair)*

Hitch Lyman's Garden 10 am - 4 pm *(3441 Krums Corners Road Trumansburg, New York)*

A collection of peonies, both wild species and the early hybrids of Professor A. P. Saunders should be in flower as well as x hyacinthiflora lilacs. The Greek Revival farmhouse was built ca. 1848. Trillium, Cypripedium, Daphne, Camassia and naturalized Taraxacum in abundance.

Admission to each participating private garden is \$5 per person; children 12 and under are admitted free. Open Days are rain or shine events and no reservations are required.

Directions: From Ithaca, go north on Route 96 about 6 miles. Turn right onto Krums Corners Road. Go to sixth driveway on left. Please park on road.

Some History! (Provided by Ed Cobb)



Members of the Executive Committee of the Ithaca Garden Club witness presentation of club's \$500.00 check to the L. H. Bailey Memorial Fund. Standing, left to right: Mrs. Harold LaBonte, Mrs. Walter C. Heasley, Mrs. Lewis Knudson. Seated: Mrs. Horace Whiteside, Mrs. C. E. Townsend, Dr. George H. M. Lawrence, Mrs. T. G. Miller, Sr.

**ITHACA CLUB BECOMES
FIRST GARDEN CLUB
FOUNDER OF L. H.
BAILEY MEMORIAL
FUND**

On May 22, 1956, Mrs. C. E. Townsend, president of the Garden Club of Ithaca, presented the club's \$500.00 check to Dr. George H. M. Lawrence, Chairman of the Liberty Hyde Bailey Memorial Fund and Director of the Bailey Hortatorium. This presentation made the Ithaca club the first garden club in the country to become a Founder of the Memorial. Its name will be engraved in a bronze plaque to be unveiled next March at the Bailey Hortatorium.

The club's object has always been to promote an interest in gardens, to cooperate in the protection of wild flowers and native plants, and to encourage civic planting. This gift of \$500.00 to the Memorial Fund was made possible by the

proceeds accumulated from its fund-raising activities during the past few years. The executive committee represented the club, whose members had unanimously and enthusiastically agreed to give this large sum, at the presentation of the gift.

Mrs. Townsend pointed out at the presentation ceremony that Dr. Bailey was a founding member of the Ithaca club, which was organized in 1922. Since Ithaca is the home of the Bailey Hortatorium, which Dr. Bailey founded, Mrs. Townsend said the club members agreed this action was the most appropriate they could take. They wished their gift to express their desire to recognize their debt and gratitude to this great benefactor of all gardeners. Expressing his thanks, Dr. Lawrence commended the club for continuing its precedent of generous support of horticultural projects outside its membership that benefit those concerned with gar-

Many websites for everybody's interest (provided by Barbara Littlefair)

- Fine Gardening website (<http://www.finegardening.com>)
- Bring the Buzzzzz Back to Your Garden (<http://www.finegardening.com/design/articles/attracting-bees-to-your-garden.aspx>)
- 20 Gardenworthy Self-Sowers (<http://www.finegardening.com/design/articles/20-gardenworthy-self-sowers.aspx>)
- Create your design in less than 5 minutes (<http://www.chanticleergarden.org>)
- Sunshine Farms & Gardens (<http://www.sunfarm.com>)
- National Gardening Association (<http://www.garden.org>)
- Longwood Gardens (<http://www.longwoodgardens.org>)
- Dupont Gardens (<http://www.frenchtownner.com/Dupont-Gardens-Near-Philadelphia.html>)
- Peddler's Village (<http://peddlersvillage.com>)
- Winterthur (<http://www.winterthur.org>)
- Chanticleer, a pleasure garden (<http://www.chanticleergarden.org>)
- The New York Botanical Garden (<http://nybg.org>)
- Maryland House & Garden Pilgrimage (<http://www.mhgp.org>)
- Lilac Festival (<http://www.lilacfestival.com>)
- Moss Acres (<http://www.mossacres.com>)
- Sonnenberg Gardens & Mansion State Historic Park (<http://www.sonnenberg.org>)
- Cornell University Plantations (<http://www.cornellplantations.org>)
- Tompkins County Community Beautification Program (http://ccetompkins.org/community_beautification/index.htm)
- 2010 Open Days Garden Tour Schedule (http://ccetompkins.org/community_beautification/OpenDaysGardenTours.htm)
- Linwood Gardens (<http://www.linwoodgardens.org>)
- The Garden Conservancy (<http://www.gardenconservancy.org>)
- The Preservation Society of Newport County (<http://www.newportmansions.org>)
- Garden Walk Buffalo (<http://gardenwalkbuffalo.com>)

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