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This Month Activity: June Tour of the Plantations Gardens at Cornell

Next Month's Activity July

Tour of the Perennial Trials At Cornell Blue Grass Lane

Presidents Corner:

Minutes of the Last meeting **Minutes LH Bailey Garden Club** April 8, 2008

Meeting started at 7:15 with discussion about the berm at the Farmer's Market. We will need to set a clean-up day and create a weekly schedule for the season. Several members have signed up but more volunteers will be needed. Ken Devine and his committee will look into buying a new sign for the berm.

Bob Parlett will contact members interested in helping pot up geraniums in the next few weeks. The plants will probably be too small for the Plant sale at the school on May 17.

The plant auction will be held at the next meeting on May 13. Everyone is encouraged to arrive early and bring some plants for the sale. Bob Hillman will be the auctioneer. Left over plants will be donated to the Nature Center butterfly garden.

Helen Swank will try to renew our CD for a longer term at the highest interest rate. We have \$576.00 in our checking account.

Debbie Nero described the activities of the Upstate garden club organization. A regional meeting will be held in Sherburne, NY on May 3. Members of our club can attend. After a brief discussion, it was decided that we should contribute \$.50 per member to the regional organization.

Briefly discussed was the June picnic and the possible tour of Sycamore Hill Garden in August.

Karen Snover-Clift gave a fine lecture about plant diseases that we may encounter in the Ithaca area. Members had a chance to ask Karen about specific diseases.

May 13th the annual plant auction was held Ellsworth Duff had a good time and bought a few things so I had to have been a good selection of plants strawberry's were in abundance and could be had for a song – I don't think Bob Hillman Sang but I digress – there are several areas that need to be addressed right away they are the Berm and its care and what to do about committee reports. I am open to suggestions on both topics but they need addressing now.

Minutes of the may meeting consisted of changes in the schedule because of the increase in the price of gas and members other commitments that conflicted with the schedule. The auction was held and a good time was had by 11 who attended **Reminder: Please bring newspapers for Joan Lawrence and the Butterfly Garden.** We also need a few more volunteers to check on the berm.

Liberty Hyde Bailey Garden Club Schedule 2008

	A	B	C
1	Date	Topic	Speaker
2	Dec 11, 2007	Holiday Decorations	
3			
4	Jan 8	Slide tour of gardens by club member	
5			
6	Feb 12	Organization Meeting	
7		Travel to New Zealand	Ed Cobb
8			
9	March 11	150th L H Bailey Birthday	Dan Krall
10		Dean Bailey's 'pet project': A Department of Outdoor Art.	
11	April 8	Significant events in the world of Plant Disease.	Karen Snover-Clift
12			
13	May 13	Plant Auction	
14			
15	June 14 4 PM	Tour of Cornell Plantation Gardens	Park near headquarters
16			
17	July 22 4-6 PM ??	Tour of Perennial Trials	Bill Miller
18			
19	Aug 12	Tour of Japanese Garden	Ellis Hollow
20			
21	Sept 9	Plant exchange meeting in Horton Room	
22			
23	Oct 14	Dish to Pass Dinner	
24			
25	Nov 11	Election	
26			
27	Dec 9	Holiday Decorations	Ray Fox

Some of the recent changes made to the schedule have been necessitated because of the recent rise in the price of Gas.

Thanks to ED Cobb for his never ending search for meeting topics and speakers. Our club is only as good as its members, and Ed has to be commended for his work and dedication to assure a monthly meeting and continued interest in our gardening club. Committee meetings are taking place and reports will be given some by committee chairpersons.

Wondering what to do with all those plastic pots and flats from plants you purchased this spring. Have a growing mountain of plastic pots in your garage? If so, here's an environmentally friendly solution.

Flower Pot Swap / Recycling Weekend
Saturday, June 28 and Sunday, June 29

Bring your pots to the Cooperative Extension Office at 615 Willow Avenue anytime on Saturday or Sunday.

(Take Route 13 North or South, get off at Dey Street, turning toward the residential neighborhood, then go immediately right onto Lincoln Street, which dead-ends into Willow Avenue at Cascadilla Creek).

Instructions:

Leave your pots in the designated area off the CCETC main parking lot on Willow Avenue,

Only nursery pots, seedling flats, plastic trays, and cell packs will be accepted. NO PVC.

Sign in and let us know about how many containers you brought.

Take away as many pots as you can use.

Bedding plant and nursery growers are invited to come select pots if you can reuse them in your business.

On Monday morning, June 30, all pots and flats that are remaining will be put into a truck and taken to Ultimate Recycled Plastics in Port Gibson NY, where they will get a new life. This program is sponsored by the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County Horticulture Program in cooperation with Tompkins County Solid Waste Management Division, and Ultimate Recycled Plastics.

ABSOLUTELY NO POTS will be accepted after 9am June 30.

Calendar of Events

June - July 2008

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

**Save Energy, Save Dollars
Thursday, June 5, 12:30 pm**

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 or email Carole Fisher at crf11@cornell.edu. (Offered again on Tuesday 6/24 at 10:00 am; Tuesday 7/15 at 1:00 pm; Monday July 21 at 7 pm; and Thursday 8/15 at 6:30 pm)

**Introduction to Home Winemaking
Thursday, June 5, 6:30-8:30 pm**

Winemaker Martha Gioumousis will cover the basics of making wine from grapes or grape juice. This class is intended for the novice home winemaker. Topics will include: grape varieties, sources of wine grapes or juice, pre-fermentation procedures, starting and completing fermentation, post-fermentation procedures, and winemaking equipment and supplies. Fee: \$5. Limited to 20 participants; prepayment required. Call CCE to reserve a seat at (607) 272-2292.

Kritter Kamp

**Friday, June 6, 6:00 pm - Saturday, June 7, 8:00 pm
4-H Acres, 418 Lower Creek Road, Ithaca**

This overnight program is designed for youth age 9 - 13 years of age who have an interest in learning about farm animals (dairy, sheep, goats, rabbits). Youth will participate in a variety of learning

experiences to discover facts about animal behavior and care, breeds, anatomy, the importance of agriculture and farm animals in our community and general safety with animals. They will be provided an animal and the equipment needed for the care and preparation of their animal for the show at the end of the program. Participants will leave with a Kritter Kamp T-shirt, water bottle, and a binder packed full of additional activities and connections to further opportunities in 4-H. Parents are encouraged to attend, and are needed as overnight chaperones. Fee: \$40; partial scholarships available. Registration Deadline: May 16. For more information, contact Brenda Carpenter at (607) 272-2292, btc6@cornell.edu.

**Introduction to Growing Stone Fruit
Saturday, June 7, 9:00 am-12:30 pm**

Reisinger's Orchard, 2750 Apple Lane, Watkins Glen, NY

Learn how to grow peaches, plums and cherries. Orchardist Rick Reisinger will discuss site selection, planting, fertilization, bird netting and harvest criteria. Cornell fruit pathologist Kerik Cox will teach how to ID and manage diseases, and Hugh Ink, manager of Cornell's orchards, will teach participants how to apply pest controls. The workshop is geared towards serious home gardeners and people interested in starting a small scale commercial orchard. Emphasis will be on sustainable production practices. Fee: \$10; includes light refreshments. Pre-registration is required by June 5. Call CCE-Tioga County at (607) 687-4020.

**Natural Building Workshop: Straw Bale and Natural Plaster
Saturday, June 7, 10:00 am-5:00 pm & Sunday, June 8:00-5:00 pm
Ithaca Children's Garden, Rt. 89, Cass Park, Ithaca**

In this workshop, you will gain first-hand experience building a straw bale "Troll House" at the Ithaca Children's Garden under the guidance of experienced natural builders Aaron Dennis and e j George of Tugley Wood Timberframing. Workshop fee of \$150 supports cost of project materials. Space is limited. This workshop is suitable for adults and youth 12 years of age or older. For more information, call Monika Roth at (607) 272-2292 or email mr55@cornell.edu.

The Garden Conservancy's Open Days Garden Tours

Saturdays, June 14 & July 12, 10:00 am-4:00 pm

Proceeds from the tour benefit the Tompkins County Community Beautification Program and the Garden Conservancy. Four inspiring private gardens will be open on Saturday, June 14 and four different ones will be open Saturday, July 12. The tours run from 10:00 to 4:00, are drop-in and self-guided, go rain or shine, and cost \$5 each. Photos and directions can be found at www.cetompkins.org (click on "beautification"), or by stopping by Cooperative Extension on the day of the tours, or by contacting Dan Klein, (607) 272-2292, ext. 123, or dek22@cornell.edu.

Natural Plaster Volunteer Work Party

Monday, June 16, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

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

A hands-on chance to work with lime-clay plasters including sculptural elements, by helping to build the straw bale "Troll House" at the Ithaca Children's Garden (see entry for 6/7, above). Due to the mildly caustic nature of lime, this is not suitable for children. For more information, call Monika Roth at (607) 272-2292 or email mr55@cornell.edu.

ServSafe Food Safety Manager Certification Class

Monday, June 16 AND Friday, June 20, 8:30 am-5:30 pm (both days)

This 15-hour course provides nationally-recognized certification in food safety and fulfills the new NYS mandatory food handler certification requirement. The ServSafe curriculum uses the most recent FDA Food Code updates/standards and the recently released text, ServSafe Essentials (5th ed.). Fee: \$150 per person (includes textbook, all printed materials, certification exam, AM and PM breaks). Payment for this training is due by June 2nd. (Late fee will apply after this date.) Call Carole Fisher at 272-2292 or email crf11@cornell.edu for more information.

**Making Ends Meet
Tuesday, June 17, 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 for more information or to reserve a seat.
(Offered again on: Monday June 23 at 6 pm)**

**Being a Wise Consumer in the Utility Market
Wednesday, June 18, 11:00 am**

A Representative of the NYS Attorney General's Office will conduct a brief presentation. Following the presentation a NYS Assistant Attorney General will be available until 1 pm to consult with individuals regarding consumer problems they have been unable to resolve locally. No appointment is necessary. These presentations are videotaped and broadcast at 7 am, 1 pm, and 7 pm on Mondays on Cable Access Channel 15. Check your listings or call the Consumer HelpLine at 272-2292 for dates of specific topics or for more information.

**Fresh from the Garden: Homemade Jams -- NEW DATE!!
Wednesday, June 18, 6:00-9:00 pm**

Learn to make homemade jam from freshly-picked local fruit. We will make strawberry jam using a reduced-sugar recipe and also a strawberry freezer jam. This is a hands-on workshop and everyone will take home a jar of jam made at the workshop. Fee: \$15. Pre-registration and prepayment are required. Contact Carole Fisher at 272-2292 or email crf11@cornell.edu.

Coalition for Families

Thursday, June 19, 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! For more information, call Nancy Potter at 272-2292 x127 or email np20@cornell.edu.

Living Roofs Workshop

Saturday, June 21, 1:00-5:00 pm

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

Living or green roofs offer benefits like capturing storm water runoff, regulating building temperature, and providing wildlife habitat. Participate in the installation of a living roof on the Ithaca Children Garden's "Troll House" and learn about membrane materials, growing media, plant selection, and installation procedures. Fee: \$25. Space is limited. For more information, call Monika Roth at (607) 272-2292 or email mr55@cornell.edu.

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Exploring Credit/Debt Management Issues

Wednesday, June 25, 6:00 pm

Information on selecting and using credit wisely are shared at this workshop. Also strategies for paying down debt, obtaining and reviewing a credit report, and understanding a credit score are presented. Participants receive free credit management tools. Class size is limited. Advance registration is required. Call 272-2292 for more information or to reserve a seat.

Compost with Confidence

Last Saturday of every month (June through October), 12:00 noon-1:00 pm

Compost Demonstration Site, Ithaca Community Gardens (near the Farmers' Market)

Master Composter volunteers will provide information and give hands-on demonstrations to help you set up and manage a composting system in any setting. Each class will cover the basics of composting to teach you how to manage a successful system with minimal effort.

Visit the workshop(s) of your choice to also learn about:

June 28 - Getting started

July 26 - Troubleshooting

August 25 - Is it done? & Compost Uses

September 27 - "Stealth" Composting (double-bin, indoor system)

October 25 - Winter Composting

Knowledgeable composting instructors will be happy to answer all of your questions and free informational fact sheets will be available. Registration not required - just show up! For more information, an updated event schedule or compost resources, visit our website, call

**the "Rotline" at (607) 272-2292 or email Adam Michaelides at
acm1@cornell.edu.**

**ServSafe Food Safety Manager OnLine Examination
Monday, June 30, 2:00 pm**

For students and food service professionals who have completed the online course, independent study, or who need to re-certify in Food Safety and do not wish to attend the certification course, we offer the proctored online examination. Examinees must purchase their own textbook and seat registration number prior to exam day. Space is limited, so register early. Fee: \$50. Call Carole Fisher for more information at 272-2292 or email crf11@cornell.edu.

