

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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Dear Members,

Another busy month has passed and the gardening season is in full swing. Our LHBGC has had three successful events during the month of May. The first one was the plant auction at our May meeting held at the Ken Post greenhouse complex, the second was the plant sale at the Ithaca High School and the third was the cleanup at the berm at the farmers market. Our treasurer, Helen Swank, will provide a full report on the proceeds of the sales. Many thanks to everyone who gave of their time and energy to help make these events go smoothly.

The June meeting will take on a little different flavor in that we will not be meeting on the second Tuesday of the month. **This month we will be meeting on Saturday, June 13 at 3:00 p.m.** and visiting the McLean orchid bog for a tour of the area. Details on the location and directions on how to get there are on page 2 of the newsletter--so be sure and read the newsletter carefully. We will have a short business meeting at the site.

Please remember that the Cayuga Bird Club has published and printed a book entitled "Native Plants for Native Birds: A Guide to Planting for Birds In and Around Ithaca, New York" by Joel Baines, with photos by David Ruppert. The book is available by contacting Laura Stenzler, Lab Manager at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology (lms9@cornell.edu) or by phone 607.254.2141. Look at her message on page 4 of this newsletter!

Another event that might be of interest is the Cornell Floriculture Field Day and the Kathy Pufahl Container Competition on Tuesday, July 21, 2009. An event that is open to everyone and will be held rain or shine.

Looking forward to seeing you at our June meeting. Remember, this is a good time to invite a friend and fellow gardener to come along.

Warm regards,

Ken Devine, President

Save the Date!

June 13th at 3 PM

McLean bog habitat tour of native orchids

Important: remember to wear good walking shoes since the terrain is not necessarily flat

Informations & directions on page 2.



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July 14th
Picnic

May '09 Meeting Minutes

Ken Devine called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Helen Swank reported that she had corresponded with Andy Hillman, City Forester, about the proposed railing at Ithaca Falls. Dave Farmer has produced a sketch of the railing, and he suggested that members look it over, keeping in mind how it might improve access to the Falls for visitors with disabilities. It was suggested that Andy be consulted about the availability of any surplus materials that could be used for the project. Dave and Helen can be contacted with any other questions.

Debi Lampman reminded members that the Cooperative Extension flower pot recycling days will be June 26-29. You may leave your plastic nursery pots, trays and cell packs in the CCE main parking lot on Willow Avenue, and take away as many as you can use.

Volunteers are needed for the Farmer's Market berm clean-up on Thursday May 21, from 3 pm-dusk or until done.

Rob Parlett reported that the geraniums and begonias are ready for the upcoming Plant Sale at Ithaca High School. Volunteers are needed to load plants early in the morning and to man the tables at the sale.

Next month's meeting will be a walk to see native orchids in bloom. Likely date is June 13. Ed Cobb will contact everyone by e-mail to confirm date and meeting location.

Members announced various upcoming events:

- The Linwood Gardens Tree Peony Festival continues through the first weekend of June.
- Cornell Floriculture Field Day is July 21
See www.greenhouse.cornell.edu/calendar/2009fd_schedule.pdf for details.
- Art in Bloom, featuring floral arrangements by members of the Ithaca Garden Club, takes place at the Johnson Museum on May 15, 6-8 pm.

The LHBGC Annual Plant Auction then followed. Thanks to all who donated and purchased a wide variety of plants, from dahlias to tomatoes to junipers. Everyone went home with something to plant!

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

About the McLean bog habitat tour of native orchids

<http://www.nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/newyork/preserves/art11831.html>

At the O.D. von Engeln Preserve at Malloryville, more than a mile of eskers - ancient river beds that once ran through glaciers - wind through a pocket of forest adjacent to Fall Creek. At the foot of the eskers, groundwater bubbles up in a constant stream of minerals that nurture rare plants and a wide variety of animals.

The amazing diversity of wetland habitats within the preserve, from bogs to fens to wooded swamps, nurtures a variety of rare plants and natural communities found in few other places in New York.

Directions:

From the Ithaca area:

- * Take route 13 north toward Cortland.
- * Turn left on Route 366 and follow to Freeville.
- * Continue straight on Fall Creek Road for 2.5 miles, then turn left onto West Malloryville Road.
- * Follow for 0.5 miles to the large white preserve sign and the parking area on the right.



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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

Invasive Insect Pests That Threaten New York's Forests

Thursday, June 11, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Our forests are threatened by invasive insects from abroad, particularly the Asian Longhorned Beetle, Emerald Ash Borer, and Hemlock Woolly Adelgid. Early detection and rapid response are key to reducing damage and giving us the time to develop effective control techniques. This class by Mark Whitmore of Cornell's Natural Resources Department will discuss basic biology, outline potential impacts, and help you look for these insects so we can find them before they become a problem. Fee: \$5. Pre-registration preferred. For more information, contact Pat Curran, Horticulture Program Manager, 607-272-2292 or email pc21@cornell.edu.

The Garden Conservancy's Open Days Garden Tours

Saturdays, June 13 & July 11, 10:00 am - 4 pm

Proceeds from the tour benefit the Tompkins County Community Beautification Program and the Garden Conservancy. Several inspiring private gardens will be open on Saturday, June 13 and different ones will be open Saturday, July 11. The tours run from 10:00 to 4:00, are drop-in and self-guided, go rain or shine, and cost \$5 per garden. Photos and directions can be found at www.ccetompkins.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.

Integrated Pest Management for Healthier Plants

Thursday, June 18, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Donna Levy, Plant Health Care/ IPM Program Coordinator at Cornell Plantations, will explain what IPM is and how we can use it to keep our garden and landscape plants healthy while minimizing chemical use. Fee: \$5. Limited to 20 participants; prepayment required. For more information, contact Pat Curran, Horticulture Program Manager, 607-272-2292 or email pc21@cornell.edu.

Rain Barrels and Rain Gardens

Thursday, June 25, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Master Gardeners and staff will discuss how to use rain barrels to capture roof water for your plants. The rain garden, an alternative solution to capturing runoff from hard surfaces, will also be described. Fee: \$5. Please pre-register so that we can make sufficient handouts. For more information, contact Pat Curran, Horticulture Program Manager, 607-272-2292 or email pc21@cornell.edu.

2nd Annual Gardener's "Pot Swap"

Friday, June 26 - Monday, June 29

Are you looking for an environmentally friendly solution for what to do with the plastic containers from plants you purchased this spring? Bring your plastic nursery pots, seedling flats, plastic trays and cell packs (but no PVC!) to Cooperative Extension at 615 Willow Avenue any time during the weekend and leave them in the designated area off the parking lot near the greenhouse. And, you are welcome to take away as many pots as you can use! On Tuesday morning June 30, all pots and flats that remain will be trucked to Ultimate Recycling Plastics in Port Gibson (near Palmyra, NY) where they will get a new life.



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Liberty Hyde Bailey Garden Club 2009 Meeting Schedule (and refreshments)

January 13th: Meeting cancelled

February 10th: Fruitwise apple tree grafting – YouTube (Ken Devine)

March 10th: An Introduction to the Orchid Family: their history, taxonomy and cultivation – Alfonso Doucette (amd94@cornell.edu) (Ed Cobb)

April 14th: Forest Farming at the MacDaniels Nut Grove – Dr. Kenneth Mudge (Ruth Doll)

May 12th: Plant Auction (David Hiner & Arnaud Germain)

June 13th: McLean bog habitat tour of native orchids

July 14th: Picnic? (Helen Swank)

August 11th: Garden Tour (Don Williams)

September 8th: Plant exchange Horton Room (Anna Statler)

October 13th: Dish to pass dinner

November 10th: Election (Debi Lampman)

December 8th: Holiday Decorations (Beverly Hillman)

From Laura Stenzler

I am writing on behalf of the Cayuga Bird Club, to let you know that we have just published and printed a book entitled "[Native Plants for Native Birds: A Guide to Planting for Birds In and Around Ithaca New York](#)" by Joel Baines, with photos by David Ruppert, and an forward by Steve Kress (author of [The Audubon Society Guide to Attracting Birds: Creating Natural Habitats for Properties Large and Small](#)). Here is the description on the flier:

Native Plants for Native Birds is a collection of articles written over five years by Joel Baines for a column in the Cayuga Bird Club Newsletter. The book includes stunning photos by David Ruppert and features articles full of practical information about plants native to the Ithaca area that attract birds, including preferred growing conditions, deer resistance, and more. It is a valuable resource to local gardeners who enjoy birds and want to convert their property to bird friendly, native plants.

The book costs \$18.95 plus tax (for a total of \$20.47) and is 178 pages, including index, glossary, intro, resources and 46 articles covering 50 plant species. All proceeds from the sale of the book will go toward Cayuga Bird Club projects, such as planting a native garden in Ithaca or building a kiosk similar to the one the club installed at Myers Point in Lansing.

I can be reached from about 9 am til 5 pm at 607-254-2141, or 607-254-1128. Thanks so much!

Laura

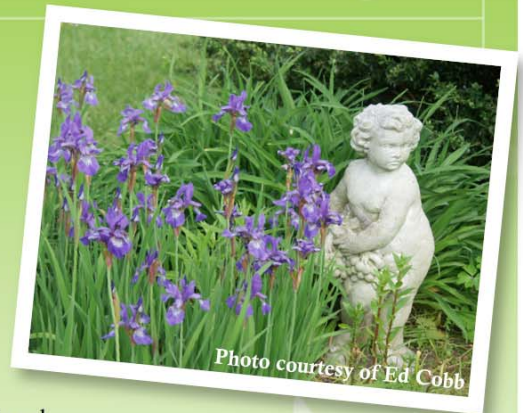


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More about the McLean bog

Many distinct plant communities thrive on the preserve's bogs, swamps, marshes and fens. Look for the pitcher plant, which lives in a nutrient-poor environment and traps insects to obtain nitrogen, from the Florence G. Beck Bog Viewing Platform.

Also look for marsh marigolds, arrow arum, New England asters, trillium, jack-in-the-pulpits, blueberries, and round leaf sundews. To protect these species,

volunteers are trying to stem the growth of invasives such as garlic mustard, swallow-wort, buckthorn and honeysuckle.



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