

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 Members,

It's been an adventurous spring what with the exceptionally warm early April bringing the fruit trees and wisteria into bloom only to be zapped by heavy frosts. Now in late May record breaking heat and no rain. It remains to be seen how badly the fruit trees were impaired. The good news is the frost should be over so tomato plants can be set out along with all the other seedlings. Our dahlias are all in the ground and up 6-12 inches.

The plant sale at Stewart Park was successful in that we sold all the geraniums but due to our poor location (in the pavilion at the end of the long driveway loaded with vendors marketing all sort of flowers) many had to be sold at discount. We still made some money and a full report will be delivered at our next business meeting. Also, we did generate a few inquiries about membership, which we are pursuing.

Enclosed is the berm maintenance schedule. As you can see we are well covered thru July but there are many opportunities in August for anyone who missed the chance to sign up to participate. The signup sheet will be at our next business meeting. There will be no June business meeting as the group is meeting at the Ringwood Road bog; see description of area and directions within this bulletin. The next business meeting will be at our July 13th meeting, which will also be the annual picnic at a place yet to be determined and will be announced in our July Baileyan.

The berm is looking quite good right now due to an enthusiastic crew that spent several hours on May 20th weeding and planting new specimens. Many new plants were added due to generous donations from Debi Lampman, Ray Fox and Beverly Hillman. If all survive this hot and dry weather it should be a very colorful garden.

Unfortunately I will be out of town at the time of the Ringwood Road bog visit so I'll look forward to hearing about your visit at the July meeting.

Til then, good gardening.

Bob Hillman, President

Save the Date!

June 5th

Tour of Ringwood Pond

See details on page 5.



July 13th

TBA (picnic or garden visit)

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

May '10 Meeting Minutes



President Robert Hillman called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. The club will sell geraniums at the Cooperative Extension Plant Sale at Stewart Park on Saturday May 15th, with set up planned for Friday afternoon. Volunteers are needed to help with the sale and with clean up afterward.

It will soon be time to start cuttings, as discussed at the April meeting. Members should determine how many cuttings are needed of Forsythia, Hypericum, Callicarpa, Brunfelsia or other species that should be propagated in late spring.

The Farmer's Market Berm clean-up is scheduled for Thursday May 20th at 12:30 pm. Debi Lampman will donate some new plants for the berm.

The next meeting will be a walk at Ringwood Ponds on June 5th led by Anna Stalter. Meet at 2 pm at Ringwood Pond on Ringwood Rd about 2 miles south from the intersection of Ringwood Rd. and Rte 13. There is limited parking on the west side of the road, so car pool if you can.

Ray Fox has obtained Freese Rd. garden plots with the intention to raise vegetables for food pantries; if anyone in the club would like to help contact Ray. There is still interest in helping the Linderman Creek gardeners, though a meeting with their representative is still pending.

The railing at Fall Creek is completed, and includes a plaque noting the LHBGC donation. Thanks to the committee for seeing this project through to completion. Thank you letters have also been sent to Bill Gray and the Mayor Peterson for their support and follow-through on behalf of the garden club. Beverly Hillman will send a photo of the group at the railing and a short news article to the Ithaca Times and other local papers.

Ray Fox suggested that the article also be sent to the Garden Club of America. A motion to make a donation to the city to cover the cost of the railing was passed.

The Cayuga County Garden Club Tour will be held on Sunday, July 11. Five gardens will be featured. Contact Debi Lampman for more information.

A motion was passed to contribute a new nameplate for the LHB Conservatory on Tower Rd., which will be renovated this summer.

The annual plant auction was held and members left with armloads of new plants.

Happy planting everyone!

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.



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 Ringwood Pond – 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)

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



Volunteer Work Days at ICG

Tuesdays, May 4 till June 29, 5:00 - 6:30 pm

Help maintain the Children's Garden at its Cass Park site

Open Days Garden Tour – Lion Garden

Saturday, June 12, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm (\$5 fee/person)

From Ithaca, take Route 34 north along Cayuga Lake to where road runs into Route 34B at Rogue's Harbor Inn. Turn left onto Route 34B and go 5.5 miles to Cecil's Tavern on right. Turn left onto Lansing Station Road and go 1 mile. The house is on left, and wooden mailbox reads #219. Please park on left past driveway. Use parking brake as there is a steep incline. For handicap access, park in driveway.

Flowers welcome you from the moment you arrive. Entrance plantings embrace the street and line the brick driveway, filled with hundreds of blooming perennials. The sound of flowing water emanates from three connected ponds containing lotus, water lilies, and koi. Large beds around the house are filled with perennials, and dozens of planted pots grace the deck on the shady hillside. The gardens continue down a steep, wooded hill, where borders of shade-loving perennials, groundcovers and shrubs surround a gazebo and folly. Woodland trails lead to a small ravine below the garden.

Open Days Garden Tour – Myers Garden

Saturday, June 12, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm (\$5 fee/person)

From downtown Ithaca, take Route 13/34/96 south. About 3 miles south of Ithaca, take left exit onto Route 34/96 and go about 9 miles. Turn left onto Hill View Road and go to stop sign (2 miles) at intersection of Michigan Hollow Road. Garden is directly in front on opposite side of intersection. Please park on road or on lawn as posted.

Six acres of rolling lawn and perennial beds contain more than 550 different varieties of perennials nestled behind and between fieldstone walls and structures. Features include a covered bridge, a working water wheel on a post-and-beam constructed feed mill, a blacksmith shop, and a huge glass sponge fossil rock enclosed in a unique display case. There is also a thirty-foot-diameter stone sundial and a potting shed garden with four raised beds.

Open Days Garden Tour – Der Rosenmeister

Saturday, June 12, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm (\$5 fee/person)

From Ithaca, take Route 13 south. At first traffic light after Buttermilk Falls State Park, turn right onto Route 13A. Go 0.5 mile to Bostwick Road and turn left. Go 0.4 mile on Bostwick Road to Seven Mile Drive and turn left. Der Rosenmeister is first driveway on right, #190. Please park along road or on lawn as posted.

This three-acre hillside garden and nursery, the result of a hobby run amok, includes more than 250 varieties of cold-hardy roses. Climbers and ramblers clamber over swags, posts, pergolas, fences, and trees. Beds of antique roses spill into the paths around the brick terraces. Hybrid rugosas run through a 100-foot mixed border. Visitors will see a large bonsai collection and many unusual trees, including twenty-five ginkgo cultivars. Admire the chickens as you sit under an espaliered weeping English oak in the rose garden or the Camperdown elm trained over an arbor.

Fresh from the Garden: Homemade Jams

Tuesday, June 22 & Wednesday, June 30, 6:30 - 9:00 pm

Participants will use freshly-picked local fruit to make a cooked strawberry jam (reduced-sugar recipe) and a strawberry freezer jam, and will take home a jar of jam from the workshop. This is a hands-on workshop, limited in size.

Gardener's Pot Swap & Recycling Event

June 25, 26 & 27, 8:00 am -11:00 pm

From Friday June 25 through Sunday June 27, you can leave your plastic nursery pots, trays and cell packs in the designated area off the CCE-Tompkins main parking lot on Willow Avenue. You may take away as many pots as you can use, too! Plastic that is left after the weekend event will be taken to a recycler for processing. This is a free opportunity for gardeners to recycle their plastic plant containers instead of throwing them away.



Chosen News and Articles from other Garden Clubs

❖ **Rambling and Climbing Roses** (<http://derrosenmeister.com>) (May, The Spreader, Men's Garden Club of Syracuse)

Their May invited speaker was Leon Ginenthal (aka "Der Rosenmeister). **See the CCE section of the newsletter if you want to go visit his garden during the Open Days Garden Tour.** Here is the welcome page from his website:

"We are a specialty nursery dedicated to providing the best cold-hardy, disease-resistant roses for zones 4 and 5 and all the information needed to grow them. We approach life, gardening, and roses with passion, and enjoy sharing this passion with fellow gardeners. Our love of all aspects of growing roses is what started us in business and keeps our business expanding each year.

The nursery is on the grounds of our home. When visiting, it is always best to call first to be sure we are here to serve you. As a small, family-run operation, we offer individual attention and high-quality plants grown in an environmentally conscious manner. Our potting mix uses a minimum of peat, a nonrenewable resource. We use no chemical sprays.

One of my interests is exploring the broad range of roses that grow beautifully in our climate but are not widely available. I spend a great deal of time researching and traveling each year to find new roses and old forgotten roses that do well here, and our collection is unique.

Der Rosenmeister is located in the heart of the Finger Lakes region of New York State, just minutes from the city of Ithaca, Cayuga Lake, the Cayuga Wine Trail, and Buttermilk Falls, Treman, and Taughannock Falls State Parks.

To our regular customers, thank you. Your enthusiasm has been the source of our continued growth. If you are new to us - Welcome! I hope you find the selection tempting. As always, if you have any questions or feedback, I would be pleased to hear from you.

Sincerely, Leon Ginenthal"

❖ **Daylilies** (May, The Spreader, Men's Garden Club of Syracuse)

Just received some daylilies that I purchased from a new to me supplier, Newbury Daylilies Etc. from Monticello, IL. They were a very good size for the price and packed very well for shipping. The plants were healthy and with established root systems. This company sells daylilies, iris and lilies. Their website has great pictures of their offerings at www.newburydaylilies.com.



Managing Late Blight in Tomato and Potato – an Essential Part of Gardening

By Meg McGrath, Department of Plant Pathology and Plant-Microbe Biology, Cornell University

<http://ccetompkins.org/resources/managing-late-blight-tomato-and-potato-%E2%80%93-essential-part-gardening>

Late blight is a unique disease. It is arguably the most destructive plant disease. Due to the quantity of spores easily dispersed by wind, a planting with late blight that is not managed, even a small garden, can have devastating impact on other plantings. This was well documented in 2009. Therefore, unlike other diseases, late blight needs to be treated as a "Community Disease". Anyone growing susceptible plants needs to take responsibility and implement a good management program to ensure they don't become a 'typhoid Mary'.

In 2010 late blight could again appear early in the growing season wherever infected potatoes from 2009 in the ground or compost pile are left to sprout and grow thereby providing the over-wintered pathogen new foliage for producing its wind-dispersed spores. Thus it will be critical for managing late blight successfully this year to destroy left-over potatoes and any volunteer potato plants as soon as they emerge.

Other management practices include:

- Using disease-free tomato transplants and seed potatoes,
- Selecting resistant varieties,
- Regularly checking the web for reports of late blight,
- Controlling solanaceous weeds (in particular hairy nightshade and bittersweet nightshade),
- Applying fungicides preventively,
- Using practices that minimize humidity and leaf wetness,
- A least weekly inspecting plants for symptoms,
- Informing extension staff plus neighbors when late blight develops,
- Removing affected foliage, and
- Promptly destroying plants when management is not successful.
- Additionally, share information about late blight with other gardeners.



For more information on late blight, including symptoms, management, and occurrence in 2010: <http://www.hort.cornell.edu/lateblight>

Ringwood Pond (From Ed Cobb)

Ringwood Ponds is a group of ponds located on Ringwood Road in Freeville, New York. As recently as 20,000 years ago, nearly all of New York State was covered a sheet of ice thousands of feet thick. Virtually every plant and animal was destroyed or removed by this glacier. With the retreat of the Pleistocene ice sheet from this area, plants and animals moved in to recolonize the scoured countryside. The first plants would have had to be fit to withstand the extreme cold and exposure. Later, this tundra-like zone was replaced by the boreal-coniferous type vegetation that we see in much of central Canada. Today at Ringwood Ponds can be found a diverse group of animal and plant life.



On June 5th, the LH Bailey will meet at 2 PM at Ringwood Pond for a nature tour with Anna Stalter. Ringwood Pond is on Ringwood Rd about 2 miles south from the intersection of Ringwood Rd. and Rte 13. There is limited parking on the west side of the road, so car pool if you can.

Ithaca Falls Railing

The article written by Beverly Hillman has been submitted to the Ithaca Journal, TompkinsWeekly and IthacaTimes. Below is the article along with the picture that was submitted at the same time.

The beauty of the Ithaca Falls was the inspiration for this year's gift to the community from the Liberty Hyde Bailey Garden Club. Nominated as "Best Ithaca Landmark 2009-2010" by the Ithaca Times, access to the Falls was difficult. A metal hand rail was designed and attached to a stone block and the path graded. The Liberty Hyde Bailey Garden Club, named to honor Cornell's renowned horticulturist, is a group of local gardens who meet monthly to share and learn about growing plants. Our other gifts include maintaining a Berm at the Farmer's Market, donating and planting fall bulbs at Hospicare, and giving geraniums, started and grown at Cornell, to the Veterans Hospital. Pictured are Ken Devine - Past President; Raymond Benjamin - Supervisor of Streets, Department of Public Works, City of Ithaca; Olivia White; Bob Hillman - President; Dave Farmer; Helen Swank; Beverly Hillman.



Berm Schedule

Clean up and new plants were added on May 20th (12:30 - 3 pm) by Ken Devine, Cliff Manchester, Ray Fox, Barbara LITTEFAIR, Ruth Doll and Bob Hillman.

May 24-30: Ken Devine; May 31-June 6: Ruth Doll; June 7-13: Ray Fox; June 14-20: Don Williams; June 21-27: Bob Hillman; June 28-July 4: Arnaud & David; July 5-11: Elke Schofield & Linda Loomis; July 12-18: Cliff Manchester; July 19-25: Debi Lampman; July 26-August 1: ?; August 2-8: ?; August 9-15: ?; August 16-22: ?; August 23-30: ?; August 31-September 5: ?; September 6-12: ?; September 13-19: ?; September 20-26: ?

Clean up after frost.

Some websites of interest (forwarded to Barbara Littlefair by a member of the Campus Club Friday Morning Gardening Group)

- My Garden Guide, the most comprehensive gardening resource on the web!
(<http://mygardenguide.com>)
- Gardening resources at Cornell (<http://www.hort.cornell.edu/gardening>)
- Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic at Cornell (<http://plantclinic.cornell.edu>)
- Ohio's gardening community (<http://www.buckeyegardening.com>)
- New York State Nursery & Landscape Association (<http://www.nysnla.org>)
- Cornell Plantations (<http://www.cornellplantations.org>)
- Master Gardeners (http://www.ahs.org/master_gardeners/index.htm)
- American Conifer Society (<http://www.conifersociety.org/>)

Woodland Garden Walks (provided by Barbara Littlefair)

Hi Garden Friends,

We are offering two 'Garden Walk' dates this summer. The gardens in June have lush foliage and textures. Flowering has been early this year so we anticipate a bit more perennial color on this date. Add to your garden setting by choosing from our wintered- over potted perennials. Ray (Bud to most) added many new varieties and will be glad to advise you with your selection.

Late July boasts more color with a variety of taller perennials and lush annuals. Hummingbirds are visiting Monarda and Swallowtail happily flutters between Day Lily and Phlox. Look for last summer's broken (cobalt) pottery being used as garden art along the woodland pathway...

We are looking forward to meeting new friends. Remember, Woodlands love to show off in the rain. Feel free to print and pass this invitation along:

Woodland Garden Walks
Bud and Terie Rawn
192 Vankirk Road, Newfield
564-7516
June 19th & July 24th
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Leisurely stroll through the gardens and woods paths; Sit on a bench and breath deeply; Stepback Cottage has a rocking chair... Enjoy vistas from the front porch; Sip Herbal Iced Tea; Look for solutions to your garden questions; Over 40 variety of potted perennials for sale!; Terie's Photo Greeting Cards, with Garden Settings, local Waterfalls, Birds and Critters, will be displayed in the garage. Come Rain or Shine!

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