

Shoreham Garden Club Newsletter

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President's Message

(Vicki McLane)

Spring is flying by and it is time for our Plant Sale and the Midsummer Night Garden Party. Please try to support these events.

I have been dealing with sickness in my cats and not able to devote as much time as is needed to the Garden Club. Thank goodness for all the wonderful Officers and Committee Chairs who have been keeping things going! A special thank you to Karen Burnson for organizing the Member's Workshop, which I hear was a great success.

Midsummer Night's Garden Party

The Midsummer Night's Garden Party will be held on Friday, June 20, starting at 5:00 p.m. at Karen Burnson's home in Shoreham. Please try to join us. It's a great time to mingle with fellow club members. We will have lots of good food and drink and our traditional Chinese Auction.

The cost will be \$20.00 for members and associate members, or \$10.00 if you also bring a dish. You may bring guests for \$30.00 each.

Please contact Karen Burnson and let her know you are coming; phone 744-3680 or email at burnsonk@optonline.net. If you are bringing a dish, please let Karen know if you will be bringing an appetizer, salad, other side dish, or dessert. It should be enough for about 20 people.

2008 Dues

2008 dues need to be paid by June 1st. If you have not yet paid, please mail a check to:

Treasurer, Shoreham Garden Club
P.O. Box 323
Shoreham, NY 11786-0323

Last year's Garden Party at the Romano's



Shoreham Garden Club Schedule 2008

May 31 st	Saturday	Plant/Tag sale , Vicki McLane's home, Shoreham
June 20 th	Friday	Mid-Summer Night Garden Party , Karen Burnson's home.
July 12 th	Saturday	Garden Conservancy Open Day Tours
September	Saturday	10:30 Halama Speaker, John Potente, Backyard Wildlife
October 18 th	Saturday	10:30 Meeting, Dan Pichney, Butterfly Gardens.
October 20 th	Monday	District II Fall Luncheon
November	Tuesday	Three-Village Garden Club joint meeting
December 7 th	Sunday	Holiday Party & Annual Meeting , Carol Ryan's home, Wading

Midsummer's Eve Magic

Midsummer's Eve (June 20), has traditionally been an enchanted time. One fascinating bit of medieval midsummer magic involved ferns, the "seeds" (actually spores) of which were thought to be invisible and collectible on the eve of the summer solstice. In Bohemia, girls spread white cloths under the ferns to catch the spores. In Russia, after you caught the fern seed in the basket, you could command the devil to give you the key to buried treasure. After the Church changed Midsummer's Eve to St. John's Eve, you were supposed to stack 12 pewter plates (one for each apostle) under a fern. It was believed that when the spores fell, they would pass through the plates until they came to rest on one of them. Which one? If you knew you could pocket the fern spores and become invisible, too, a trick that Shakespeare mentions in a Midsummer Night's Dream.

In addition to rendering folks invisible, ferns were traditionally used in ointment for cuts and bruises, in liniment for aching joints, and in tea to ease digestion.

Upcoming Garden Tours

(Sandy Romano)

On Saturday, June 21st, there will be four East Hampton gardens open to the public through the Garden Conservancy's Open Days program. This is the day after our annual Midsummer Night's Garden party, so this won't be an "official" SGC event. The gardens included are:

1. Garden of Arlene Bujese: 40 Whooping Hollow Rd, East Hampton, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
2. Garden of Margaret Kerr: 1006 Springs Fireplace Rd, East Hampton, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
3. Garden of Carol Mercer: 33 Ocean Ave., East Hampton, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
4. Garden of Alexandra Munroe & Robert Rosenkranz: 19 West End R, East Hampton, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

More information can be found at:

<http://www.gardenconservancy.org/opendays/events.pl?ID=73&SortBy=&State=>

Admission to each garden is \$5.

Upcoming Garden Tours (cont.)

Saturday, July 12th, is the first "official" Garden Club tour through the Garden Conservancy's Open Days program. It features 5 beautiful gardens, of which 3 have been chosen for the tour. The day will be organized as follows:

- Connie Cross Garden Designer: Rte. 25, Cutchogue.
- Steve & Barbara Friedman: 2140 Deep Hole Dr., Mattituck. (Shows what you can do with a limited amount of space.)
- Lunch at Legend's, New Suffolk.
- Alice & Charles Levien's Garden: Antler Lane, Cutchogue.

Information is available on the other open gardens. A carpool will leave the King Kullen parking lot in Wading River at 9:30 a.m. Admission to each garden is \$5. There are a limited amount of discount tickets available (\$2.50 each) that day.

Please RSVP to Sandy at 744-2715 or email Sandy926@optonline.net for the July 12th tour and if you will be carpooling and joining for lunch.

Other Open Day tours include:

Sunday, July 13th:

1. Dr. Alan Santos, 973 New Suffolk Road (incorrect on the Web site) Cutchogue, 10a.m. - 4p.m.
2. David & Mary Jane Cassaro: 3345 Cedar Lane, East Marion, 10a.m. - 4p.m.
3. Koehler's Keep: 575 Old Harbor Rd., New Suffolk, 10a.m. - 4p.m.
4. Lyn & Mark Rickabaugh: 1075 New Suffolk ROAD (incorrect on the Web site), 10a.m. - 4p.m.
5. Mayfield: 1365 South Harbor Rd, Southold, 10a.m. - 4p.m.

Saturday, July 19th:

Sayville Garden Club's annual "A Little Garden Music" tour featuring seven Sayville gardens. There will be live music, artists and free refreshments at each garden. It starts at the Gillette House at 47 Gillette Avenue, Sayville. Hours are 11a.m. to 4p.m., and tickets are \$20 each.

Member's Workshop

(Karen Burnson)

We had a beautiful day for the workshop! A large and energetic group of members planted loads of herb gardens for the Annual Plant and Tag Sale on May 31. They should be big sellers. We also had a small group of serious painters who turned some plain birdhouses into beautiful creations. Their artistic talent was a sight to see. Check out the bird houses at the Sale!

Member News

Vicki McLane is featured in an article on gardening in the North Shore Sun, (Friday, May 23 edition) along with the presidents of the Mount Sinai and Suwasset Garden Clubs.

Barbara Foley won "Best in Show" at the American Rhododendron Society, New York Chapter Show at the Planting Fields on May 25th with her Consolini's Windmill specimen. Congratulations!

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