

# Shoreham Garden Club Newsletter

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## President's Message

(Vicki McLane)

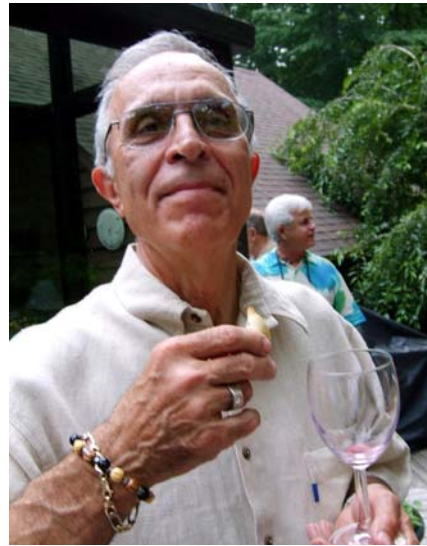
We were saddened to learn of the death in February of one of our loyal members, **Ed Affatato**. Our sympathy goes out to his wife Gloria, who saw him through his final illness with the support of her two sons.

Gloria thanks the members of the Garden Club for their support.

Ed and Gloria have been among our most active members since they joined us in the year 2000, and we will treasure our many memories of him. They could be seen at most meetings, with or without a grandchild in tow, and hardly ever missed a Party. When we did our Habitat for Humanity Planting, Ed and Gloria brought a truck-full of compost from the Brookhaven Town Facility and grandson Nicky came along to help with the planting.

Ed started out as an Associate Member, but joined as Full Member in 2005. He was a member of the all-male Hospitality Committee and he and Gloria had just signed on as Publicity Co-Chairs.

We have set up an **Ed Affatato Memorial Fund** and will be working with Gloria to establish a suitable memorial for our friend and colleague. If you have any ideas, please let me know. If you want to contribute to the fund, please send a check made out to Shoreham Garden Club with a notation that it is for the Ed Affatato Memorial Fund.



*Ed with his recorder at the Shoreham Garden Club Program at the John J. Foley Nursing Home in 2004*

## Shoreham Garden Club Schedule 2009

April 18	Saturday	10:30 a.m., Dan Pichney- "Attracting Butterflies," Shoreham Village Bldg.
April 20	Monday	<b>District II Spring Luncheon</b> , Crest Hollow Country Club
May 16	Saturday	<b>Member's Workshop</b>
May 30	Saturday	<b>Plant &amp; Tag Sale</b> , YouWen Xu's home, Shoreham
June 6	Saturday	Lucille's Perennial Sale, Hauppauge; Sweet Briar Nature Center
June 19	Friday	<b>Mid-Summer Night Garden Party</b> , Vicki & Peter's home, Shoreham
July 18	Saturday	SGC Member's Garden Tour
August 8	Saturday	Baiting Hollow Hummingbird Sanctuary
September 19	Saturday	10:30 Meeting with speaker, Shoreham Village Bldg.
October 17	Saturday	10:30 Meeting with speaker, Shoreham Village Bldg.
October (TBD)	TBD	<b>District II Fall Luncheon</b>
November (TBD)	TBD	<b>Three-Village Garden Club joint meeting</b>
December 6	Sunday	<b>Holiday Party &amp; Annual Meeting</b> , Diana's House, 25 Circle Dr., Shoreham, 3pm

### Summer Garden Tour Plans

(Sandy Romano)

Last year's Member's Garden Tour was such a success that we're planning to make this an annual event. In order to do this, we need volunteers who are willing to open up their gardens for a visit from our fellow Shoreham Garden Club members. We're hoping to visit some new gardens this year on Saturday, July 18th. Remember, whether small or large, every garden has its own special appeal! If you would like to include your garden in our tour this year, please contact Sandy at 744-2715 or email at [Sandy926@optonline.net](mailto:Sandy926@optonline.net).

*"Spring makes its own statement, so loud and clear that the gardener seems to be only one of the instruments, not the composer." - Geoffrey B. Charlesworth*



### Spring Gardening Tip

(Vicki McLane)

You may feel like planting on a bright, sunny day, but your plants feel differently. When it comes time this spring to plant or divide perennials, aim for a day that is cool, overcast, and likely to be followed by rain. Planting in cool, wet weather rather than on a sunny, dry day doubles your new plantings' chances of a healthy start. – *taken from Garden Shed magazine, Spring 2002*

### Bulb Sale

Youwen Xu has agreed to take on the long vacant position of Plant Resources and is taking orders for the Spring Bulb Sale. This is a good deal for both you and the Club. If we reach our goal of \$200, we will return 10% on all orders or 25% on orders of \$50 or more.

If you haven't yet received an order form by email, you may pick up one at the March meeting. We plan to send in our order by April 1

## **Habitat for Humanity Planning Underway.....**

(Pat Howley & Diana Fuchs)

Spring is here and we have started the planning to landscape Dorrie and Stephanie's house on Donegan Avenue in Bellport in April. Karen Blumer was nice enough to spend time with us to draft out a plan and discuss what types of plants would thrive in the challenging sandy soil the gardens would be in. We have pulled together a listing of plants that include perennials, herbs and vegetables that will offer variety and color throughout the seasons.

We are hoping for donations from Shoreham Garden Club members who might have some of these plants in their own gardens. The planting list will be brought to the March meeting for members who are willing to sign up for donations and also to volunteer to plant at Dorrie and Stephanie's home. We would like to thank everyone in advance for participating anyway you can. This is a great opportunity for the garden club to give back to the community.

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## **Orchid Show at the Bronx Botanical Gardens**

(Diana Fuchs)

Just as a reminder that the Orchid show is running through April 12<sup>th</sup>. Here is an overview from the website.

“In its 7th year, brilliantly colored orchids and the lush tropical setting of a contemporary Brazilian garden await visitors. Miami-based landscape architect Raymond Jungles has created this contemporary Brazilian garden design, inspired by his mentor, Roberto Burle Marx, an icon of Brazilian design. The design features fountains, pools, and colorful mosaics combined with graceful palms, delicate orchids, bromeliads, and other native plants of Brazil. The orchids have been selected by the Manager of the Nolen Greenhouses for Living Collections at the Botanical Garden and Curator of The Orchid Show, Marc Hachadourian and are featured throughout the Haupt Conservatory.

Sandy Romano attended the show last year and commented it was “absolutely magnificent and you don’t have to grow orchids to appreciate the colors and diversity.”



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