

# Shoreham Garden Club Newsletter

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## President's Message

(Vicki McLane)



Happy Spring! How wonderful is to be out in the garden again getting my hands dirty.

Eight Board Members and Committee people attended the **Hallock Farm Museum**

**Victorian Tea** last month and had a wonderful time. They had a raffle of handmade tea cozies and among us we won 4 along with their teapots. The tea sandwiches, scones, cakes and cookies were delicious and kept coming until we were all full to bursting. We're looking forward to the next tea in the fall.

Bill Schiavo has agreed to chair the **Ed Affatato Memorial Fund Committee** and Gloria, Ronnie, and Diana Fuchs will join him on the Committee, along with me as an ex-officio member.

We had another great turnout for our April meeting. We installed paper on the windows to block out some of the outside light so we could see the speaker's slides better. However, our speaker failed to show up (he forgot), so we didn't get to test it. We improvised a garden question and answer session, followed by a social hour.

We have a busy 2 months with the Habitat for Humanity Planting and the Plant Sale this month and a trip plus the Garden Party next month. I hope to see all of you at least one of these events.



## Habitat for Humanity Next Weekend

(Pat Howley & Diana Fuchs)

Please come and join us at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 16 and Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> (if needed) to plant at the Habitat for Humanity house on Donegan Avenue in East Patchogue. If you are unable to join us but have plant donations, please bring them to Diana's house at 25 Circle Drive in Shoreham before Friday.

For those of you that will be coming, please bring your plants and tools you will need to help with the planting. We will need shovels, rakes etc.

Directions to the house are:

- 1) William Floyd Parkway South to Sunrise Hwy West
- 2) Take Sunrise Hwy W to Exit 56 Station Road South
- 3) Take Station Road to Montauk Hwy and make a right and head West
- 4) From Montauk Hwy proceed about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile and on your right will be Donegan Avenue.
- 5) Turn right and proceed down Donegan and right before you reach Patchogue Avenue the house will be on your left.

### 2009 Executive Board

President – Vicki McLane  
Vice-President – Barbara Foley  
Secretary – Pat Thompson  
Treasurer – Sheila Sussman  
Newsletter Editor – Diana Fuchs  
Program Chairs – Carol Fish & Sandy Romano

## Shoreham Garden Club Schedule 2009

May 16 & 17	Sat. & Sun.	<b>Habitat for Humanity Planting</b> , Donegan Avenue, E. Patchogue
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 home, 25 Circle Dr., Shoreham, 3pm

### Mid-summer Night Garden Party (Vicki McLane)

The Midsummer Night's Garden Party will be held on Friday, June 19, starting at 5:00 p.m. at Vicki and Peter's home in Shoreham. We are celebrating our 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, so wear your best garden party clothes. For the ladies, we suggest flowered hats are a good choice. Below is a photo from our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

The cost will be \$10.00 per person for members and associate members, plus a dish. Or, if you can't bring a dish the cost is \$20.00 per person. The cost is \$25 for other members of the household and \$30 for other guests.

Please contact Vicki McLane and let her know you are coming; phone 744-8765 or email at [vmclane@optonline.net](mailto:vmclane@optonline.net). If you are bringing a dish, please let Vicki know if you will be bringing an appetizer, salad, other side dish, or dessert. It should be enough for about 20 people to get at least a taste.

We hope to see most of you there. We will have lots of good food and drink and our traditional Chinese Auction. Garden tours will be available



### Spring Gardening Tip

Having trouble with aphids? Try using a lint roller. It rolls easily up stems and under leaves without damaging the plants. Pull off the top layer that's full of aphids, fold it up, and throw it in the trash.

*Fine Gardening*, March-April 2006.

### Member News

Welcome new members Carol Eibs, Arlene Mutschler, and Li ZiZhang. Welcome back to Barbara Amoretty who moved back from Florida this year.

## What Happened to the Acorns???

(Diana Fuchs)

As many of us noticed this past fall, that fall clean up was a little easier without all the acorns to try and scoop up from the oak trees. The Shoreham Garden Club was not the only ones to recognize this shortage. Residents up and down the east coast took notice too. So what happened to the acorns? Some naturalists are stating some possible causes are that 2007 was such a large crop of acorns that the trees could be exhausted causing a no production in 2008. Another reason is in 2008 we experienced higher than usual rainfall causing an absence. Not to worry quite yet, but scientists are keeping a close watch. Please use this link to see the full article from CNN. <http://www.cnn.com/2008/TECH/science/12/12/acorn.shortage/index.html>

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## Upcoming Outing

(Sandy Romano)

On Saturday, June 6th, we will be going on our first outing of the year to Lucille's Perennial Garden and Plant Sale in Hauppauge. Those of you who have won gift certificates may spend them at the sale, and everyone else will get a 10 percent discount towards your purchases. Our plan is to meet there at 10:30 a.m. Afterwards, we will go on to the SunDried Tomato Cafe in Nesconset for lunch.....great Italian food, very reasonably priced. After lunch, if anyone would like to visit the Sweet Briar Nature Center I can give you a personal tour. We have animals that we rehabilitate and care for, a large perennial garden maintained by the Smithtown Garden Club, and a Butterfly House (admission to the butterfly house is \$3).

I need a count of who is going to what activity, so please contact me at ([sandy926@optonline.net](mailto:sandy926@optonline.net)) or 744-2715 to RSVP. The trip is a "rain or shine" event.

If anyone would like to carpool or is willing to drive someone else, please let me know if I can be of help arranging it.

Directions to Lucille's: Take Route 347 west to Hauppauge. Before you get to Old Willet's Path and Northern State Parkway, you will make a left (south) onto Northfield Road. Next, make a right onto Berkshire Drive. Lucille's is #40.

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## Plant & Tag Sale

(Diana Fuchs)

Please join us for a plant and garden tag sale at Youwen's house on Circle Drive in Shoreham on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 3 pm. If you are unable to attend, but have donations please bring drop them off at Youwen's house by Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. We would appreciate if you would label any of your plant donations so buyers can easily identify what they are.

In addition, Vicki will be having a tag sale right across the street at the same time to raise money for the Kent Animal Shelter in Calverton. So as you are doing your Spring cleaning make sure to put any good donations aside.

## What I Have Learned

(A poem by Gary Snyder from *Ax Handles*)

*What have I learned but  
the proper use for several tools?*

*The moments  
between hard pleasant tasks*

*To sit silent, drink wine,  
and think my own kind  
of dry crusty thoughts.*

*—the first Calochortus flowers  
and in all the land,  
it's spring.*

*I point them out:  
the yellow petals, the golden hairs, to Gen.*

*Seeing in silence:  
never the same twice,  
but when you get it right,  
you pass it on.*

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