

Shoreham Garden Club Newsletter

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President's Message

(Vicki McLane)



What a beautiful beginning to the summer, all the more appreciated after a very rainy spring! We had a great turnout for the Garden Party and the weather gods were smiling down on us.

The **Ed Affatato Memorial Fund Committee** has been hard at work. They have decided to buy a bench and plaque, and Gloria got permission to install it at St. Anthony's in Rocky Point. Ed was very active in the church, as is Gloria. The church grounds are filled with beautiful trees and flowers and will make a nice setting.

Gloria Affatato, Barbara Amoretty and I accepted an invitation to the **Suwasett Garden Club's Street Garden Awards Reception** at the Port Jefferson Village Center. This would be a good project for the Shoreham Garden Club to consider for next year. Anyone who would be interested in helping with the planning for such an event, please let me know.

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

July 18th - Upcoming Local Garden Tour

(Sandy Romano)

On Saturday, July 18th, we will be touring some local Wading River and Shoreham gardens as well as enjoying lunch together at Phil's. The schedule is as follows:

10:30 - Donna & Mark Smith's garden at 60 Woodville Road in Shoreham for a tour of their beautiful daylily garden. (Note: everyone should park on the west side of the road.)

11:30 – Lunch Phil's Restaurant & Sports Bar (for those who are interested) at the corner of Route 25A and North Wading River Road.

1:00 - Jean Ozol's garden at 2860 North Wading River Road in Wading River. Jean is a friend of Sheila Sussman and has generously opened her garden for our club to visit.

2:00 - Bill & Ronnie Schiavo's garden at 9 Hunters Trail in Wading River. Bill has promised some new additions and changes in his amazing yard that should be fun to see.

If possible, please arrange to carpool so that we can simplify parking.

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Shoreham Garden Club Schedule 2009

July 18	Saturday	SGC Local Garden Tour
August 8	Saturday	10:00 Tour, Hummingbird Sanctuary , Baiting Hollow
September 19	Saturday	10:30 Meeting, Christine Doctor: Fall Plantings , Shoreham Village Bldg.
October 17	Saturday	10:30 Meeting, Dan Pichney: Butterfly Gardening , Shoreham Village Bldg.
November 21 st	Saturday	10:30 Member's Workshop : Holiday Wreaths, location TBD
December 6	Sunday	Holiday Party & Annual Meeting , Diana's home, 25 Circle Dr., Shoreham, 3pm

July 18th - Upcoming Local Garden Tour Cont.....

I would also like to have an idea of how many people will be joining us for lunch so that I can give Phil's a "heads up". Please email me with your RSVP at sandy926@optonline.net or via phone at 744-2715.

One last note: the weather conditions will require a last minute judgment call. We all have umbrellas for a minor sprinkling, but if there's a downpour, we will cancel. I will send out an email to the garden club members by 9:00 a.m. if that is the case. (However, I did put in my order for bright sunny skies this day!)

Looking forward to hearing from you!

FUN FACTS

Did you know that roses don't have thorns?

Roses actually have prickles. Generally, prickles are outgrowths of leaves and stems. In the case of roses, though, prickles are modified epidermal (skin) hairs.

Most butterflies and insects have their skeletons on the outside of their bodies, also known as exoskeletons. This helps to protect them as well as keeps the moisture inside their bodies and stops them from drying out.

Baiting Hollow Hummingbird Sanctuary- August 8th (Carol Fish)

On Saturday morning, August 8th, we will be going to the Baiting Hollow Hummingbird Sanctuary. The Sanctuary occupies about three and a half acres on bluffs high above Long Island Sound in the hamlet of Baiting Hollow. Most of the Sanctuary is left in a natural state, and features native trees and bushes. However some of the areas near the edge of the bluff are cultivated and feature mostly flowers that are good nectar sources. The Sanctuary is surrounded on 3 sides by hundreds of acres of privately owned woods and fields, where the hummers that visit the Sanctuary nest and breed. The tour will be about an hour long.

If there is interest, we will plan to go to lunch and possibly add an afternoon visit to another garden on the North Fork.

We plan to carpool. Please contact me (821-1048, donlfish@aol.com) or Vicki McLane (744-8765, vmclane@optonline.net) to let me know if you plan to come and if you are willing to drive or need a ride. We are meeting at the King Kullen in Wading River at 9:30.

For more information you can go to the Web site www.lihummer.org.

Mid-Summer's Night Garden Party

(Vicki McLane)

What a beautiful evening we had for the Garden Party. Twenty-four members and their guests enjoyed the good food, drink, companionship, and a garden tour.

My special thanks to Jo Alio, Diana Fuchs and Barbara Foley, who came early to help set up while I was busy with an ailing kitten.

Thanks to Jo and sidekick Jon Affatato for running the Chinese Auction.

Also, thanks to Diana Fuchs for organizing the Flower Arrangement judging. Eight members submitted flower arrangements, and the winner, by vote of the attendees, was Karen Blumer's arrangement of pink roses.

A **Lifetime Membership** was awarded to **Barbara Foley** in appreciation for her many years of support and service. Barbara has been a member since 1971 (38 years)! In addition to serving as President from 1975 to 1976, she also served on the Executive Board as Board Member-at-Large (1972-1974), Vice-President (1974, 1977-1978, 2008-2009), Newsletter Editor (1996-1997), and Treasurer (1998-2002), as well as chairing several committees over the years.

Member News
***Congratulations to Barbara Foley
on her new status of Lifetime
Member!!!***



Diana with Karen's winning arrangement



Our new Life Member, Barbara, accepting her rose sitting next to Elaine Squires

Plant Sale

Our plant sale on May 30 was a huge success. Thank you to Youwen for organizing it and to all who donated plants and helped with setting up, pricing, and selling. We netted almost \$450 for our scholarship fund.

Our First Garden Tour of the Season

(Sandy Romano)

Luckily for us, the sun was shining on June 6th for our first garden tour of the season. Vicki, Sheila, Pat, Carol, and I carpoled to Lucille's perennial garden sale at her home in Hauppauge. We filled our trunks with perennials which Lucille nurtures all year for her annual sale of ferns, goats beard, foxglove, aucuba, lunaria, amsonia, and so many more.

After that, it was on to an Italian lunch at the SunDried Tomato Cafe where we all left with doggie bags.

The day ended at Sweet Briar Nature Center in Smithtown for Sandy's personal tour of the center including animals, insects, reptiles (Sheila especially liked the ball python!) and the Butterfly House. We finished up in the extensive perennial garden at Sweet Briar where the peonies were in full bloom. All in all, our small group will agree that it was a lovely day.....flowers, food, and friendship, what more could a gardener ask for?



Sandy is very proud to announce that for the first time in 5 years, the deer have not eaten her daylilies.....yet! →

Elizabeth Halama Scholarship Award

(Carol Willen)

The Shoreham Garden Club Scholarship established in 1978, is given each year to a graduating senior at the Shoreham-Wading River High School. This year the award is given in memory of Elizabeth (Sue) Halama, president of the Club from 1988 until her untimely death in 2001.

The award is given to a student who has excelled in environmental science, ecology, botany or horticulture and who plans to pursue his/her education or personal outreach efforts in one of these areas. Special consideration is given to students who not only have excelled in the classroom, but may have participated in research, community projects or internships of environmental significance.

This year's recipient, Crystal Joy, has taken rigorous science courses and has excelled in A.P. Environmental Science. She has participated in Natural Helpers, SADD, Winter Track, the Community Service program and the National Honor Society. She is active in her church as a teacher and camp leader as well as the Community Round Out program and the Girl Scouts. With all of this, she still finds time to work in the office of a physical therapist.

Next year Crystal will be studying Environmental Science at Hofstra University.



Habitat for Humanity Planting Report

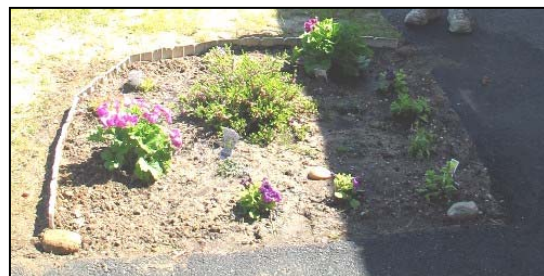
(Pat Howley)

On Thursday, June 28, I went back to the Habitat for Humanity house that the Garden Club members planted on May 16. Although the areas around the house that are intended to be lawn are really sparse and uneven, the work that the Garden Club volunteers did has thrived. The shade garden on the North side of the house has flourishing astilbe, hosta and ostrich fern, along with some white impatiens for all summer color. The rhododendrons and azaleas we planted are finished blooming but are still green-leaved and waiting for next spring. The blue lace hydrangea has small florets; it will be a beauty in a few weeks. The purple impatiens in the front of the house are filling in and providing color. The various shrubs we used for foundation planting are still with us. The annuals and perennials in the small triangular plot next to the walkway are also healthy.

The irises along the back foundation are finished for now, although the foliage is still green. The same is true of the azaleas at the back door.

The homeowner has placed low, white metal fencing around the herb and vegetable garden to identify its boundaries and keep the plants protected from wandering feet. All you shade gardeners can envy this plot that is bathed in summer sun (at least when we have it). As a result the lettuce is ready to be picked; peppers are in bud; herbs can be harvested to encourage denser growth; zucchini blossoms abound and beans and peas are shooting up. On the south side of the house the black-eyed susans are starting to bloom. Some of the daylilies have buds and the yellow marigolds around the mailbox look cheerful.

I could see that the hoses the club donated are in use and the work that was done has laid a stable foundation for the house. Dorrie and her daughter Stephanie have sent warm messages thanking all the volunteers for providing the varied and colorful plantings.



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