



# Bayard Cutting Arboretum Horticultural Society



*"Awareness through Education....."*

*.....Responsibility through Involvement"*

## ~~MARCH 2017 NewsBLAST~~

*All days are beautiful, only the weather changes.*

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT DOREEN MONTELEONE

It's March! I'm very impatient and search my yard every day for signs of spring. My crocus are planted in my lawn, so I don't really notice them until they're blooming. My daffodils are peaking out about 1/2 inch, but are stalled. I keep moving some of the rocks edging my gardens trying to neaten things up and make more room for future plants. Failing to see much activity and needing to be outside, I carry around my clippers and do a nip here and there. I was happy to cut off a couple of small branches of my witch hazel which was barely showing signs of the yellow blooms breaking. But after one day in my house, the branches exploded with spidery, soft smelling blossoms! If you need to alleviate the winter blues, try cutting a few branches of forsythia, witch hazel, Kwanzan cherry, redbud or other early blooming tree or shrub. Put them in a vase with water. You'll be rewarded with an early taste of spring to get you through the next month or so.



In addition to our monthly meetings, we've got a lot on our schedule this spring and I hope you can participate. They're all listed on our website [www.bcahortsociety.org](http://www.bcahortsociety.org) and in our newsletters. In April, we have a hypertufa workshop. In May, I Love My Park Day (<http://ptny.org/events/i-love-my-park-day>) will be held at the Arboretum, in addition to Granny's Attic's Grand Opening, Mother's Day Plant Sale and the workshop - Kitchen Container Gardening (taught by yours truly). In June, we'll have our Annual Plant Sale and Spring Party. We're going to need lots of help before and during these events. Tax-deductible donations for Granny's Attic can be brought to our

### 2017 GENERAL MEETING PROGRAMS

**CLICK HERE FOR 2017  
GENERAL MEETINGS SCHEDULE**

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**Wednesday, April 12**  
6:30 pm Upper Carriage House

**New and Upcoming Plant Sale**  
Tom Stemmler from  
Daisy Gardens

**All Plants Ruffled!!**

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**Wednesday, May 10**  
6:30 pm  
Upper Carriage House

**Author Kerry Ann Menzies**  
<http://pyours.com>

**"The Right Size, Low Maintenance  
Flower Garden  
With Season Long Color"**

Click [HERE](#) for more information

### SPRING FLING

**Members and Guests  
JUNE 14, 2017**

meetings or to the Manor House. Please, no large items, furniture, clothing or books. Continue to save your gardening magazines that you no longer want and we'll put them out at the plant sale with a donation box. It's a great way to educate the public, recycle printed material and generate more funds. Last year, we received an extra \$40 at the book table. Sign-up sheets to help at these events will be on the back table at our meetings.

Remember, BCAHS exists not only to provide education on sound gardening practices, but to support the Bayard Cutting Arboretum Manor House. It's 130+ years old, and like all of us - it still looks great, but needs lots of TLC! Any ideas to generate additional revenue are most welcomed! Feel free to contact me at [doreenmn88@gmail.com](mailto:doreenmn88@gmail.com).

*Doreen*

Quote of the Month: *I want it said of me by those who knew me best, that I always plucked a thistle and planted a flower where I thought a flower would grow.* - Abraham Lincoln

## GENERAL MEETINGS DATES & PROGRAMS

FOR GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
OF FEBRUARY 11, 2017

[CLICK HERE](#)

### WINTER MEETING:

~~~Saturday, March 11, 1 pm~~~  
Upper Carriage House



## FLOWERING TREES

Dr. Tamson Yeh, CCE Specialist  
Cornell Univ. Cooperative Ext. Suffolk County

Topics May Include: pest resistant, four-season interest selections, how to choose good nursery stock, matching tree size to location,

## HIDDEN OAK CAFE

\$35 per person  
More Info to Follow

## GRANNY'S ATTIC GRAND OPENING

MAY 6 & 7  
Donations Needed to Support  
Manor House  
Drop off donations at Manor  
House  
(no fabric or books)

ALL DONATIONS ARE  
DEDUCTIBLE

Why Not Volunteer?  
Sign up at next meeting

PLANT SALE  
JUNE 3 & 4  
Volunteers Needed  
for set up and sale

I LOVE MY PARK DAY  
MAY 6  
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED  
Interested?

Contact: Jessica Collier  
Program Coordinator  
Parks & Trails New York  
Celebrating 30 Years of Park and  
Excellence  
29 Elk Street, Albany, NY 12202  
518-434-1583 | [www.ptny.org](http://www.ptny.org)

MOTHER'S DAY HANGING  
BASKET SALE  
MAY 13 & 14  
Volunteers Needed for Set  
Sale Day  
Sign Up at Next Meeting

PHILADELPHIA FLOWER

and dealing with deer.

**HYPERTUFA WORKSHOP  
SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 1 PM  
LOWER CARRIAGE HOUSE**



**CLICK [HERE](#) FOR HYPERTUFA WORKSHOP  
REGISTRATION FORM**

**SIGN UP ASAP...**

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**UPCOMING: May 20, Kitchen Container Gardening**



**Saturday, March 11 -  
Sunday, March 19, 2017**

Click [HERE](#) for full info

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR  
WORKSHOP OR TRIP? WHY  
BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR  
EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

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**Cornell Cooperative Extension  
Suffolk County  
Spring Gardening School**  
All classes are taught by  
Gardener Volunteers and Extension  
Educators. The day consists of  
workshops held during three sessions  
offering information for beginning  
advanced gardeners; and new information  
keynote address on "Long Island  
Plants and Pollinators" by  
Weigand, Executive Director of  
Island Native Plant Initiative.

**Saturday, April 22, 2017  
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM**

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