

# GET TO KNOW US!

## Bayard Cutting Arboretum Horticultural Society



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Face Book: Bayard Horticultural Society

*"Awareness through Education..."*

*...Responsibility through Involvement"*

**It takes the talent of many people with different skill sets for BCAHS to be successful! All members are encouraged to learn more about BCAHS and get involved with a committee or activity. Do not hesitate to contact the chair of a committee or board member for more information. You will be amazed by what you can learn, what wonderful friends you will make and the fun you will have!**

**Purpose:** Since 1974, Bayard Cutting Arboretum Horticultural Society (BCAHS) has been promoting sound home gardening practices, preservation of the environment and an appreciation of Bayard Cutting Arboretum (BCA) and our Long Island Community.

**Meetings:** All meetings are held in the Upper Carriage House of BCA. In September, October, November, April, May and June, meetings occur at 6: 30 PM on the second Wednesday of the month. In January, February and March they are the second Saturday or Sunday at 1: 00 PM. If the main gate is closed, please use the service entrance to the west and take the first right and then left down to the parking lot. Each meeting consists of coffee and dessert hospitality, a brief business portion followed by an informative presentation or workshop. Often there are door prizes and raffles.

**Dues:** Annual membership is \$25 for individuals and \$35 for families. Renewals are due Nov. 30. Check or cash only.

**Socials and Networking:** BCAHS holds an annual holiday party at the Hidden Oak Cafe in lieu of the December meeting. In the summer, there are member tours of BCA, led by the Arboretum director, and the Dahlia Garden.

**Plant Sale:** Each spring, BCAHS offers a two-day plant sale. The sale focuses on beautiful unusual species which differentiates it from other plant sales. This is the biggest fund raising event for the year and takes months of planning. BCAHS purchases plants from a number of wholesale nurseries for resale. In addition, the Arboretum and members donate plants. The sale is held in the Lower Carriage house.

**Mother's Day Plant Sale:** Mothers' Day weekend is a very popular time to visit BCA. Under the gazebo near the Manor House, BCAHS sells hanging baskets at a reasonable price. In addition, children can make or purchase small flowers in baskets or pots to give to Mom for a very small fee.

**Granny's Attic:** Operating out of the horse stables of the Lower Carriage House, Granny's Attic sells donated *bric-a-brac*. It is the second largest fundraiser for the organization and requires volunteers to manage the inventory and operate. Granny's Attic is unheated and therefore only open on the weekends from May-October, 1-4 PM. All donations are tax deductible. No paper, cloth or large items.

**Field Trips & Workshops:** Periodically the organization sponsors trips to horticultural places of interest and offers hands-on workshops. Members are given a discount to participate in these activities.

**Digital Media:** The monthly BCAHS NewsBLAST includes information on upcoming meetings and activities, as well as "Ask the Experts" and recent news. It is sent on the first day of the month, so if you do not receive a copy, contact [bcahs2@gmail.com](mailto:bcahs2@gmail.com). The organization's website is [www.bcahortsociety.org](http://www.bcahortsociety.org) and includes archived NewsBLASTs, information on upcoming events, and a link to the Shutterfly site with photos of member gardens and past activities.

**Social Media:** The organization's Face Book page is *Bayard Horticultural Society*. Please "Like" it to join in the conversation and keep abreast of our activities.

**Merchandise:** BCAHS sells BCA logo merchandise including t-shirts, polo shirts and hats. Currently, there is no formal method to sell merchandise at BCA, although a visitor center is in the future plans. Members sell these items at meetings and events. BCAHS members are given a discount to purchase these items.

**Scholarships:** As part of promoting education in horticulture, BCAHS sets aside funds to be used to support internships at BCA and in the future, college scholarships.

**Manor House Decorating:** Beginning the week after Thanksgiving, BCA offers tours of the Manor House which is decorated with live arrangements for the holiday season. BCAHS members coordinate with BCA staff to decorate one or two rooms. These public tours generate significant revenue for BCA and are promoted at the BCA website [www.bayardcuttingarboretum.com](http://www.bayardcuttingarboretum.com).

**Conferences:** Members work with BCA staff to periodically hold full-day conferences. As co-sponsors, staff help with the organization of the event. BCAHS members get discounted registration should they wish to be an attendee.

**Grants:** As a non-profit, BCAHS is able to help support BCA by sponsoring grant applications that may benefit the Arboretum.

**Collaboration:** For certain activities, BCAHS has collaborated with other horticultural organizations. This has included the Long Island Dahlia Society for the Plant Sale and the Suffolk County Master Gardeners for trips.

**Organization:**

**Board of Directors**

BCAHS has an active Board of Directors that meets on the third Wednesday of the month at the East Islip Library. They oversee the operations of BCAHS, set budgets and activities for the year. Positions include President, Immediate Past President, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Membership, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Publicity, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Member-at-Large (5) and all committee chairs. Current Board Members are listed on our website [www.bcahortociety.org](http://www.bcahortociety.org).

**Committees (standing & ad-hoc)**

Programs	Plant Sale	Scholarship	Publication
Social	Granny's Attic	Holiday Decorating	Merchandise
Nominating	Finance		

**PHILANTHROPY**

Profits from BCAHS' fund raising activities are donated to support Bayard Cutting Arboretum. In the past, BCAHS has funded items, such as carpeting, and maintenance, such as floor refinishing. The organization donated \$10,000 which will be used toward the restoration of the 140-year-old Manor House porch. Other donations made to the Arboretum are listed on our website:

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