

Shoreham Garden Club Newsletter



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President *Diana Fuchs*



On the evening of June 29, Diana graciously hosted the garden club's **annual Midsummer Night's Garden Party**.

36 members, spouses and friends as well as Diana's dad from

Vermont took advantage of Diana's beautiful new deck, which was shaded and ample enough for everyone to mingle comfortably long into the cooling evening.

Coming together in this way to share conversation, food, wine, and a beautiful summer evening is a highlight of the club year – thank you Diana for hosting this very happy and memorable event.



Bill Schiavo was at the ready with wines from his wine club (this is becoming his specialty!).

Susanne's Black-tie Service catered the appetizers and dinner.

Diana prepared the desserts herself. They soon disappeared!

Many thanks also to **Judy Faraone** and **Gloria Affatato** for their help.



Jo Alio prepared the raffle basket, and once again **Madeline Windsor** was the winner!



2012 Scholarship Award *Carol Willen*

On the evening of June 7th, the Shoreham Garden Club 2012 Scholarship was awarded to **Madeline Massa**, a very well deserving senior at the Shoreham–Wading River High School. Carol Willen represented President Diana Fuchs, who was unable to attend.

An avid student, Madeline has been on the Principal's List for 13 consecutive quarters and has excelled in Mathematics, Chemistry, and French and received this year's Suffolk Zone Award in Physical Education. She was named this year's outstanding Physics student. In addition she has played a varsity sport every season in volleyball, softball and winter track and still found time for Natural Helpers. Always upbeat, positive, and cheerful, she is a member of the National Honor Society and Communities Mobilizing on Changes in Alcohol. This fall Madeline will be studying Physics at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. We wish Madeline the best of luck in all her future endeavors.

Vicki McLane Memorial May 12, 2012

Club President **Diana Fuchs** was Master of Ceremonies at Past President Vicki McLane's memorial on Saturday, May 12th at the Shoreham Village Hall. Eighty friends and relatives attended to celebrate her life, with speeches from those who knew her best.



Peter Kahn has been working with Bill Erdmann of Hidden Ridge to continue developing the 'sunken,' or walled, garden Vicki had begun last year.



Peter has planted a Stewartia tree in Vicki's memory. *Stewartia* (sometimes spelled *Stuartia*) is a genus of 8-20 species of flowering plants in the family Theaceae, related to Camellia. Most of the species are native to eastern Asia, with two (*S. malacodendron*, *S. ovata*) in southeast North America, from Virginia and Kentucky south to Florida and Louisiana.

The genus was named in 1753 by Carolus Linnaeus to honor John Stuart, 3rd Earl of Bute. Owing to a transcription error, Linnaeus was given the name as 'Stewart', and consequently spelled the name "Stewartia" (and continued to do so in all his subsequent publications).

Several species of *Stewartia* are grown as ornamental plants for their very decorative smooth orange bark and their flowers produced at a time of year when few other trees are in flower.



Plant and Tag Sale May 20, 2012

The annual Plant and Tag Sale to support the Shoreham Garden Club Scholarship was held this year at **Judy Faraone's** house in Wading River on Duck Pond Day, May 20th.

It turned out to not be a propitious date all as roads around the Duck Pond were closed by noon, and we had only pedestrian traffic for the rest of the afternoon. We decided to repeat the sale the following Saturday, and succeeded in raising over \$480 for the scholarship fund. This compares favorably with past years' plant sales. All's well that ends well!

2012 Executive Board

- President – Diana Fuchs
- Vice-President – Pat Thompson
- Secretary – Gloria Affatato
- Treasurer – Sheila Sussman
- Newsletter Editor – Sheila Sussman/
Kate Ventura
- Program Chair – Carol Ryan

Committees

- Community Projects:** Judy Faraone
- Horticulture:** Barbara Foley
- Hospitality:** Bill Schiavo, Peter Kahn & Charlie Thompson
- Membership:** Pat Thompson, Elaine Squires, Carol Ryan
- Plant Resources:** Yvette Nathaniel
- Publicity:** Ronnie Schiavo
- Scholarship:** Carol Willen
- Sunshine:** Elaine Squires
- Ways and Means:** Jo Alio
- Historian:** Mimi Oberdorf
- Webmaster liaison:** (volunteer needed)
- Advisory Committee:** Kathy DiPierro, Barbara Foley, Cathy Silverstein

Programs
Carol Ryan

On March 24th, **Christine Doctor** of the Plant Doctor spoke to us about the Four Season Garden. The meeting and presentation was held at the Shoreham Beach Club. Christine gave us lots of specific plants to provide interest in all the seasons of our gardens. Along with her program she presented slides showing the different plants and gave us ideas how to use them in our gardens. She took questions afterward. It was a very informative program.



On April 21st **Bill Erdmann** of Hidden Ridge Plants spoke to us at the North Shore Library about the “New and Special things in the garden”. He brought a large variety of the actual plants; it was a very lively and entertaining presentation for all of us. He also brought beautiful arrangements which were won by some of our members. As we left, he gave everyone a white coneflower seedling and a small pansy for us start our spring gardening. It was a wonderful program to kick off the spring planting season.



On July 11th the garden club and nine of our members toured the **Longhouse Reserve** in East Hampton. We had lunch at Panera Bread in Bridgehampton, and continued on to the reserve, which is the first affiliate garden of the Garden Conservancy. The grounds are absolutely beautiful; the reserve sits on 16 acres and is the private home and garden of Jack Lenor Larsen, a textile designer, author and collector. The garden was created in 1991 it incorporates contemporary sculptures within each garden, which are constantly changing. We began at the “Dunes,” a rolling landscape garden entirely planted in beach sand. We traveled from one “room” to another amazed by the beauty of the gardens and the sculptures that were placed tragically within each garden. There were so many paths to choose, the Lotus Pond was spectacular, as were the reflection pool and hornbeam allée. Longhouse Reserve is a garden that you can visit every season and see it differently each time. It was a beautiful experience for all of us.

Our next trip will be to the Brooklyn Botanic Gardens. We will be going in September, and the date will be announced. We will be going by train on this trip to the gardens.

Calendar of Events

September	Executive Board Meeting <i>All SGC members welcome.</i>	Diana’s home	Sept 11th - 7:00 pm
	General meeting + Speaker	North Shore Library	Sept 15th - 10:00 am
	Garden tour	t.b.a.	t.b.a.
October	General meeting + Speaker	North Shore Library	Oct 13 th - 10:00 am
November	Executive Board Meeting <i>All SGC members welcome.</i>	Diana’s home	Nov 6th - 7:00 pm
	Members’ Workshop	t.b.a.	Nov 17th
December	Holiday Party and Installation of Officers	t.b.a.	Dec 2nd

* *Highlighted in yellow are general member events*
** *For additional information, please call Diana Fuchs at 228-4165*