

Shoreham Garden Club Autumn Newsletter



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Diana Fuchs

As I drove through the Catskill Mountains this past week I saw vibrant shades of orange, yellow and red emerging on the sugar maples indicating that fall is on its way. Although most would think for a gardener that spring and summer are the ideal months to work outside, September and October are my favorite months. I enjoy waking up early and walking outside to meet that crisp cool air that invigorates me to start pruning and planting bulbs that will ensure a most beautiful garden next season.

I hope everyone took advantage of the beautiful summer we had; perhaps now

our lives will calm down a bit and we can enjoy the activities we have planned for the remainder of the year. The months of September and October provide opportunities to hear great speakers, in November Sheila Sussman will host our member's workshop led by Jean Ozol using her impressive creativity to come up with a project for us and December is our holiday party. We are still in need of a host for our holiday party; please let me know if you are interested. Everyone will be asked to bring a little something so there is no burden on the host.

I would like to invite all members to respond to a survey that will be mailed in early October. The survey will ask for input from members as to what

you would like the garden club to accomplish in 2013. This is your club and we want to hear what you have to say. In addition, I would like to invite you to the Board Meeting on November 6th at my house at 7 PM where we will be setting the 2013 Calendar; your feedback would be welcome!

A special thanks to Kate Ventura, who has volunteered to edit the Newsletter; she has already jumped in and has given our newsletter a fresh new design. Thank you Sheila for stepping in temporarily and for the fine work you did; as always, your willingness to go above and beyond is appreciated.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon,

Diana

NEW!

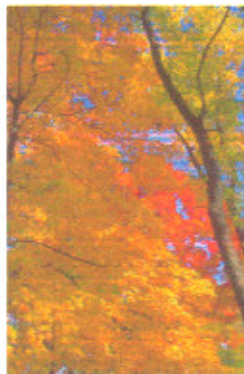
Worked for

This section will feature a story, anecdote, or statement of gardening joy...or misery! Let us know what worked, or did not work, in your garden so that your co-members can enjoy the same success, or avoid the same failure and frustration, you did.

This Fall 2012 edition features a success story as well as gives a source of lovely, healthy plants that exceeded the gardeners expectations.

On April 21st the SGC hosted a presentation by Bill Erdmann of Hidden Ridge Plants at the North Shore Public Library. Bill is a knowledgeable and enthusiastic horticulturist and he brought several rare species of plants with him to demonstrate the types of plants available at his nursery. Following the presentation, I visited his nursery and bought several of his special plants with the goal of making a basket garden of unique plants. After purchasing a basket (about 24 inches by 18 inches by 4 inches deep) at Home Goods, I filled the basket with potting soil and plants and sat back to see how they would grow. I was thrilled as the summer progressed and each plant thrived! Plants in the basket included two Kangaroo Paw/Cape Magenta aka Anigozanthos Hybrid, a red and green variegated leaf Geranium/Vancouver (cont.p2)

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Centennial aka Pelargonium s hortorum, as well two beautiful ornamental pepper plants with green and white striped leaves and lovely tiny deep purple peppers! A magnificent deep red geranium bought that day also prospered in a pot by itself and had huge beautiful flowers all summer and into the fall.

I recommend the Hidden Ridge Nursery

without reservation; though as expensive as any other nursery, the plants themselves were healthy and grew beautifully.

By Kate Ventura
Hidden Ridge Plants
441 Randall Road
Ridge, New York 11961
631 924-1513



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THE POTTING SHED

This section will feature an article(s) relating to gardening on Long Island.

The New York Botanical Garden has a Home Gardening Center that offers extensive resources online.

The Home Garden Center at the Garden is a series of model gardens and display areas whose planting and programs are designed to teach anyone how to create a beautiful, productive,

and trouble free garden. It also offers extensive information online by clicking on ASK THE EXPERTS, TIP SHEETS, FACT SHEETS and GARDENING CALENDAR

An example of the depth of information available is the area TIP SHEETS; categories included Fall Gardening Calendar (October Gardening Tips and November Gardening Tips) Fall Gardening FAQs, and Fall

Gardening Tip Sheets including Garden Care/Garden Cleanup.

The Home Gardening Center also has How-To Videos available on many topics including Easy Autumn Centerpieces, Basic Orchid Care and Drying and Storing Your Herbs.

One video that may not get much use from Gardeners in Suffolk County is one titled...

"Plants That Attract Wildlife".



Do you know anyone who would like to join the Shoreham Garden Club?

\$30 Individual Membership

\$50 Couples Membership

\$10 Associate Membership

Contact: Pat Thompson, Membership Chairperson
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2012**

OCTOBER

General Meeting & Speaker Bill Erdman "Miniature Plants and Gardens"	North Shore Library	Saturday, Oct 13 th 10:00 AM
Nature Walk	Connetquot State Park	Wednesday, Oct 10 th 9:30 AM KK Parking Lot

NOVEMBER

Executive Board Meeting * Planning Meeting for 2013	Diana Fuch's Home	Tuesday, Nov 6 th 7:00 PM
Members Workshop with Jean Ozol	Sheila Sussman's Home	Saturday, Nov 17 th 10:30 AM

DECEMBER

Holiday Party	(volunteer needed)	Sunday, Dec 2 nd
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JANUARY

Annual Meeting	TBA	
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*All Members Welcome

**For Additional Information, please call Diana Fuchs at (631) 228-4165

NEW! The Bulletin Board

The Bulletin Board welcomes news to be shared, information about events, tours, shows, etc., of interest to our members.

- Copies of MiMi Oberdorf's book will be available at the October General Meeting.
- From The Editor: *The Shoreham Garden Club Newsletter is a work in progress; the use of technology presents great challenges and hopefully, as the need arises, the level of competency will also rise. But in the interim, please smile, and laugh if you see an error, and email the Editor with advice on how to correct the error and improve the next edition.*

* Please note...

If you would like to contribute a piece to the SGC Winter Newsletter, post something on The Bulletin Board, etc., please email your article to kmlv@optonline.net by December 15th.

Did you know...

The Shoreham Garden Club was founded in 1929 and is 83 years old!