

Shoreham Garden Club Newsletter



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President's Message

Diana Fuchs

I hope everyone had a great summer. I managed to squeeze in a week vacation and went to Colorado to hike Mt. Elbert. It was a mere 14,443 tall and only took me 8-½



to make it up and down. It was the longest 8-½ hours of my life, but was a big goal of mine that I am proud I accomplished.

As most of you are aware, we lost a very special member to the Shoreham Garden Club and to many of us personally. Vicki McLane passed away in August. Vicki was one of the most generous people I knew with both her time and financially. She was the president of our club for four years and saved it from the brink of extinction. Vicki spent endless hours caring for sick cats for the Kent Animal Shelter and was also active in supporting The Shoreham Village Association with all of their initiatives. I was fortunate to have spent time with both Vicki and Peter in the last few weeks before Vicki passed and saw all the loved they shared. Vicki will be greatly missed.

Peter will be having a memorial for Vicki next spring that will coincide with the planting of a tree in Shoreham Village in Vicki's memory. The memorial will be on Saturday, May 12th at the Shoreham Village Hall. I will be sending a reminder, as we get closer.

Vicki's Garden

Diana Fuchs

Peter Kahn, with the help of some folks, transformed what was once the area of their above ground pool into a beautiful garden in Vicki's memory. Peter gave me tour this past week and I wanted to share a picture of it with all of you.



2011 Executive Board

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

Shoreham Garden Club Events Schedule 2011

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Oct. 15 (Sat.)	10:00 a.m.	General Meeting/Speaker , George Schwender, <i>Composting</i> , North Shore Public Library.
Nov. 19 (Sat.)	10:30 a.m.	Member Workshop (<i>Diana Fuchs' house</i>)
Dec. 4 (Sun.)	3:00 p.m.	Holiday Party (<i>Pat & Charlie Thompson</i>)

Bayard Cutting Arboretum

Carol Ryan

On Saturday September 17th, eleven members of the garden club and four guests took a guided tour of the Bayard Cutting Arboretum in Great River. Larry LaScala was our very personable volunteer tour guide. He is a master gardener and was extremely knowledgeable about the many exotic trees and plants in the arboretum. He also gave us a history of the "Cutting" family who left the estate to New York State. After the two-hour tour, we had a wonderful lunch at the Hidden Oak Café, on the grounds. It was a beautiful way to spend the day and enjoy the estate on the Connetquot River. If you get a chance to visit, don't miss it.



Committees

Community Projects: Sheila Sussman
Horticulture: Barbara Foley
Hospitality: Bill Schiavo, Peter Kahn & Charlie Thompson
Membership: Pat Thompson, Elaine Squires, Carol Ryan & Vicki McLane
Plant Resources: Yvette Nathaniel
Publicity: Ronnie Schiavo
Scholarship: Carol Willen
Sunshine: Elaine Squires
Ways and Means: Jo Alio
Webmaster & Historian: Mimi Oberdorf
Advisory Committee: Kathy DiPierro, Barbara Foley, Cathy Silverstein

Fall Gardening Tips

From the Morton Arboretum

Here are some gardening tips to help you prepare your gardens for the winter season and for the next gardening season in 2012.

- September's cooler weather and moist soils offer ideal conditions for fall plantings.
- Late summer into early autumn is the best time to divide perennials that bloom in spring and summer.
- Plant trees and shrubs, allowing enough time for roots to develop before ground freezes.
- Prepare for first frost. Dig tender perennials such as cannas, begonias, gladiolus. Discard tops and store bulbs, corms, and rhizomes in dry peat moss or vermiculite.
- Bring house plants back indoors before night temperatures drop below 55F.
- Deadhead perennials, and discard dead and diseased foliage to reduce infection next year.
- Begin planting spring flowering bulbs in mid-to-late September.
- Fertilize trees and shrubs after mid September.
- Restock bird feeders and put out fresh water to help birds migrating south.

Next General Meeting

October 15, 2011

Next Board Meeting

November 1, 2011

Upcoming Election

Diana Fuchs

It is that time of year again to see who would be interested in joining the board of the Shoreham Garden Club. This December we will be looking for volunteers to help keep our club a successful organization. We need help filling the following positions:

- Community Projects Chair
- Newsletter Editor

The position of President is also open, but you would need to have been on the Board at some time for one year to qualify for running for this position.

As you will hear us discuss at the October meeting, the board has been thinking of ways to encourage more members to get involved at the board level. The positions of President and Vice President are generally time consuming and we would like to propose having co-vice presidents to provide us more support and alleviate the time commitment required to serve in these positions. We look forward to hearing your thoughts. Also, if you would be interested in one of these positions above please let me know.