



The Long Island Horticultural Society, Inc.

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APRIL PROGRAM

DATE: **Sunday, April 27**
Please bring canned goods & nonperishable items

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO DRIVE SLOWLY THROUGH
PLANTING FIELDS ARBORETUM - THEY ARE HOLDING
THEIR ARBOR DAY FESTIVAL AND THERE WILL BE MANY
ADULTS AND CHILDREN WALKING THE ARBORETUM!**

PLACE: **The Conference Center, Planting Fields Arboretum**
(Driving directions are on the website under the "Programs" menu.)

TIME: 5:30 pm: Arrival of members and guests
5:45 pm: Horticultural Competition judging takes place. All entries **MUST**
be entered by 5:30 pm
6:00 pm: LIHS Business announcements

TIME: 6:15 pm
SPEAKER: **Colleen Plimpton, Author**
TOPIC: **Hello My Garden**

7:15 pm: Conclusion of meeting and raffle. Refreshments will be served after announcements.



6:15 PM PROGRAM: Colleen Plimpton spent 30 years in her first career as a clinical social worker with the chronically mentally ill. Her second career is that of professional garden communicator. Trained at the New York Botanical Garden, she has tended her sloping Connecticut acre for 21 years. Colleen has appeared on numerous TV and radio programs including *CBS*, *ABC*, *Good Morning America* and *PBS*; she pens a prize-winning newspaper column for *Hearst Media Group*; coaches gardening; has taught at the New York Botanical Garden; lectures widely; and writes for publications such as *GreenPrints*, *Connecticut Gardener*, and *Toastmaster*. Colleen's multi-honored garden memoir, *Mentors in the Garden of Life* was a Finalist for the Connecticut Book of the Year in the Memoir category.

Currently she is at work on two books. A murder mystery set in a rural mental hospital, and a nonfiction book about historical American women gardeners. Colleen looks upon each day as an opportunity to learn more about the wonderful world of nature. She and her husband Jerry Shike raised three children, who now reside in Chicago, New York City, and Florida.

Hello My Garden! is a lighthearted, inclusive look at opening the spring garden. Amid gardening anecdotes and a poignant tale or two Colleen will discuss critter control, containers, bulb care, fertilizing, birds, perennial division and more. After this brutal winter, come and learn as well as be entertained by this garden expert!

NEXT MEETING: Sunday, May 18, **The Conference Center**, Planting Fields Arboretum
2:00 pm: Jessica Damiano: Starting Tomato Seeds

The **LIHS PLANT SALE** is right around the corner! Our annual plant sale is held during the May meeting. The proceeds of the sale support the work of LIHS.

Look for **Bob Weschler's** Tips for Buyers and Sellers in next month's newsletter.

For up-to-date news of LIHS meetings, activities, trips, etc., check our website: www.lihort.org.

If you have any suggestions or comments contact **Anne Schnarwyler: webmaster@lihort.org.**

Donations Welcome

We continue to request contributions for the **James & Mary Lee Fuller Horticulture Scholarship Fund**. Please consider making a donation in honor or in memory of family or friends in any amount. Help us help worthy horticulture students.

President's Message

Dear Members,

Spring has finally arrived and with it lots of chores to do. Of course we must prune out all of the damage to shrubs, trees and vines from the heavy winter snow, and do the usual spring clean-up, but please take some time out to enjoy the season.

When the daffodils are in bloom, there are lots of places to view and enjoy the spring blooms. One is Wave Hill, which is offering a tour and free admission on Sunday, April 13th. The tour starts at 2 PM and lasts one hour. Wave Hill is located on the Hudson River in Riverdale, The Bronx and has parking on the grounds.

Of course there is NYBG, which I call The Bronx Botanical Gardens. They have hills of daffodils in bloom in April as well as a wonderful rock garden with primroses and many other spring-bloomers. The magnolias bloom at the end of April put on a wonderful show.

NYBG recently opened a Native Plant Garden which I have yet to see but it is 2.5 acres with a water feature running through, and should prove to be a great addition to their 250-acre property. In spring, they boast carpets

of trillium, bloodroot, Dutchman's breeches, and a mix of other beautiful ephemerals, along with accents of lady slipper orchids. **JoAnn Semeraro** is running a trip to NYBG in June in case you prefer to visit with a group.

Closer to home, Old Westbury Gardens is only open on the weekends in April, but they are offering a spring tour on April 19th at 2 PM, led by our former president, **Regina Watkins**, featuring over 10,000 spring bulbs. The tour is free with admission.

Planting Fields is hosting their Arbor Day celebration on Saturday April 26 and Sunday April 27 (that's why our meeting is at 6 PM on the 27th). We plan to set up an LI Hort booth at this event, so please be sure to contact **Bruce Hambrecht** (email: aamachin-ing@aol.com) to sign up and help out at our booth.

Everyone has their favorite places to get outside and enjoy spring; Caumsett State Park and Clark Gardens are others that come to my mind. Wherever you prefer to explore, it's April, so take advantage of spring, especially after our long, cold, snowy winter!

Laura Weill

L.I. CARES . . .

L.I. Cares is grateful for our continuing donations to the Harry Chapin Food Bank. In December we donated 52 lbs. of food, in January we collected 47 lbs. of food, and at the March meeting our total contribution of food was 79 lbs. Many thanks to everyone who participated.

Please continue to bring non-perishable items for our food drive.

~ Anne Mehlinger

HOSPITALITY TIDBITS

Thanks to all who brought snacks & signed **The Cookie List: Regina Conlon, Dorothy Titus, Chris Douglas, Anne Schnarwyler, Pat Sayers, Laura Weill, Barbara Hanft, Marcy Meyer, Cynthia Hopping, Judy Basse, Marge Duryea, & Ronni Pollack.**

Pick up a FREE raffle ticket & sign the Cookie List when you bring in snacks so we can acknowledge your contribution.

THE HOSPITALITY ANGELS

As a member of our hospitality crew, I want to thank the membership for all the incredible goodies that they bring every month. We could run a contest and have too many blue ribbon dishes every time. We have gluten free and low sugar goodies, as well as our usual fares. Please don't forget to pick up your free raffle ticket when you bring in refreshments for the group.

At this time I also want to crown Chris Douglas as our resident designer, who provides the lovely table decor. this month she did a Valentine and St. Patrick's Day theme. Her creativity and devotion are really appreciated as she makes an enormous contribution - she also bakes many of the goodies that you all love. She is definitely the queen of the crew!

Not to leave out Russ and Stuart who are the backbone of our crew and do all the manual labor and keep us organized and equipped. Thank you so much.

~ Nanci Allen, Hospitality Chair

Here are a Few "Plan Ahead" Tips for the Upcoming Plant Sale in May

1. Pot plants at least one week before the date of the sale.
2. Dig a large root ball and pot it in an appropriate size container with a good potting soil mixture.
3. Before the sale keep transplants watered properly to avoid additional stress.
4. Prices should be determined by type and age of plant and size of the pot.
5. Each pot should have an identification label.
6. Indicate price on each label or pot.
7. Inform buyers about plant requirements.
8. Bring appropriate coins, bills, or checks for purchasing plants, and also bring flats or suitable containers for transporting them. (Good time to clean out the shed and gather up your empty containers.)

Next month: The Complete List of
Bob Weschler's Tips for Buyers and Sellers.

Horticultural Competition

There was no horticultural competition in March.

HINTS FOR APRIL: Celebrate Spring by entering our Horticultural Competition. Blooming bulbs, branches of flowering trees and shrubs, early garden perennials, both flowering and foliage houseplants and greenhouse plants, cacti and succulents, orchids, bromeliads, vines, topiaries, seasonal arrangements, early vegetables and potted herbs are all candidates. Don't forget to bring horticulturally related items you've produced, such as paintings, needlework, photographs, or whatever you've created. Good luck!

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Please remember to fill out a **WHITE SLIP** for each entry with **YOUR NAME** and the **PLANT NAME(S)** or **ARRANGEMENT DESCRIPTION(S)**. **AT THE END OF THE MEETING, LEAVE YOUR ENTRY SLIPS ON THE TABLE TO BE COLLECTED BY THE COMPETITION CLERK.** If you happen to take it home, please notify Sylvia Cordero-Skidmore ASAP at 516-938-4788 or email competition@lihort.org. Thank you.

*All entries **must** be presented by 5:30 pm to be judged. Remember, no more than three entries per member household are allowed. Plants must be in your garden or in your care for at least three months prior to judging in order to qualify.*

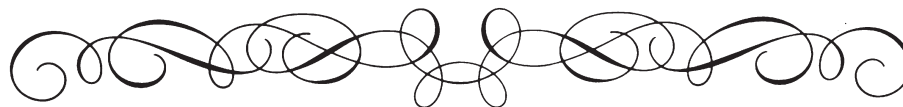
The Horticultural Competition Rules & Section/Classes are available on our website. Copies will also be available at every meeting.

The LIHS Horticultural Competition offers members the opportunity to enter favorite plants, blossoms, vegetables, arrangements, paintings, photos; there is an extensive list of categories. If you bring something that doesn't fit a standard category, the judges will create a new category for the entry. Any LIHS member may enter; you don't have to be a professional grower, florist, artist, or photographer. Participants earn points for each 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place ribbon. Extra points are awarded for "Best in Show." Entries other than plant material are eligible for points as well, but are of lesser value. Members with the highest cumulative point totals at the end of the calendar year receive certificates of recognition and cash prizes.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE LIHS BOOTH APRIL 27th AT PLANTING FIELDS ARBORETUM

The Long Island Horticultural Society will be have a table at the Arbor Day Festival at Planting Fields Arboretum on Sunday, April 27th. If you are interested in helping out at the booth, please email **Bruce Hambrecht** at bruce@lihort.org with your availability. We are looking forward to participating in this event and hope to generate interest, and, hopefully, some new members for our organization.



LIHS MEMBERSHIP COUPON

☐ New ☐ Renew my/our membership @ \$25 ☐ Gift _____ # of gift membership(s) @ \$25 each (Attach separate sheet if necessary).

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

☐ I would like to make a donation of \$ _____ to the Scholarship Fund _____ Other _____

MAIL TO: Nanci Allen, LIHS Membership Secretary, 358 Centre Island Road, Oyster Bay, NY 11771
or bring to next meeting. Please make check payable to LIHS.

Upcoming LIHS Trips

TRIP TO NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDENS

Board the Tram as it motors through the Gardens on its way to the award winning Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden. Walk through the extensive and beautiful collection of magnificent roses and visit the conservatory. Then it's onto Arthur Avenue for lunch at Mario's with some time for shopping.

We will arrive at 10:00 am at the NY Botanical Gardens and tour the gardens until 1:00 pm. Lunch at Mario's will be at 1:30 pm, which has a menu selection of Veal Parmesan, Chicken Francese or Filet of Sole with Scampi Sauce. If you would like to join us, please send a check in the amount of \$117.00 (this includes \$109.00/pp plus \$8.00 insurance) made out to Prime Time Travel and mail to 146 South Country Road, Bellport, NY 11713. Payment is due by April 28th. For more information contact **JoAnn Semeraro** at 516-799-2946 or **Prime Time Travel** at 631-286-7329.

2015 TRIP TO CUBA, FEBRUARY 7 - 14

The Long Island Horticultural Society in partnership with the Florida Keys TREE Institute presents "The Gardens and Biospheres of Northern Cuba." This interesting and colorful trip will encompass Northern Cuba for five days, then down to Havana for three days. We will visit many botanical gardens, UNESCO World Heritage sites, the Soroa Orchid Garden, and dine in a private Cuban home. The price is \$3,000 per person based on double occupancy. Fully \$1,000.00 goes toward Cuban official permits and fees. Private charter to Cuba is included. Cuba is not ADA compliant, so one must be able to climb three (3) flights of stairs. Included are quality hotels, a bilingual guide with us always and air conditioned buses and hotels. Also bottled drinking water.

Take a break from our cold winter and join us on this fabulous adventure to a country of warm temperatures and warm people. Airfare to Miami not included, overnight hotel room is. Complete itinerary available now on this unusual Cuban horticultural experience. For more information contact **Priscilla Bauerschmidt** at 516-997-7338 or email her at robbwood@aol.com.

LIHS TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS IN 2015

The long awaited trip to New Orleans has been set for the week of March 15, 2015! It will feature the food and flowers of this great city! If you are interested in joining us, please contact **Barbara Levine** at barban22@optonline.net



We will have a horticultural competition at the April meeting. All entries must be presented by **5:30pm** to be judged. Remember, no more than three entries per member household are allowed. Plants must be in your garden or in your care for at least three months prior to judging in order to qualify.

For each entry, please fill out a white slip with your name and the plant name(s) or arrangement description(s). *At the end of the meeting, leave the green slips on the table to be collected and entered in the record book.*

Please bring in plants and other new items for the raffle at the April meeting. Label all plants clearly and make sure all specimens are disease- and pest-free.

Thank you to all the contributors at the March meeting: **Rosemarie Papayanopulos, Gerry Bressel, Laura Weill, Mary Ellen Ryan, Barbara Hanft, Judy Basse, Mary Jane Behrenfeld, Audrey Rydzewski, Carolyn Do, Brita & Lou Okin, Wilma Wasner, Maria Allen & Anne Mehlinger.**



PECONIC LAND TRUST'S LECTURE SERIES

The Peconic Land Trust's lecture series, "Long Island Grown: Food and Beverage Artisans at Work" kicks off in March. Lectures are from 2pm to 4pm. Admissions: \$25/person, \$20/Bridge Gardens Members, or purchase the full series for \$90/person, \$70/Bridge Gardens Member and receive a one-year subscription to the Edible magazine of your choice. Seating is limited, pre-paid reservations are a must. Please call Robin at the Peconic Land Trust at 631-283-3194, ext. 19 to reserve.

- Apr 6 **"Hops and Brews"** featuring hops grower John Condzella of Condzella's Farm, Rich Stabile of Long Island Spirits, and Duffy Griffiths of Crooked Ladder Brewing Company.
- Apr 27 **"Fruits of the Sea"** featuring Karen Rivara of Noank Aquaculture Cooperative, Sean Barrett of Dock to Dish CSA, and Joe Tremblay, S.P.A.T. grower.

GARDENERS' CALENDAR

April 2014

- 3 **Herb Society Society Annual Symposium**, 9:30 am to 2:30pm. Old Field Club, Stony Brook. For more information contact Ann Copelli at 631-751-5742 or email at ace0038@aol.com.
- 5 **What's Ahead with Shady Summer Annuals**, 11am. Dr. Nora Catlin of Cornell University Cooperative Extension Martin Viette Nurseries, 6050 Northern Blvd., East Norwich. Please call 516-922-5530 to reserve. For more information visit www.martinviette.com.
- 7 **Mid Island Dahlia Society Monthly Meeting**, 7-9:30pm. church of the Advent, 555 Advent St., Westbury. Free refreshments will be served. Visit midislanddahlia.com for details.
- 12 **The 4th Annual Educational Field Day & Open House at the Sustainable Garden** at The Department of Urban Horticulture and Design at Farmingdale State College presents 'Waste Not Want Not.' \$10 Admission Fee. Lectures, Hands on Demonstrations, Garden Tours, Local Foods, Vendors A CSA Fair will be held as part of the Educational Field Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. CSA Farms from throughout Long Island will have information, and be available to discuss their programs for the upcoming harvest season. There is no admission fee for attendees to the CSA Fair. For more information contact Michael Veracka at 631-420-2113.
- 13 **North American Rock Garden Society Monthly Meeting**, 1:30 pm. Greenhouse Classroom at Planting Fields Arboretum, Oyster Bay.
- 21 **L.I. Bonsai Society Monthly Meeting**, 7:30 pm. Greenhouse Classroom at Planting Fields Arboretum, Oyster Bay. Speaker: Jim Stopfer, Topic: Repotting; Speaker: Hal Mahoney, Topic: Azalea. Visitors are welcome. Call 516-593-7855 or visit www.longislandbonsai.org for more information.
- 27 **Walks in the Woods: DeForest Williams & 95 Shore Road (former ExxonMobil property)**, Cold Spring Harbor, 2 pm. Veteran birder Peter Martin will lead a spring migration program at these two special parcels overlooking the eastern shore of Cold Spring Harbor. You will also learn about the creative protection of DeForest Williams and habitat restoration plans for the 95 Shore Road site. Walk is free and open to the public. Space is limited; registration is required. To register and for directions contact Jane Jackson at 516-626-0908 or via email at jjackson@northshorelandalliance.org.

May 2014

- 2-3 **American Rhododendron Society - NY Chapter Annual Plant Sale**, 9am - 4pm. Old Westbury Gardens, 71 Old Westbury Road, Westbury. For plant sale information and photos visit www.nyrhododendron.org.
- 4 **North American Rock Garden Society - LI Chapter Public Plant Sale**, 11am - 3pm. Planting Fields Arboretum, Oyster Bay, Front of Annex, next to Parking Lot (In case of rain, sale is inside Annex). \$8.00 parking fee. Everyone welcome. Plant sale free. For more information call Pat Merendino at (631) 643-0135.
- 5 **Mid Island Dahlia Society's Dahlia Sale**, 7:30 pm. Church of the Advent, 555 Advent St., Westbury. For more information visit www.midislanddahlia.com.
- 8 **The Herb Society Monthly Meeting**, 11:00 am. Speaker: Joann Gardner. Cold Spring Harbor. For more information contact Ann Copelli at 631-751-5742 or email at ace0038@aol.com.
- 10 **Walks in the Woods: Yvonne Berger at Red Cote Preserve** (aka Pulling Fields), Oyster Bay, 9:30 am. Veteran photographer and Land Alliance friend and volunteer Yvonne Berger (of Berger Bros. fame) will lead us through this beautiful property of fields and forest in a search for bugs, flowers and other photo subjects as we learn to look up close through the eyes of a camera lens. Space is limited; registration is required. To register and for directions contact Jane Jackson at 516.626.0908 or via email at jjackson@northshorelandalliance.org.
- 12 **L.I. Bonsai Society Monthly Meeting**, 7:30 pm. Greenhouse Classroom at Planting Fields Arboretum, Oyster Bay. Speaker: Frank Mihalic, Topic: Boxwood. Visitors are welcome. Call 516-593-7855 or visit www.longislandbonsai.org for more information.

New York Botanical Garden Exhibitions:

Mar 1 - Apr 21: **The Orchid Show: Key West Contemporary** - Elaborate and kaleidoscopic displays throughout the galleries of the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory explode with orchids in an amazing array of colors, shapes, sizes, and textures. For more information visit nybg.org.

For more garden event happenings, visit Long Island Garden Events at <http://ligardenevents.wordpress.com>

Local plant societies and public gardens are invited to send information on upcoming events and programs of horticultural interest to the Gazette's newsletter editor, Sylvia Cordero-Skidmore, at least two months in advance.

Contact info: newsletter@lihort.org or 25 Greenvale Lane, Levittown, NY 11756. (No phone calls please.)

2014 MARTIN VIETTE SPRING & SUMMER SEMINARS & FESTIVALS

It's time to sign-up for the 2014 Spring/Summer Saturday lectures & festivals! All are free and given under the big green tent at 10am at Martin Viette Nurseries, 6050 Northern Blvd., East Norwich. Please call 516-922-5530 to reserve. For more information visit www.martinviette.com.

Help the Interfaith Nutrition Network. Please bring a non-perishable canned food or personal hygiene item to each lecture; we will gladly deliver all donations to the INN's food pantries and homeless shelters.

May 3 – **Plant Restoration 101** – Tough times for landscape plants – due to post Super Storm Sandy & the winter of 2013-14 – have left many of us wondering what to do. Help is on the way; learn what can be done to restore plants & make them viable in the home landscape once again with popular guest speaker, **Richard Weir, III**.

May 10 – **Incredible Edibles** – It's fun & easy to grow-your-own veggies & herbs when you're in the know. Join Martin Viette's **Donna Moramarco**, CNLP when she shares the tricks of the trade for growing a bumper crop of healthy, fresh veggies & herbs for you & your family to enjoy. Free pH soil testing for your garden; bring a cup of dry soil.

May 17 – **Roses, Roses, Roses!** – Roses are truly an American favorite; join us when **Cathy Guzzardo**, Past-president of the Long Island Rose Society, Consulting Rosarian and master rose grower, gives away all the trade secrets for selecting, growing and enjoying amazing roses! Members of the Long Island Rose Society will be at Martin Viette's from 10am -1pm to answer your questions about roses.

May 24 – **Mini/Fairy Gardens** – Small in scale - miniature & fairy gardens are big fun to create & enjoy! Plants, containers, accents – come learn the ingredients for creating & caring beautiful mini gardens with MVN's **Angela Hitsous**, CNLP. Apartment & condo dwellers, rock garden & bonsai enthusiasts, or lovers (young or old) of all things on a smaller scale – this lecture is meant for you!

May 31 – **Creating Beautiful Container Gardens** – Selecting pots, plants and soil – how to do it and make your containers look like a million bucks. Watch MVN's **Dave Wangner** get his hands dirty as he talks about and creates incredible masterpieces that you can copy for your own property. No one will ever know that you had some 'help' along the way

June 7 – **Let's Get Grilling** – Summer's here & that means it's time to fire up the grill. Join **Matt Baglietto**, manager of MVN's Outdoor Living department, as he fires up the grills and shares easy tips for healthy grilling and cooking at our outdoor kitchen.

June 21 – **Heavenly Hydrangea Festival** – Surrounded by hundreds of hydrangeas in bloom, Martin Viette's own **Dan Vorbeck** will talk about the best hydrangeas for Long Island gardens: the bluest of the blue, and the tried and true! Growing tips, care, and pruning for this heavenly grouping of shrubs will be covered.

July 19 – **Crape Myrtle Festival** – The summer heats up when beautiful crape myrtles are in bloom! Come learn about this amazing group of plants that once only graced southern gardens. MVN's **Dan Vorbeck** dishes on crape myrtles that are dazzling for Long Island gardens.

JOHN P. HUMES JAPANESE STROLL GARDEN

This hillside woodland stroll garden features extensive use of moss, native and Asian plants, graceful bamboo groves, and a tea house overlooking a pond and waterfall. Wildflower, azaleas and mountain laurel, etc. . . bloom from mid-April through May, followed by Japanese iris in June. Autumn brings the colorful foliage of numerous Japanese maples.

The John P. Humes Japanese Stroll Garden is located at Oyster Bay Road and Dogwood Lane in the Village of Mill Neck (public entrance on Dogwood Lane). For additional information, directions, reservations, rental information, and volunteering call 516-676-4486 or email strollgarden1@verizon.net. All dates subject to change.

SEASON: **SATURDAY, APRIL 26 THROUGH SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2014**

HOURS: Open to the public - Saturday & Sunday - 11:30 am to 4:30 pm - last admission 4:00 pm

FEE: \$10.00 per person, children under 12 are free

TOURS: **Public guided Tour with Tea Ceremony Demonstrations** are conducted on designated Saturday's (**dates yet to be determined**).

Tours start at 10:00 am and fee is \$15.00 per person. Reservations are required.

Private Guided Tours are available. Call or email for information.

ARTEMISIA NAMED HERB OF THE YEAR FOR 2014

Artemisia has been named the 2014 Herb of the Year by The International Herb Association. Artemisia belongs to the family Asteraceae which includes as many as 300 species in the genus. Included in this family of plants are Asters, Daisies, Mugwort, Wormwood, Sagebrush and somewhat surprisingly Tarragon. Many Artemisias have silvery, silky foliage with very small, mainly pale yellow flowers. Artemisias are highly fragrant ranging from camphor-like and disagreeable to spicy and pleasant. The plants are often shrubs doing well in dry climates. As a genus, they are usually hardy from Zone 4-10 but will not survive deep shade. Be sure to check on the growing requirements for each species since as we all know, Tarragon does not survive our winters.

Artemisia has been revered since

antiquity. Artemis, the Greek goddess of hunting, the moon and chastity may have inspired the generic name. Artemisias have historically been used for medicinal purposes to repel insects, destroy parasitic worms and even as an antidote for poisons. Although it is now felt that the various forms of Artemisia can do more harm than good often causing allergic breathing or skin reactions.

In modern times Artemisia continues to be used primarily as a repellent often dried and hung as moth and mosquito repellent. It must be mentioned that Artemisia is also used in alcoholic beverages to make Absinthe and Chartreuse. At present, low doses of thujone-free wormwood are considered GRAS (generally recognized as safe).

In culinary preparations the most widely used Artemisia is French Tarra-

gon but one must be aware that Mexican Tarragon is not an Artemisia and does not have GRAS status. Russian Tarragon has a balsamic leather odor and should not be used as a culinary flavoring.

If you are interested in obtaining more information about Artemisia, you should investigate the International Herb Association website at www.iherb.org. They will soon have a publication about this herb for sale. Many of us have grown Wormwood and Tarragon in years past, but if you haven't, this is the year to give it a try. The soft, silvery mound of wormwood will light up the perennial border and fresh from your garden French Tarragon in your Bearnaise sauce or salad dressing can't be beat.

~ Submitted by Josephine Borut
LIHS Member

BAYLES GARDEN CENTER

Bayles Garden Center is offering a 15% discount to LIHS members on all tool sharpening - pruners, hedge shears, loppers, chain saws, etc. They are located at 88 South Bayles Avenue, Port Washington, NY 11050, Tel: (516) 883-6660. Remember to show your LIHS membership card!

SHARE YOUR GARDEN

Soon our gardens will be in their spring and summer glory. Wouldn't you love to let other LIHS members see yours? If so, contact our trip coordinator, **Barbara Levine** at (516) 741-3386 or barbara@lihort.org to arrange a visit.

WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

We want to be able to make more use of email to send announcements to our members.

Please email **Nanci Allen** at membership@lihort.org so she can update her list. There will also be a sign up sheet on the entry table at the meetings.

THE LONG ISLAND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY **PRESIDENTS FROM PAST TO PRESENT**

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* Revised list. Thank you to our past-Presidents for their input on helping me to get the correct information and for sharing some history with me!

~ Sylvia Cordero-Skidmore



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🌸 **LIHS is now on FACEBOOK!** 🌸

IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER
check our website for cancellations.

**The deadline for the
May issue is
April 25th.**

PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY!

Please be considerate of Planting Fields Arboretum's rules and the visitors walking around the park, and drive slowly when driving through to get to our meetings.

**IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE WASTE,
PLEASE BRING COFFEE MUGS
TO OUR MEETINGS.**



SEND ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER!

Thanks for your writings! Please keep sending your essays, plant profiles, garden travelogues, etc. After all, this is YOUR newsletter – contribute!



Remember to bring can tabs. The collection box can be found by the entry at every meeting!

Members receive a 10% discount at:

Main Street Nursery (631-549-4515)
475 W. Main St., Huntington

Oakwood Road Nursery Ltd. (631-673-0555)
223 Oakwood Road, Huntington

Decker's Nursery and Garden Center (631-261-1148)
841 Pulaski Road, Greenlawn (discount only offered on Mondays and Tuesdays)

Seemore Carnivorous Gardens (631-751-2581)
559 Route 25A, St. James

Kunz Greenhouses & Nursery (631-473-3720)
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