

THE GARDEN

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From the Editor:

This first newsletter marks the next step in developing the newly formed RI Horticultural Society. Newsletters are to be mailed quarterly. Likely the current format will undergo changes and we will be open to suggestions from our Membership. Our next steps will be to complete our Website, and begin to approach garden-related vendors and services to provide discounts for our members.

Current members will automatically be enrolled for the coming year. Thanks for your patience with us. There is much work ahead, but it is exciting to feel the increasing momentum.

Our vision statement begins: *Rhode Island gardeners, horticulturists and nursery professionals around the State need to be better connected. Visitors to the State have some difficulty finding information about gardens or gardening activities. Many groups compete for same audience and funding resources. The RIHS will be the catalyst to mitigate these problems and create a better understanding of gardening and horticulture and how it can better the quality of life.*

You may send your comments and questions to:

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Flower of the Season

Montauk Daisy

Nipponanthemum nipponicum. You get a deep green leafy tallish background for your lilies and other summer color. Then, **VOILA!** By September, masses of daisy brilliance until frost. You can go online to learn more. Hardy, deer resistant, butterflies love them. You will too!



Has anyone seen this bug around?????
ASIAN LONGHORNED BEETLE
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CHUCK'S COLUMN:

Butterfly Gardening



In my 20 years of designing gardens, my all-time favorite is designing butterfly gardens – spaces created for human use and enjoyment. And, of course, for the butterflies. The whole family usually gets involved because butterflies are flowers in flight and capture the imagination of every visitor to your garden. This a fun and educational project for the kids and grandkids.

A few key elements needed to create a successful butterfly garden are:

Location: Most plants needed to attract butterflies require full sun, 8 hrs or more. A sunny location means you need to provide some shade for the pleasure of the butterfly audience. Keep the garden away from harsh winds and noisy, busy roads.

Food: Caterpillar food sources can attract specific butterflies. The Monarch only eats and lays eggs on Milkweed species. Do your research and decide on the species of butterflies you want in your garden. Nature shows her love of butterflies by providing many naturally occurring food sources such as Wild Black Cherry, Queen Ann Lace, and Maple.

Nectar: Planting flowers in large clusters gives notice to butterflies passing by. Adults feed on nectar from blooming flowers, so keep your selections to basic flowers and avoid fancy cultivars which may have lost their scent. Flowers with daisy florets or large umbrellas like yarrow provide an easy landing-pad.

Water: Butterflies lap up water and minerals from mud wallows or splashed water on stones. A great way to provide the environment is with a small water cascade. Look for Monarchs on the beach in the fall, lapping up salt and minerals from pools of water.

Shelter: Like us, butterflies hide from predators and foul weather in many places. Provide this protection with a butterfly house, a stone wall or a spectator area.

Happy Gardening.

Note from the Editor: Chuck Carberry recently designed and created the Butterfly Garden at the Newport Flower Show, which took place at the end of June. For the past 15 years, Mr. Carberry has also been the show designer for the Rhode Island Spring Flower and Garden Show.

ALB, continued from Page 1:

The bug we are on the ALERT for, has been discovered attacking trees in the US. The US Forest Service reports that the pest probably traveled to the US in packing boxes from China.

ALB attacks many hardwood trees such as maple species, such as box elder, Norway red, silver and sugar maple, also horse chestnut, ash, birch, poplar, willow, and many more. It could seriously damage the eco-system if left uninterrupted. Found in NY, Chicago, and NJ, most recently there has been major infestation in Worcester.

To learn more, go to www.uvm.edu/albeetle or www.na.fs.fed.us/fhp/alb/ or you can call 866-702-9938.

Calendar of Events for July 15 thru Oct. 15, 2009

- July:** **Daily - FLUTTERBY- 9:30-4 – Roger Wms. Park Zoo- winding garden path , butterflies “in bloom”**
- July 15: Audubon Powder Mill Ledges Wildlife Refuge: Invasive Species- The Bittersweet Battle: Lecture 6:30-8:30 pm
- July 15: Blithewold- Garden Soiree - Steel Drums- Jason Roseman- 5 to 8 pm
Audubon Lecture - Armchair Naturalist Series: Invasive Species, Powder Mill Ledges in Smithfield R.I., 6:30-8 pm
- July 16: Providence Green Drinks at City Farm. Southside Community Land Trust. 5-8 pm. At West Clifford and Dudley.
- July 17: Blithewold- Family Fun Friday 11 to 1
- July 18: Introduction to Tree Identification at Audubon Powder Mill Ledges in Smithfield- 10-2
- July 23: Roger Wms. Botanical Center-Summer Garden School:OH GROW UP: about clematis and other vines. 6-7:30 pm
- July 23: Sakonnet View Farm Tour: Blithewold from 5:30 to 7:30 pm
- July 24: Family Fun Friday at Blithewold: Sparkey's Puppets from 11-12/craft 12-1pm
- July 24: RI Orchid Society Member Meeting: Phalaenopsis Orchids- The Basics
Plus a tour of Frank Meglio's garden / at the RW Botanical Center
- July 25: Southside Comm. Land Trust: Grow Your Own Workshops/ Can All You Can/ A Food Preservation Workshop. 10 am. SCLT offices Blithewold. A Walk in the Woods. 1:30-2:30 pm.
- July 27: Blithewold: Bookworms Club- 8:30 pm at Norman Bird Sanctuary
- July 31: Blithewold: Family Fun Friday -Regal Reptiles 11-12/craft 12-1 pm
- August:** **Daily- FLUTTERBY-Roger Wms. Park Zoo- winding garden path, butterflies “in Bloom”. 9:30 -4**
- Aug. 3: RWP Botanical Garden: Summer Garden School- SECRETS TO GROWING THE LOVE APPLE-(the best tomatoes ever)/ 6-7:30 pm
- Aug. 4: Blithewold: Tai Chi in the Trees/ 9-10 am
- Aug. 5: Blithewold: Memberfest from 6-8 pm: RSVP by 7/29 at (401)253-2707 ext. 21
- Aug. 7: Blithewold: Family Fun Friday/ All Children's Theatre performs JUNGLEBOOK
- Aug. 8: NE Carnivorous Plant Society: BLACK JUNGLE, in Turners Falls, Mass. Cookout
Visit the Black Jungle Website for more info:
<http://www.blackjungle.com>
- Aug. 8: RI Rose Society: Roger Wms. Park Victorian Garden- Garden Maintenance
- Aug. 11: Tai Chi in the Trees at Blithewold: 9-10 am
- Aug. 12: Sign up for a free tour of Southside Comm. Landtrust's CITY FARM & SOMERSET GARDEN-5-6 pm. Call Allison (401) 273-9419 ext. 23
- Aug. 13: Blithewold: A Glimpse of 18th Century France/ 5:30-7:30 pm
- Aug. 13: Outdoor Nature Photography Workshops Series- Audubon Environmental Education Center/ Bristol, RI: 7-9:30 pm
- Aug. 14: Blithewold: Family Fun Friday-The Tandem Tellers 11-12 Craft 12-1 pm
- Aug. 15: Audubon Caratunk Wildlife Refuge- SUMMER SAUNTER AT CARATUNK- Seekonk Mass./ 9-11am
- Aug. 15: Norman Bird Sanctuary- **Annual Bird Ball-**
- Aug. 17: RWP Botanical Center- Summer Garden School: BE A LATE BLOOMER
- Aug. 17: Audubon David Memorial Wildlife Refuge-ON THE BANKS OF THE HUNT RIVER. 9:30-12:30 am
- Aug. 18: Tai Chi in the Trees- Blithewold/ 9-10 am
- Aug. 19: Garden Soiree at Blithewold- Bruce Hopkins Classical Ensemble- 5pm-dusk
- Aug. 20: Outdoor Nature Photography Series- Audubon Environmental Center in Bristol (Audubon....)7-8:30am
- Aug. 22: TAKING THE MYSTERY OUT OF MUSHROOMING: Audubon Fisherville Brook Wildlife Refuge- Exeter, RI- 10:00-1:00pm
- Aug. 22: Nature Photography Workshop last session:Audubon Environmental Center-Bristol RI. 9:00-11:00 am
- Aug. 30: A Walk in the Woods- Blithewold 1:30-2:30 pm
- Aug. 25: Tai Chi in the Trees/ Blithewold 9-10 am
- Aug. 29: RI Orchid Society :Membership Meeting- SLIPPER ORCHIDS, THE BASICS & CHOOSING THE RIGHT ORCHID POT
- Sept. 9: Garden Soiree at Blithewold- Jazz Duo Gardony and Lockwood- 5 to dusk
- Sept. 9: Sign up for free tours of Southside Comm. Landtrust's CITY FARM & SOMERSET GARDEN. 5-6 PM. CALL ALLISON (401) 273-9419 EXT. 23
- Sept. 10: WILDFLOWERS OF WESTERN RI- Audubon Hike in the George B. Parker Woodland, Coventry-10:00 to 1:00

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- Sept. 11: Rose Society Consulting Rosarian School in Yarmouth Port, Mass.
- Sept. 11: Blithewold: Annual Family Night Hike/7:30-8:45 pm
- Sept. 12: NE Carnivorous Plant Society- Annual Show Discussion at Rogers Wms. Botanical Center
- Sept. 12: The Fall of the Leaf: Capturing the Splendor of Blithewold- DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS with Jan Armor 9 am-1 pm
- Sept. 12: Six Pack Rose Show (Rose Society) Rogers Wms. Park Greenhouse
- Sept. 12: Rose Society: District Show and Lobster Fest in Harwich, Mass.
- Sept. 13: DISCOVER DAHLIAS- Blithewold/ 10 am-12 pm
- Sept. 16: EXPLORING BOGS AND SWAMPS- RI Audubon- Marion Epley Wildlife Sanctuary-9:30 am-12:30 pm
- Sept. 19: TAKING THE MYSTERY OUT OF MUSHROOMING: Audubon Parker Woodland Refuge, Coventry RI 10 am-1 pm
- Sept. 19: International Coastal Cleanup- Audubon Society of RI
- Sept. 20: WILD MUSHROOM WALK -Audubon – Kimball Wildlife Sanctuary, Charlestown RI-10 to 1
- Sept. 26: **AUTUMN SPLENDOR- Running until October 12 – Afternoon teas, Special Exhibits 10-4 Wednesday thru Sunday at Blithewold**
- Sept. 26: RI Orchid Society: Membership Meeting- CATTLEYA ORCHIDS & HUMIDITY-IS IT IMPORTANT? Roger Wms. Botanical Center
- Sept. 26: Blithewold- Garage Open House- 10 to noon
- Sept. 27: Family Fairy House Workshop- Blithewold- 1:30pm to 3:00 pm
- Sept. 27: **FAIRY HOUSE VILLAGE at Blithewold – Running thru October 11 - Monday thru Sunday 10 am to 4:00 pm**
- Sept. 27-28: Seventh Annual NE Carnivorous Society- Annual Show- Roger Wms. Bot. Center
- Sept. 30: FUNGUS FORAY ON PRUDENCE ISLAND- ferry leaves from Bristol RI at 9:45 in am and returns at 4:30 pm. Audubon course # 134333-127
- Oct. 3-4: Norman Bird Sanctuary- 35th Annual Harvest Fair- Middletown, RI
- Oct. 3: GOBLINS IN THE GARDEN at Blithewold- 12-4 pm-APPLE PIE CONTEST 1 pm
- Oct. 10: Rose Society PHOTO CONTEST: Roger Wms. Park Greenhouse
- Oct. 14: Sign up for free tours of Southside Comm. Landtrust's CITY FARM & SOMERSET GARDEN - 5-6 pm Call Allison (401)273-9419, ext. 23

- Oct. 12: Closing day for Blithewold. Reopens on Nov. 27 for Christmas at Blithewold
- Oct. 31: RI Orchid Society- Membership Meeting- Cymbidium Orchids
- Nov. 14: Rose Society: Close Garden at Roger Wms. Park Victorian Garden

For More Info on Events:

Audubon: <http://asri.org/events>

Blithewold: <http://www.blithewold.org/events>

Newport Flower Show: <http://www.newportmansions.com/>

Norman Bird Sanctuary: <http://www.normanbirdsantugary.org>

The Providential Gardener Website: <http://providentialgardener.typepad.com>

Rhode Island Spring Flower & Garden Show: <http://www.flowershow.com/>

Rhode Island Orchid Society: <http://www.riorchidsociety.org>

Rhode Island Carnivorous Plant Society: <http://www.necps.org>

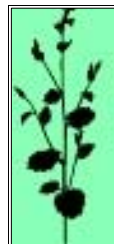
Rhode Island Rose Society: <http://rirs.org>

Rhode Island Wild Plant Society: <http://riwps.org>

Southside Community Landtrust: <http://www.southsideclt.org>

URI Master Gardeners: <http://www.urimga.org>

URI Master Gardener Hotline: 1-800-448-1011



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