



## CHICKS IN HORTICULTURE

### *Annual Brunch*



**Guest Speaker: Susan Lacerte,  
Executive Director, Queens Botanical Garden**

Taken from "Its Queens, the Magazine, January 2009

*"When Susan Lacerte took over as executive director of the Queens Botanical Garden, the term "garden" was a bit of a misnomer. Sure, QBG was still a natural paradise left over from the 1939 World's Fair, but it was hardly the manicured oasis that its name suggested. Lacerte changed all of that, and today QBG is a jewel in the heart of Flushing that is not only enjoyed by the residents of Queens for its natural beauty, but plays host to a number of cultural events throughout the year. But that isn't what makes Lacerte an innovator. Over the past few years, Lacerte has been at the forefront of "greening" the garden in more ways than one, and the new Visitor & Administration Center is a perfect example. Built to the highest standards of sustainable design, the center is the most technologically advanced green building in New York City. Under the guidance of Lacerte, the garden is transforming how we interact with our environment in more ways than one".*

Susan Lacerte has been executive director of the Queens Botanical Garden since 1994. She has worked at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, taught at the New York Botanical Garden, and has served on the board of the American Public Gardens Association. She is an associate professor at SUNY, Farmingdale, and, a contributor to the first-ever textbook in her field, *Public Garden Management*.

*Don't miss Susan Lacerte!*

Chicks in Horticulture Guest Speaker

**Date:** Friday, March 4th  
**Place:** Villa Lombardi's, 877 Main Street,  
Holbrook, NY 11741  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$50.00



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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

### Happy New Year from Sherry Marsico, LINLA President



LINLA is proud to re-introduce the LINLA Times in its new electronic format. Our new format enables us to practice sustainability and sound economic policy while bringing you the latest updates on pending legislation, educational opportunities, industry trends and social and networking events in your area. In conjunction with Cornell Cooperative Extensions of Nassau and Suffolk counties, we have an expanded calendar of events. Our thanks to Bonnie Klein and Alexis Alvey for their contributions.

Many exciting events are scheduled for this year. In January, LINLA held its Design/Build Awards Presentation Dinner. It was a fabulous night of good fellowship, networking and dining at the Milleridge Cottage in Jericho. Projects ranging from compact gardens and roof top landscapes to elaborate entertaining and pool areas were presented.

In February, Cornell Cooperative Extension and LINLA will cosponsor the Certified Nursery and Landscape Professional education classes. The NYS **CNLP examination** is scheduled for early March. Thanks to Hicks Nursery and Planting Fields Arboretum for making their facilities available to us. Also in March, is the 3rd annual **Chicks in Horticulture Brunch**, being held at Villa Lombardi's in Holtsville. This year's exciting guest speaker is Susan Lacerte, Director of the Queens Botanical Garden.

Summer brings vibrant color into our gardens, and to celebrate the season, LINLA is offering a new and exciting **Garden Tour** and its yearly **Twilight Tour**. Both are not to be missed! In July, LINLA will sponsor its annual **Golf Outing** at Great Rock Country Club in Wading River. A day in the sun enjoying golf, camaraderie, a chance to win prizes and good food!

We wish to thank *you*, for your continued membership and recruitment efforts. During these challenging economic and legislative times, membership and solidarity is especially important. Please encourage your colleagues to join, share ideas, and build a network of support for their businesses.

I hope the coming year is rewarding, profitable ...and fun.

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## HELP SAVE THE INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The Integrated Pest Management program at Cornell University has been notified by the Department of Agriculture and Markets that their program will be closed down on March 31 due to ongoing budget cutting measures by New York State. The IPM program has been used to help farmers reduce pesticide applications and still control insects, diseases and weeds. The IPM program also provides invaluable educational resources to farmers and has leveraged millions of additional grant funding. Urge Governor Cuomo and the Department of Agriculture and Markets to restore the Integrated Pest Management program in the final state budget.

E-Lobby: [Help save the Integrated Pest Management Program](#)

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# INDUSTRY WIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

\* Denotes a LINLA sponsored or affiliated event

LINLA would like to thank the Cornell Cooperative Extensions of Suffolk and Nassau Counties for their contributions to this calendar of industry events

## **January:**

### **27: Professional Certified Applicators of Long Island Conference and Symposium**

Sheraton Long Island Hotel Smithtown,  
110 Motor Parkway, Hauppauge  
Call 631-744-0634 to register

### **28: 21st Annual Long Island Horticulture Conference, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk**

3845 Veteran's Memorial Highway,  
Holiday Inn, Ronkonkoma  
Contact: Linda Holm 631-727-7850 ext. 341  
linda.holm@cornell.edu

## **February:**

### **\*1: NYSNLA Environmental Beautification Award** entry deadline

### **\*1, 3, 8, 10, 15: Nursery/Landscape Professional Education Program Winter Session 2011**

Cornell Cooperative Extension & LINLA  
Hicks Nursery, Planting Fields Arboretum  
Call 516-228-0426 ext. 10 for info

### **8: 39th Annual Tree Conference Symposium,**

Long Island Arboricultural Association, Inc.  
7 am - 4:30 pm, Planting Fields Arboretum,  
Oyster Bay  
Contact LIAA at 631-415-4535  
info@longislandarborists.org

### **8-11: 30-Hour Pesticide Course,**

Sponsored by NSLGA  
Agrium Advanced Technologies, Brookhaven  
Contact: NSLGA 631-655-2250

### **16: Calibration, Mixing & Safety & 101 Most Common Landscape Mistakes, NSLGA**

8:30 am - 4:30 pm  
Contact: NSLGA 631-665-2250

### **17: Neighborhood Network Organic Turf Show,** Neighborhood Network

Farmingdale State College, Farmingdale  
Contact: 631-963-5454  
linnet@neighborhood-network.org

### **18: Suffolk County Fertilizer Turf Management Course**

8:30 am - 12:30 pm, Media Room of the  
H. Lee Dennison Building,  
100 Veterans Memorial Highway  
Hauppauge, NY 11788  
Please call 631-853-4412

## **March:**

### **1: LI Horticultural Research & Extension Center Annual Fundraiser,** Cornell University's LI

Horticultural Research & Extension Center  
Digger O'Dell's Pub, 58 West Main Street, Riverhead  
Contact: Mark Bridgen 631-727-3595  
mpb27@cornell.edu

### **\*3: CNLP exam**

Call 516-228-0426 ext. 10 for info

### **\*4: Chicks in Horticulture, LINLA**

Villa Lombardi's, Holbrook, Guest Speaker:  
Susan Lacerte, director of Queens Botanic Garden  
Call 516-249-0545

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**8: Nassau-Suffolk Landscape Gardeners Association Annual Turf, Plant & Tree Conference**

Nassau Coliseum, Uniondale  
Contact: NSLGA 631-655-2250

**9: LI Horticulture Leader's Forum,**

Cornell University's LI Horticultural Research & Extension Center  
Hofstra University, Hempstead  
Contact: Mark Bridgen 631-727-3595  
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**11: LI Native Plant Symposium,**

LI Native Grass Initiative  
Suffolk County Community College,  
East End Campus, 121 Speonk-Riverhead Rd,  
Riverhead  
Contact: Polly Weigand 631-727-2315 ext. 3  
PollyW@suffolkcountyny.gov

**\*15: Deadline Date for LINLA Grants and Scholarship Applications**

**26: Long Island Arboricultural Association Arbor Day of Service,**

Long Island Arboricultural Association  
Planting Fields Arboretum State Historic Park,  
Oyster Bay  
Contact: LIAA 631-415-4535  
info@longislandarborists.org

**April:**

**TBD: Arbor Day Celebration**

Planting Fields Arboretum  
Call: 516-249-0545

**\*28: NYSNLA Arbor Day Celebration (and Environmental Beautification Award presentations), Albany, NY**

**June:**

**\*25: LINLA Garden Tour**

Another East End Event  
Look for our mailing!

**\*TBD: LINLA Summer Twilight Tour**

Summer 2011 – Bayard Cutting Arboretum  
Look for our mailing

**July:**

**\*28: LINLA Annual Golf Outing**

Great Rock Club, Wading River  
Look for our mailing

**August:**

**\*25: NYSNLA Awards Ceremony**

John Deere Horticultural Building, NYS Fairground,  
Syracuse (Opening day of The Fair!)

**October**

**\*LINLA Annual Meeting and Elections**

**November**

**\*19: LINLA Man of the Year Dinner**

**\*NYSNLA Leadership Forum.**

Location and date to be announced soon

**January, 2012**

**\*LINLA Landscape Awards Dinner**

# LINLA LANDSCAPE DESIGN/ BUILD AWARDS

*Some pictures of award  
winning projects for those of  
you who missed the festivities!*

## WINNERS BY CATEGORY

### **Entrance:**

Gold: Jackson Residence; Sitescapes, Neil Markey, Designer

### **Passive Use:**

Gold: Jacoppi Residence; Sitescapes, Neil Markey, Designer

Silver: Cliff Cascade; Emil Kreye & Son, Inc., Luke Kreye & Mary Ellen Kreye, Designers

### **Commercial:**

Gold: Equestrian Haven; Ireland Gannon Associates, Ireland Gannon Design Team

Silver: The Edge – Williamsburg; Steven Dubner Landscaping, Inc., Michael Mainland & Steven Dubner, Designers

Bronze: Anne Frank Memorial Garden; Steven Dubner Landscaping, Inc., Steven Dubner, Designer

### **Miniscape:**

Gold: City Oasis; KokoBo Plantscapes, Ltd., Michael Madarash & Kaylin Rostron, Designers

Silver: Quiet Retreat; Ireland Gannon Associates, Ireland Gannon Design Team, Designers

Bronze: Massapequa Miniscape; Fuschetto & Son Inc., Angelo Fuschetto & Paul Fogelberg, Designers

### **Single Family Residence, Less than ½ Acre:**

Gold: South Shore Stay-Cation; Terri Associates Landscape Corp. & Dwight Andrews Landscape Design, Dwight Andrews, Designer

Silver: Ashroken Residence; Stephen Dubner Landscaping, Michael Mainland & Stephen Dubner, Designers

### **Single Family Residence, Greater than ½ Acre:**

Gold: Damast Residence; Fuschetto & Son Inc., Angelo Fuschetto & Paul Fogelberg, Designers

Silver: Costa Residence; Goldberg & Rodler, Inc., Goldberg & Rodler Design Team, Designers

Bronze: West Islip Residence; J. Ratto Landscaping Ltd., Patricia Hopkins, Designer

### **Active Use Area, Over \$100,000:**

Gold: Infinite Summer; Dodds & Eder, Timothy Barry, Designer

Silver: Sunken Retreat; Schlick Design Group, Schlick Design Team & Manoli Galanakis, Designers

Bronze: Above the Bluff; Ireland Gannon Associates, Ireland Gannon Design Team, Designers

***Congratulations!***



**South Shore Stay-Cation**



**Above the Bluff**



**Damast Residence**



**Equestrian Haven**



**Infinite Summer**

# LINLA LANDSCAPE DESIGN/BUILD AWARDS PRESENTATION DINNER

The Long Island Nursery and Landscape Association held their Annual Showcase of Awards on January 19, 2011 at the Milleridge Cottage in Jericho, NY. Once again the evening was a great success. Over 100 people attended, including local horticulture industry leaders, educators and many premier landscape design and contracting companies. In addition to the many award winning landscape projects, this year's program was highlighted by a new presentation format featuring graphics, music and a voice-over explaining each award winning project.

This program is a way for landscape design build companies to promote their company and their valuable people. It is also a great way to market their services and validate their business in the community and among their peers.

The awards committee would like to thank those who entered the program, all who attended and most of all our sponsors who help make this program the success that it is. Please support this year's sponsors – Art of Stone, Bissett Nursery, Gibbon's Pools, Global Aerial Media, Hicks Wholesale Nursery and Sub Zero-Wolf. Their generous support helps underwrite program expenses.



**Jay Ratto (J. Ratto Landscaping) and Pete Zangle (Bissett Nursery)**



**Three generations of Fuschetos, (Angelo Fuschetto Landscaping)**



**Doug Reinhart (sponsor, Gibbons Pools), Jim Morgan (Ireland Gannon Associates) and Vincent Commande (Commande Masonry)**



**Sherry Marsico LINLA President, Earle Douglas (sponsor, Sub-Zero Wolf) and Angelo Fuschetto (Angelo Fuschetto Landscaping)**



**James Sinacore (sponsor, Art of Stone), Timothy Barry (Dodds & Eder) and Doug Reinhart (sponsor, Gibbons Pools)**



**Steven Hicks (sponsor, Hicks Nurseries), Dr. Gary Brown (SUNY Farmingdale), Anthony Pignataro (Hicks Nurseries) and Daniel Richards (Hicks Nurseries)**

# NYSNLA NEWS

## **2011 Membership Campaign**

Thanks to those companies for their continued membership renewal and recruitment efforts. Membership is especially important than ever in these challenging economic and legislative times. Please encourage your colleagues to join, share their ideas, and build a network of support for their business.

## **Show off Your Projects!**

Entries are now being accepted for the **2011 Environmental Beautification Awards**. This awards program is designed to highlight excellence and quality in landscape design and construction as well as to foster goodwill through friendly competition. The annual competition is a wonderful opportunity to educate members and the general public on new trends in the green industry. Entries should be received by NYSNLA no later than **Tuesday, February 1, 2011**. Submit entries to the New York Nursery and Landscape Association, 119 Washington Ave., Suite 300, Albany, NY 12210.

For more information and to download a Entry Packet - [Click Here](#).

## **Arbor Day is Our Holiday**

The Arbor Day Celebration will be held on **Thursday, April 28** in Albany. NYSNLA is a member of the Arbor Day committee helping to coordinate the official New York State Arbor Day Celebration. Judging for the Arbor Day Poster is in progress and a winner should be selected soon. The NYSNLA website has an [Arbor Day Tool Kit](#) section to help with planning activities. We would like to know what Arbor Day activities your community is planning so we may report it to the Governor's office. Include details such as:

- Who will be coordinating this Arbor Day effort?
- What will be happening?
- Where will these Arbor Day activities take place?
- When will these activities take place?
- How have these activities been coordinated?

**LINLA will be brainstorming ideas for a 2012 Arbor Day / Day of Service. If you are interested in getting in on the ground floor on the planning of this event, please contact Carol Saporito at [CSaporito@BissettNursery.com](mailto:CSaporito@BissettNursery.com).**

## **Regional Activities**

The [NYSNLA](#) website keeps an updated list of Regional events and activities. Please send us your events at [info@nysnla.com](mailto:info@nysnla.com) and we'll make sure to add it to the list.

## **2011 LINLA MEN OF YEAR HONOREES**

**Norman Keil, Norman Keil Nurseries  
and  
Otto Keil, Otto Keil Florist**

These brothers are 2nd generation horticulturalist that have served and contributed to the industry their entire lives.

Join us as we acknowledge  
this fine pair

**November 20, 2011**

Place: Villa Lombardi's,  
877 Main Street, Holbrook, NY 11741

\$125.00 per person

*Look for more information  
at [LINLA.org](http://LINLA.org) in the coming months*

# INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

## PLANTING FIELDS ARBORETUM

### STATE HISTORIC PARK

Post Office Box 58  
Oyster Bay, New York 11771

Planting Fields is a spectacular 409-acre public garden located on the north shore of Long Island. Our former Gold Coast estate features specimen trees, ornamental shrubs, herbaceous plantings, 1 acre of display and production greenhouses, historic buildings and a 65 room Tudor revival mansion. The arboretum features one of the most comprehensive woody plant collections in the Northeast.

#### Grounds Maintenance

Number Available: 5  
Application Deadline: March 15, 2011  
Duration: 10-12 weeks  
Compensation: \$10.57/hr plus housing

#### Greenhouse Intern

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Application Deadline: March 15, 2011  
Duration: April thru September (6 Months)  
Compensation: \$10.57/hr plus housing

Housing: Each student is assigned a room in our dormitory complex located in the beautiful Haybarn. Amenities include heating and air conditioning, a common kitchen, lounge, cable television, and a washer and dryer.

Contact: Vincent Simeone, Director  
Telephone: 516-922-8601  
Fax: 516-922-8610  
Email: Vincent.Simeone@oprhp.state.ny.us  
Website: www.plantingfields.org

Send a letter of intent to us stating why you are interested in applying for the internship. The application form and information packet will then be provided. Completed applications should include official transcripts, a resume, and three letters of reference.

**Grounds maintenance** interns need a passion for working in a public garden and flexibility to perform a wide variety of tasks. They will receive practical, hands-on experience in all phases of maintenance, landscape design and enhancement of a diverse collection of horticultural plant collections within the 409 acre arboretum, as well as classroom/academic instruction.

**Greenhouse intern** will work closely with the greenhouse curators to maintain and enhance nearly 2 acres of tropical greenhouse collections including economic plants, orchids, cacti and succulents, houseplants, camellias and seasonal displays. In addition, the intern will assist with maintaining and developing new collections such as a Vireya Rhododendron collection.

LINLA would like to remind all landscapers licensed by the Department of Consumer Affairs under a home improvement license, that they are required to attend one of these courses in order to keep their license in force. If you haven't taken this course yet, sign up now. Suffolk County does not offer these classes often and you don't want your license to lapse.

## Suffolk County Fertilizer Turf Management Course

**Friday, February 18, 2011**

**8:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

Media Room of the H. Lee Dennison Building  
(Food and drink is not allowed in the media room)  
100 Veterans Memorial Highway  
Hauppauge, NY 11788

Please arrive early as you will need to check-in with security!

**Please call to pre-register with Jennifer at (631) 853-4412**

A \$10 registration fee will be collected at the door.

Cash (exact change) or Personal Check (made out to Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County) only.

For more information - [Click Here](#)

## Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk News and Information

- Visit [ccesuffolk.org](http://ccesuffolk.org) for further information on CCE-Suffolk programs
- 2011 updated information on invasive plants available at:  
<http://ccesuffolk.org/nursery-and-landscape-current-projects/>
- Listing and descriptions of all the Long Island Gold Medal Plant Award winners available at:  
<http://ccesuffolk.org/the-long-island-gold-medal-plant-program/>
- *2011 Horticulture Resource Guides* now available!
- NEW! "LI Greenhouse & Floriculture" page on Facebook! A page disseminating info. about the Greenhouse and Floriculture Programs of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County and Cornell University LI Horticultural Research & Extension Center (LIHREC). "Like" this page and tell your friends!
- NEW! "Long Island's Garden Girl" page on Facebook! A page displaying humorous and insightful gardening short stories and photos. "Like" this page and tell your friends!

# NURSERY LANDSCAPE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

## Winter Session 2011

*Sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension & Long Island Nursery & Landscape Association, Inc.*

Industry professionals are encouraged to attend this educational program which may be taken as a **full course of 5 days at \$225 LINLA Member/\$250 Non Member or choose individual days at \$55 per day. This is a great review for those wanting to take the NYS Certified Nursery/Landscape Professional Exam given on March 3, 2011 at 10:00 am Hicks Nurseries Educational Center.**

February 1: *6 CNLP credits & 3 DEC credits\**

Basic Botany  
Soils & Fertilizers

February 3: *6 CNLP credits & 3 DEC credits*

Pruning Trees and Shrubs for Health and Beauty  
Planting and Maintenance of Tree and Shrubs

February 8: *6 CNLP credits & 4 DEC credits*

Turf Establishment/Maintenance/Pests  
Site Assessment and modification, Landscape Principles

February 10: *6 CNLP credits & 3 DEC credits*

Insects and Diseases on Ornamentals  
Herbaceous Annuals and Perennials and Groundcovers

February 15: *6 CNLP credits & 6 DEC credits*

Id of Trees & Shrubs-part 1  
Id of Tree and Shrubs-part 2

All classes are 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at Hicks Nurseries, 100 Jericho Tpke. Westbury, NY 11590 with the exception of February 15 class Id of Tree & Shrubs will be held at Planting Fields Arboretum

\*All DEC credits are applied for and are pending approval.

To register or for information (CNLP), Contact:

Bonnie Lynn Klein - 516-228-0426 x 10

For more information about the New York State CNLP (Certified Nursery Landscape Association) programs - [Click Here](#)

Registration Now Open!

# Long Island Native Plant Symposium

March 11, 2011

**Register Early - Registration Limited**

The Long Island Native Grass Initiative presents its first annual native plant symposium **Opportunities and Advantages of Working with Native Plants**. This full day symposium will focus on the advantages of ecotypic (genetically local) native plant applications in ecological restorations, native plant production and landscaping. Plant propagators, land managers, supervisors, government agencies, non-profit organizations, landscape architects, landscapers, nursery professionals and gardeners are all encouraged to attend.

The Long Island Native Grass Initiative (LINGI) is a cooperative effort of over 30 non-profit organizations, governmental agencies, nursery professionals and citizens. LINGI's mission is to preserve the genetic integrity of Long Island's native plants by providing ecotypic seed and plant materials for commercial ecotypic plant propagation, fostering a demand for such plants and increasing the awareness of the importance for the use of ecotypes in the landscape.

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Suffolk County Soil and Water  
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(631) 727-3160 (Fax)

For more information about LINGI - [Click Here](#).

## Thomas Robert Gaines, II 1947-2010

Thomas R Gaines II, of Douglaston, New York, died on November 15, 2010 at North Shore Hospital following a lengthy illness. Known among friends as the "Landscape Architect to the Gold Coast Estates of Long Island", Mr. Gaines began his career in 1974 at the prestigious Panfield Nurseries in Huntington, Long Island. He specialized in landscaping using native plant species and he remained for 24 years. While at Panfield, Mr. Gaines was awarded the W.R. Coe Trophy for Best in Show in All Classes for five consecutive years at the Fall Flower Show, celebrating horticultural design. During his tenure his projects included work on some of the remaining large estates on the North Shore of Long Island, such as the Whitney Estate in Manhasset; and the Mr. & Mrs. Howard Phipps estate in Old Westbury where he designed the Rhododendron Park at Erchless. During this time he designed the Memorial Garden at Christ Church, Manhasset, for Linda Whitney Payson Durelle. His works included other landscape projects at Old Westbury and King's Point, including one at the Buckley Country Day School.

Mr. Gaines' community projects included a comprehensive survey of trees in Douglas Manor for the Douglaston and Little Neck Historical Society; a Flushing Historic Cemetery Tree Inventory appearing in their Centennial Book; and authorship of the Tree Section for the Douglas Manor Association's centennial book, "This Salubrious Spot", including a walking tour map of 19th century trees.

Aside from his mastery of horticulture and landscaping, Mr. Gaines was known for his wry humor, commitment to community service, and his patience in the face of frustration.

He will be missed.

## SAVE THE DATE!

### 2011 North Fork Garden Tour & Progressive Tasting of the North Fork

On Saturday, June 25th, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm, five North Fork gardens will be featured on this self-guided tour. At each of the gardens, a North Fork restaurant and local winery will be offering tastings.

Tickets are limited and the cost is \$75.00 per person.

Contact LINLA for further information or to order tickets.

