

The Nursery Scoop

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June 2019 ~ June is busting out all over!!



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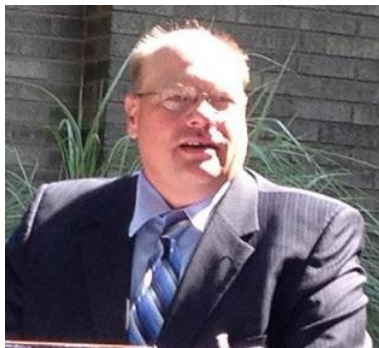
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A Message from our President, Dale Tuttle...



I apologize for the delay in the June Scoop being sent out. Not sure where the time is going but we will be back on track for the July Scoop being sent out on July 1st. Just when we thought that May's weather would be better than the first four months of the year, we experience one of the wettest May's in history, which sure did not help with productivity in any areas of our industry. I keep thinking and hoping the worst is behind us, but we will see as we go into the summer months. The past two ends of the months have been a real challenge with unseasonable weather, primarily cold and wet with even some snow. Hopefully June will be a more seasonable weather so we can all be productive. And please do not forget Dad on Father's Day, this Sunday June 16th.

Thank you to all that attended our PLANTCNY May Meeting, which was held and hosted by longtime member **Northern Nurseries** in Cicero, New York, on Thursday May 2nd. Thank you to **Matt Munnich** for hosting and for the hospitality. Thank you also to **Mark James, Senior Field Advisor & Membership Strategy Specialist**, who did a short presentation on the New York Farm Bureau. Mark has also submitted an article below on some of the benefits of being a member of the New York Farm Bureau.

June is a month where we do not have a meeting so our next get-together will be the annual Clambake that will be held on **Thursday, July 11th at the Spinning Wheel** in North Syracuse. Last year we hit record attendance and we are looking to build on last year's numbers. We also hope to use this event as a membership building event. You do not have to be a member to attend, so I ask everyone to please reach out to one or more of your non-member peers. This is a great event to be able to interact in a very relaxed environment with your industry peers. **Program Chairperson Dave Iannuzzi** has done a great job in putting this event together working with the staff at Spinning Wheel. We are going to continue some of the added events that we began last year; **Leo LaCroix of Belgard Hardscapes** will be sponsoring a **Corn Hole Tournament**, and **Dave McIntyre of Rinox Pavers** will be sponsoring the **Miniature Golf Tournament** prior to the start of the Clambake. We will also use this event to kick off this year's "**Toys for Ted**" campaign where the proceeds of the 50/50 and the registration for the Corn Hole Tournament will be used as a donation to the Marines at our December Holiday Luncheon. The monies collected will be used to purchase toys that go to Toys for Tots in the name of **Toys for Ted**. Last year we raised \$1,000.00 in our first year, along with collecting a full truckload of toys. We also will be awarding the annual Bob Case Scholarship at the Clambake, and holding a silent auction, proceeds of which will go to our scholarship fund. Please consider donating items to the auction to benefit this great cause. Please see the attached registration form and register as soon as possible.

Thank you to **Steve Blair from Bartlett Tree Experts** for submitting this month "What's Bugging You" article on Mites, and **Tim Zimmerman of Medford Nurseries** who submitted this month's "My Favorite Plant" article on Heliopsis Sunstruck. We continue to receive positive feedback from the "What's Bugging You" and "My Favorite Plant" articles in the monthly Scoop. If anyone has an interest in submitting an article for the upcoming months, please contact me. This would be a great time to put these articles together before we all get too busy. There are still 5 articles needed for each for 2019.

Thank you to **Program and Promotions Chairperson Dave Iannuzzi** for all his efforts in filling the remaining 2019 Meeting Schedule. Please see that schedule below and please note our August meeting, which in the past has been held at the New York State Fair as the Garden Cleanup, will now be hosted by **Gasparini Landscaping**. We will be scheduling a Garden Cleanup in either July or August, watch for details. Dave is also working on the possibility of taking a group to the 2019 Buffalo Garden Walk. More information on this will follow.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Spinning Wheel on July 11th. And to be able to recruit some new members and hopefully some people to join committees or the Executive Board. We still need 3-4 people to fill all open positions currently, and next year as terms come to an end. Please get involved.

Thank you,

Dale

Dale Tuttle, President



Minutes of the May Meeting, hosted by Northern Nurseries on May 2nd, to follow at a later date.



SAVE THE DATE for CNLP DAY!

*This year's CNLP Day will be **Friday, September 13, 2019, at Planting Fields Arboretum, Long Island NY. The tour guide will be Vinnie Simeone, the Executive Director of the arboretum and the 2016 keynote speaker for our Education Day and Trade Show. More details to follow later!***

The PLANTCNY Summer Clambake!

The **Clambake** takes place on **Thursday, July 11th**, and here are the details!

Time: **5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

Date: **Thursday, July 11th**

Cost: **\$48.50 per person**

Location: **Spinning Wheel Banquet Facility**, 7384 Thompson Road, North Syracuse, NY

The MENU: Steamed & Raw Clams; Fried Clams with Cocktail Sauce; Homemade Clam Chowder; Roasted Chicken; Barbecued Beef or Pork; Polish Kielbasa and Sauerkraut; Italian Meatballs and Sausage in Sauce; Grilled Italian Sausage with Fried Peppers & Onions; Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs and Coneys; Baked Beans; Salt Potatoes; Sweet Corn; Salad Bar; Fruit & Relish Bar; Pizza; Watermelon; Slow Roasted Beef (served the last hr); Homemade Dessert; Draught Beer, Assorted Soda, Lemonade, Iced and Hot Tea, Coffee

Once again, we'll be featuring our **Scholarship Auction**, and we're looking for **Auction Donations!!**

Plenty of food ... clams ... drinks ... and friends! Games and surprises, too!
AND AGAIN THIS YEAR -- a Miniature Golf Tournament sponsored by Rinox,
and a Corn Hole Tournament sponsored by Belgard.

The Registration Form is attached with this Scoop -- please sign up soon, don't delay!



The CNYSNLA Scholarship Program

The first of our two 2019 Scholarships will be given out at the annual Clambake in July. You can obtain a **Scholarship Application** for the **Bob Case Scholarship Award** by visiting our website at **www.plantcny.com**. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Liebmann, Scholarship Chair, at 492-1100, or **rockinghorse1257@aol.com**.



What's Bugging You?

Spider Mites

Shared with us by Steve Blair and The Bartlett Tree Experts Lab Staff

Spider mites are common pests of ornamental plants and shade trees. Due to the rapid, unpredictable nature of spider mite injury, the ability to detect their presence on plants in the field is essential for plant protection.

Spider mites are classified as arachnids, a group including spiders, ticks and scorpions. The family of spider mites, Tetranychidae, is large with more than 1,200 species.

Hosts Spider mites are pervasive and feed on many native and exotic ornamental plants. Mite damage is common in urban settings with little plant diversity and in hedges made up of the same species. In CNY they are commonly found on spruces, cedars, burning bush and many deciduous trees.

Injury Spider mites have needle-like mouthparts and feed by piercing the leaves of host plants and sucking out the fluids from individual plant cells. This causes the leaves to have a stippled or flecked appearance, with pale dots where the cellular contents have been removed. Symptoms of mite injury include flecking, discoloration (bronzing) and scorching of leaves. Mite feeding quickly causes a reduction in photosynthesis. Research with spruce spider mites attacking Alberta spruce found that after three weeks of feeding, the rate of photosynthesis by the spruces was reduced by 50%. Mite feeding also increases water loss from the plant.

Detection Frequent inspection of susceptible landscape plants is key to preventing serious damage. When scouting for spider mites, several methods are effective:

1. *Visual Inspection:* Using a hand lens, the foliage of mite- susceptible plants should be carefully examined for eggs and mites. A hand lens with at least 10x magnification is required. Since many mites feed and lay eggs on the lower surface of foliage, these areas should be thoroughly examined.

2. *Beating Foliage:* Hold a blank piece of white paper directly underneath the foliage you suspect to be infested tap the foliage and if mites are present they will be dislodged, falling onto the paper where they can be counted and identified. Mite eggs will not be detected using this method.

Treatment Mite populations can be suppressed by treating plants early on after detection, with the use of “miticides”, applied by registered pesticide applicators. Miticides will only have an effect on the mite population, while most insecticides will not only be ineffective, but can also cause mite outbreaks by reducing the number of predators within a plant that feed on the spider mites.

Fertilization of plants that are inhabited by mites should also be avoided, as this can also cause mite outbreaks.

Another effective method is to release commercially available predators that can keep mite populations within threshold levels.



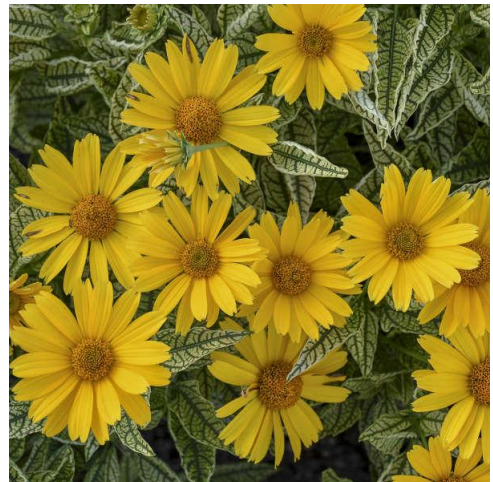
My Favorite Plant

Heliopsis ‘Sunstruck’ pp 25524 (Walter’s Gardens)

Shared with us by Tim Zimmerman, Medford Nursery



Each summer as I see this plant emerge in my gardens the foliage always catches my eye set against the greens & burgundies of surrounding plants. Cream and green variegated foliage takes on a mottled effect with the green veins against the cream backdrop. This one stays smaller than other varieties, I rarely see more than 12” tall or wide. Mounds on itself a bit. Flowers are a bright yellow and go all summer



well into fall – still had buds in October last year. Spent blooms stay around if you don’t deadhead, turning a straw-like color. I keep them cleaned up as I prefer the color of the newer blooms and this one rewards the efforts all season. I have one or two in the ground (rabbit repellent a must), and I do a couple in containers under mini-rose trees performs excellent in both settings.



Farm Bureau is a Voice for Nurseries & Landscapers
By Mark James, NY Farm Bureau Senior Field Advisor &
Membership Strategy Specialist

Ornamental horticulture is big business in New York. According to the 2017 USDA Agriculture Census, the propagation of ornamental plants was worth \$385.6 million. This ranks among the top agricultural products produced in New York.

As a Farm Bureau member, your voice is important as we annually shape our policy platform on issues that are important to you.

The political climate has changed in New York with all of the NYS government now controlled by downstate. That means decisions are being made by folks who know little about the propagation and care of ornamental species.

The legislature has recently voted on legislation to ban one pesticide and is also considering banning others that have been approved for use by both the Federal Environmental Protection Agency and State Department of Environmental Conservation. This ban would be unprecedented and could severely affect the ability of certain crops being grown in New York. Our members and staff are now urging Governor Cuomo to veto this bill.

For years, NYFB has been working hard for your industry. Here are just a few things we've accomplished:

- Farm Bureau has been successful in classifying poly greenhouses as equipment rather than a building which exempts them from real property taxation and some building code requirements.
- Getting the NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets included as a regulating agency on state legislation that will monitor & regulate invasive species. Farm Bureau has a seat on the Invasive Species Task force and routinely advocates for ornamentals to be left off the list.
- Worked with Congressional Leaders and the US Department of Labor to create an electronic filing system for growers H-2A & H-2B applications.

As a Farm Bureau member, you have the ability to introduce policy changes through our grassroots policy development process, beginning with county Farm Bureau annual meetings in October. Those policies are then forwarded on to our state delegate body for consideration, and if national in scope, to The American Farm Bureau delegate body for consideration and adoption.

Farm Bureau is also a resource of information to help you run your business effectively. We have numerous connections with local, county, state, & federal government agencies as well as a legal referral service that provides a free two-hour consultation and discounted attorney fees.

To help you save money, we partner with a variety of national companies to provide excellent discounts through Grainger, Caterpillar, John Deere, Case IH, Choice Hotels and more.

For those who have a majority of their payroll invested in the propagation of plant material, we offer a Workers' Compensation Safety Group that provides savings to our members.

I hope each of you will consider joining New York Farm Bureau. You can join online at www.nyfb.org or by phoning our Albany Office at 1-800-342-4143. There is strength in numbers and I hope you will join the nearly 17,000 Farm Bureau members in New York.



***A Kind Thank You from Dick Drosse, Friends of Great Bear, submitted by
Fernando Araya, Arbor Day Chairperson...***

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THIS LOVELY TREE AS IT
PRESENTS ITSELF IN ALL SEASONS.
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FOR THIS VERY WONDERFUL
AND SPECIAL TREE.
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DICK DROSSE, COORDINATOR
& FRIENDS OF GREAT BEAR

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APPRECIATED BY THE PEOPLE WHO
ENJOY GREAT BEAR SPRINGS
RECREATION AREA.
OUR HOPE IS THAT THE TREE WILL
THRIVE ON THE SUNNY LOCATION
SOUTH OF THE HISTORIC ITALIANE
DESIGNED SPRING HOUSE UNDER
RENOVATION. WE WILL WATER THE
TREE AND LOOK AFTER IT TO THE
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2019 MEETING SCHEDULE

MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE 2ND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH, AT 5:30 P.M. (UNLESS SPECIFIED)

<i>January 10</i>	SiteOne Landscape Supply
<i>February</i>	NO MEETING
<i>March 14</i>	Skyworks LLC
<i>April 11</i>	Green Scapes Inc.
<i>May 2</i>	Northern Nurseries (one week earlier than usual)
<i>June</i>	NO MEETING
<i>July 11</i>	Clambake at Spinning Wheel
<i>August 8</i>	Gasparini Landscaping
<i>September 12</i>	J.C. Smith Inc.
<i>October 10</i>	Rocking Horse Farms
<i>November 14</i>	Techo Bloc
<i>December 12</i>	HOLIDAY LUNCHEON