



PECONIC LAND TRUST

Bridge Gardens

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**PECONIC LAND TRUST KICKS OFF ITS
THIRD ANNUAL LECTURE SERIES
AT
BRIDGE GARDENS**

TOPICS FOCUS ON “SUSTAINABILITY”

The lecture series, beginning on March 4, features nationally and internationally-renowned experts on sustainable approaches to the home and landscape.

JANUARY 27, 2012. SOUTHAMPTON, NEW YORK. John v.H. Halsey, President of the Peconic Land Trust, and Rick Bogusch, Garden Manager, are pleased to announce the kick-off of the third annual Lecture Series at Bridge Gardens. Bridge Gardens, a horticultural oasis located in the heart of Bridgehampton, was donated to the Peconic Land Trust in 2008, and has since been the setting for a broad array of cultural and educational programs, including its annual lecture series. This year’s speakers will explore various ways to incorporate a more sustainable approach to landscape and home design.

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All lectures begin at 1:00 p.m. and are held at Bridge Gardens, located at 36 Mitchell Lane, Bridgehampton. Refreshments follow each presentation, and attendees are encouraged to mingle with presenters following each program.

The schedule for 2012 is as follows:

Sunday, March 4: “Creating a Sustainable Landscape” with Vincent Simeone

Mr. Simeone, Director of Planting Fields Arboretum, has worked in the horticultural field for over 20 years and is a published author of four horticultural books and numerous gardening articles. His dynamic presentation will focus on specific ways for every gardener to utilize sustainable practices in managing the landscape, including best recycling practices, low impact habitat management, invasive species management, composting and proper plant selection for your landscape.

Sunday, March 18: “Naturalistic Whole Property Design” with Duncan Brine

Mr. Brine, principal landscape designer of Garden Large, and instructor at the New York Botanical Garden along with the New England Wild Flower Society, will expand upon an article he wrote for the American Horticultural Society’s “American Gardener” while focusing on the six-acre Brine Garden in Pawling, NY. Anne Raver featured the garden in the *New York Times*, and the recent book *Gardens of the Hudson Valley* compares Duncan to Russel Wright of Garrison, NY’s Manitoga. Discover how this designer finds inspiration in existing conditions and elicits ideas from the prevailing nature of a place.

Sunday, April 1: “Green Garden, Green City: Modeling Environmental Sustainability and Stewardship at Brooklyn Botanic Garden” with Scot Medbury

What does sustainability mean to the director of one of the world’s premier botanic gardens? Find out, when Scot Medbury, President of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, gives his perspective on this important and timely topic. Mr. Medbury, co-author of *San Francisco Botanical Garden: An Introduction to a World of Plants*, and numerous scientific and professional journal articles, has been president of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden since 2005 and has been involved in the curation, cultivation and interpretation of botanical collections for more than 30 years.

Sunday, April 22: “From Versailles to the New York City Rooftop: A Vegetable Garden Odyssey” with Christian Duvernois and Jacob Lange of CD Gardens, Inc.

Currently working together on a book entitled *The History of the Kitchen Garden*, Mr. Duvernois & Mr. Lange will trace the cultural and political history of kitchen gardens,

both past and present. Mr. Duvernois, originally from Paris, France, is the former owner of “Façade” an art gallery on Madison Avenue in NYC, featuring works that explored the various aspects and sensibilities of man’s relationship with the natural environment. A noted lecturer on European classical gardens, he published *The Last Garden of Versailles: Marie-Antoinette at Trianon* in 2008. Mr. Lange is a landscape design specialist at CD Gardens, with a particular focus on design development and implementation, and is a LEED Accredited Professional. CD Gardens, Inc. is an award-winning landscape design practice focused on the design of private and public gardens in the United States, Europe and Asia.

Sunday, May 20, “Designing Green, Inside and Out” with Ed Krug of Blu Homes, Carolyn Tierney of ECOterior Solutions, and Kati Curtis of Nirmada

Learn how sustainable your home can be, from frame to furnishings at this final lecture in the series. This design seminar tackles the question of how to effectively build and furnish your eco-friendly house. A primer on eco-conscious living, the discussion will get you on an informed path as you move toward building new or remodeling an existing home, including ways to minimize carbon footprint, examining materials and finishes. Ed Krug from Blu Homes will address the home itself and make the case for precision-building your healthy building in a factory. How do you build a new house and minimize your carbon footprint? How does building new compare to buying and renovating an existing house? What processes, materials, finishes and mechanicals create the healthiest and most energy efficient envelope for living? Carolyn Tierney from ECOterior Solutions and Kati Curtis from Nirmada will address the interior. How do you furnish your house for daily life in a way that does not undo the benefits of your eco-friendly house? How do you make decisions about non-toxic case goods and furnishings? What about fabrics and carpeting? Can you be both stylish and eco-conscious?

About Bridge Gardens

Bridge Gardens was established in 1988 by Harry Neyens and Jim Kilpatric, who designed and installed the gardens over the ensuing 10 years. In 1997, Bridge Gardens Trust was created as a charitable corporation to maintain and preserve the gardens. In

2008, Neyens and Kilpatric donated Bridge Gardens to the Peconic Land Trust. Rick Bogusch is the Garden Manager.

Bridge Gardens covers over five acres and consists of an Inner Garden and an Outer Garden. Developed first, the Inner Garden features a large, meticulously-trimmed knot garden surrounded by beds of 180 different culinary, medicinal, ornamental, and textile and dyeing herbs. Overlooking these plantings, the garden house is the manager's residence/education center. In the Outer Garden, the favorite attraction is a collection of antique and modern roses. Bridge Gardens also contains animal topiaries, a lavender parterre, perennial beds and borders, a water garden, woodland paths, a hidden bamboo room, double hedgerows of privet with viewing ports, and specimen shrubs and trees.

About the Peconic Land Trust:

The Peconic Land Trust was established in 1983 to conserve Long Island's working farms and natural lands. With the help of many, the nonprofit Trust has worked in concert with landowners, local government, partner organizations, and communities to conserve over 10,000 acres of land on Long Island. The Trust's professional staff carries out the necessary research and planning to identify and implement alternatives to outright development. While working to conserve the productive farms, watersheds, woodlands, and beachfront of Long Island, the Trust is also protecting the unique rural heritage and natural resources of the region. The Trust has Stewardship Centers in Southold, Cutchogue, Bridgehampton and Amagansett and its Main Office is in Southampton. The public is invited to enjoy a wide variety of fun and educational activities through the Trust's "Connections" programs which strive to connect people to

the natural lands of Long Island's East End. *A common misperception is that the Peconic Land Trust is the recipient of the monies raised through the Peconic Bay Region Community Preservation Fund (also referred to as the 2% land transfer tax or the Peconic Land Tax). This is NOT the case. The CPF tax is collected by Suffolk County and then redistributed to the five East End towns, the distribution of which is based on the location of the property from which the tax is acquired.* For more information about the Peconic Land Trust visit www.PeconicLandTrust.org or call 631.283.3195.

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