

Academy Garden Club Thymes

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMY GARDEN CLUB OF LENOX

JANUARY 2017

Tuesday, January 10th, 7:00 pm
Lenox Academy Building

Program:

Thoughts about English Gardens

Presenter:

Harriet Wetstone

Refreshment Hostesses

Barb Czelusnik and Colette Lemanski

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Happy New Year!

I hope that the Holidays were pleasant for everyone.

This month we have the perfect program for the dead of winter! January and February are the two months that compete for being the 'worst' of the winter months.

Harriet Wetstone, our club member, will be speaking to us of English Country gardens. A truly dreamy topic for this time of year! So bring your notepads, listen, and start thinking of the plants you want to add to your own garden this coming season.

Please note that we are **meeting in January** this year! Since it's always a toss-up between these two winter months, we decided to switch it up, meet in January, and have a dinner in February. We will discuss the dinner at the January meeting. If you have any suggestions, please bring them to the meeting!

Warmly,

Anne

Anne Gannon
President

Horticultural Column by *Harriet Wetstone*

Always, after the New Year, I remind myself of what I want to think about going forward. First is to be mindful of limited supplies: turn off that light, walk instead of drive, conserve, recycle, exercise! And second is to learn more about plants!

So here are three newly discovered and very unusual demonstrations of biodiversity just as we worry more and more about the loss of flora and fauna through the effect of climate change.



Sciaphila yakushimensis was discovered in Japan in October of 2015. This is a mycoheterotrophic plant, which means that rather than having leaves and creating chlorophyll from sunlight, it lives as a parasite, feeding on the roots of mushrooms and mould on which it grows. This dark purple plant is small, and only appears above ground when it is in flower.

<http://phys.org/search/?search=sciaphila>

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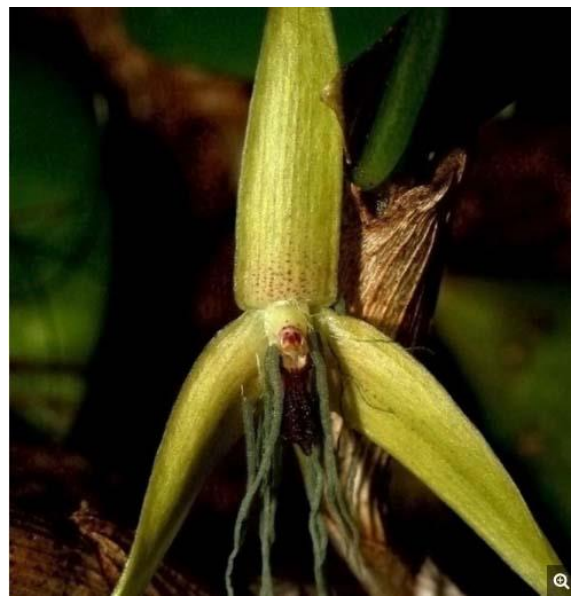
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Passiflora longifilamentosa, a vividly purple passion flower discovered in the Brazilian Rain Forest of Para, Brazil, in 2013, has fantastically quirky noodles or spaghetti (corona filaments) that burst out of the flower's center. (Thank you, Huffington Post)

Bulbophyllum nocturnum, a yellow orchid, was collected on a volcanic island that is part of Papua New Guinea and brought home to Kew Gardens. It appeared to thrive in the Kew Conservatory, but its buds withered and died supposedly without opening - until one of the workers took it home, where two hours before midnight, a bud began to open, revealing an exotic bloom that lasted only until morning. This is the first orchid known to bloom only at night time, and so the name 'nocturnum'. (www.livescience.com)



***Thank you to the attendees at our December Holiday Party
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We were happy to send them \$150.***