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## SHRUBS AND VINES

**Wide Variety of Planting in Forest Hills Gardens Gives Pleasing Effect**

**Many Fine Features of Landscape Work—Intelligent Interest and Care Needed All the Year Round**

Ever since the last Fourth of July celebration, and these are becoming increasingly famous on Long Island, many inquiries have been received about the landscape/gardening in Forest Hills Gardens. It might therefore be interesting to the residents here to read something about the shrubbery and vines used and to know some of the factors which determined their choice.

This important work has been in the hands of the firm of Olmsted Brothers, Brookline, Massachusetts. Two years were spent in planning and designing the landscape gardening and for eight years the planting has been done according to the designs of this firm. The parks, parkways, and private gardens all follow the schemes of these artists, who today make as careful a plan for each yard as does the architect for the individual houses. In the village there are seventy-five varieties of shrubs and forty kinds of vines, in fact, there can be found here every kind of desirable shrub and vine that will thrive in this locality.

In every good piece of landscape work, the artist first pictures in his own mind exactly what he wants to create and then chooses suitable means for attaining that end. Take Olivia Park, for instance. It was especially desired to shut this park off almost entirely from the street and to give it the restfulness and seclusion of a remote piece of woodland and yet to make the interior more inviting, if possible, than the original valley. The long stone steps and bright gravel walks invite the passerby to enter, while the smooth green grass within tempts him to stop and rest beneath the shade of the Dogwood and the Wild Cherry trees. Along the Markwood Road boundary, Forsythia was chosen because it not only makes a very tall dense hedge with thick foliage down to the ground but its bright yellow flowers in early April are the first fore-runner of Spring and offer a bit of brightness to an otherwise drab landscape. The Forsythia is called Golden Bell because of its bright flowers and it can be recommended because it is so free from insects. The Xanthorrhiza or Yellow Root is a ground cover about two or three feet high and adds interest to and is a background for the beds of Snowballs, Indian Cur-



HOME OF H. C. HAMILTON.

On Slocum Crescent near Burns Street is the attractive Colonial residence pictured above. The entrance is well proportioned, the doric order forming the motif. The treatment of the two car garage, screened by the trellis pergola of the same order as the entrance, is particularly fortunate. All details throughout the interior are "Colonial", in old ivory finish and mahogany doors.

The exterior walls are of selected deep red hard burned brick, laid in running bond and the roof is a blend of red and brown tiles.

The house and garage were designed and erected by the Homes Company.

rant, Bush Honeysuckle and other flowering shrubs, used on the Deepdene Road side of the park.

Another effective bit of landscape work is along Greenway North and Markwood Road where the Pink Dogwood is growing. The beauty of its bright, pink blossoms in late May is wonderfully enhanced by the natural background of native White Dogwood flowering at about the same time. Along the Greenways, Continental Avenue and the intersecting streets, there have been extensive plantings of flowering, deciduous shrubs, the full value of which will be appreciated in another year. Here Bridle Wreath, Weigela, Dwarf Snowball, Scarlet Burning Bush and other suitable flowering shrubs will give the same touch of brightness which has made the parks and home lots so attractive.

Of the forty varieties of vines planted, it is possible to call particular attention to only a few. The Bos-

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**Local news notes and other items of interest for publication in the Bulletin should reach the Homes Company Office, 9 Station Square, not later than Tuesday morning of the week of publication.**

## SHRUBBERY AND VINES IN THE GARDENS.

Spencer says that the quality of life is determined by the degree of response to environment. When a resident of the Gardens notices with pride the beauty of the flowering or berrying shrubs, as the season may be, and the climbing vines, what is his response to this charmingly restful and colorful environment which the shrubbery and vines afford? Does he want to become better acquainted with these growing things, to distinguish one from the other and to call them at least by their common names? Has he enough interest in and parental care of shrubs and vines growing in his own yard to see that they are properly nourished and scientifically pruned? The shrubbery and vines, which are briefly described in this issue of the *Bulletin*, are two of the many very valuable assets of our village—their worth is material and aesthetic—and they deserve our intelligent interest in them.

It is a deplorable fact that the habit of picking the flowers and berries of the shrubs in our parks and parkways is more noticeable each year. This is extremely harmful in two ways; not only is the flower removed from public to private enjoyment but also in many cases, especially with the Dogwood and small flowering trees, whole branches are torn off and carried away, destroying four or five years' growth, spoiling the symmetry of the shrub and removing the only branches which could possibly flower the next year. Just at this season, some of the shrubs are beginning to bear the pretty, colored berries and some people are tempted to pick them; the white Snowberry is adding beauty to many parts of the gardens. The trees, shrubs, and flowers in the parks and parkways belong to the community and a community interest demands that each one do his bit to put an end to this destructive and thoughtless habit of pilfering.



## FOREST HILLS GARDENS AUDUBON SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORT.



"To thrive in the Gardens the birds must have confidence in their human neighbors, because they must live among them to a peculiar degree," says Miss Mary Eastwood Knevels in her report for the year ending June 8, 1919, as secretary of the Forest Hills Gardens Audubon Society. "In the Gardens people and birds must know how to live together in close companionship, which is full of beautiful opportunities for the human element in the partnership. It would seem as if the birds had appreciated this partnership more than the people. They have come and built their nests among us, made dainty living rooms of our shrubbery, shown the fullest appreciation of the bathing and drinking facilities offered them, and accepted the canteen service."

"Opportunities for shelter are increasing with the growth of shrubbery, but more bird boxes should be used. The Society purchased three dozen inexpensive, easily adjusted nesting boxes which are on sale now at the Flower Shop and some wire suet holders for winter use."

"The ordinary work of the Society such as the posting of the bulletins, and the publication of articles in the fortnightly *Bulletin* have gone on as usual. At Christmas time our usual Christmas card was published in the *Bulletin* and was so much liked that it was re-published in the *Sunday Sun*, several of the sportsman's magazines, and by the Conservation commission of Maryland, besides being used to advertise feeding stations.

"There has been no annual election this year, so that the present officers hold over. There is considerable dissatisfaction with the present constitution which was felt to be cumbersome and undemocratic. The secretary has prepared a new constitution, doing away with the board of trustees, which will be presented at the next annual meeting. Nothing further has been done about the Year Book because of the cost of printing."

"This year the Society concentrated its funds on the two illustrated lectures by Ernest Harold Baynes who founded the Bird City in Meriden, New Hampshire.

"Let us end as we began with a note of encouragement. 'We have this year our full share of bird concerts,' says Mr. Hagens, 'the thrushes and cat birds are in Olivia Park, the tanager and vireo in the northern wooded section, our robins, song sparrows and warblers are well distributed over almost every part of the Gardens. We may justly take pride in this achievement'."

**THE INN.**

It is gratifying and flattering to note the return of last summer's guests to the Inn this season, and while the warm sticky days have quieted down the social life to some extent, the enthusiasm of the younger set, which is larger this year than ever before, cannot be squelched and their music and laughter rings through the lobbies nightly. The Saturday night dances continue to be very well attended and arrangements are now being made for a large affair to be given towards the latter part of the summer season.

Mrs. William Gordon, who used to be a resident of the Inn until the removal of her husband's business to Philadelphia, is visiting here for a few weeks. Her daughter Ruth is with her mother.

Mrs. E. D. Reis, of Flushing, mother of Mrs. Richard Newcombe, whose return to the Inn in the fall is being anticipated, is spending July and August at the Inn, while Judge and Mrs. Newcombe take an extended tour through the west.

The many friends of Miss Sally Pierce will be glad to know that she has recovered from her recent illness and is able to be about once more.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Dickson with their little son and daughter, and Mrs. Farish and her family, all of Memphis, have recently arrived from Cape May and anticipate spending the remainder of the summer at the Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Wallace, who rank among the early guests of the Inn, are taking an extended trip through the west and will not return until late in August.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Glenn are, as usual, spending July at the Inn, and anticipate spending the month of August in the mountains of North Carolina and Virginia.

Mrs. C. W. Godwin has returned from the south where she has been visiting her mother during the absence of Mr. Goodwin who has also recently returned from a business trip through the northwest.

Mrs. J. Wilbur Chapman is at present visiting her brother in Rhode Island, accompanied by her son, Mr. Hamilton Chapman.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Smith, of Atlanta, Ga., spent the week-end at the Inn, while on a visit to Col. and Mrs. Grey of Forest Hills. Mr. and Mrs. Smith came north to meet their two sons and a daughter, all of whom have just returned from war work in France.

Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Haskins of New York have been spending the past several days at the Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Devlin have recently returned from Chicago and are making their home at the Inn again.

Mr. Harry Woods has just returned from a three weeks' visit to his home in the Middle West.

Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Denton of Cincinnati are among the recent arrivals and are friends of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Man, former residents of the Inn.

Mr. James F. Pershing, brother of General John J. Pershing, and his son, both of Chicago, have recently become residents of the Inn for the rest of their stay in New York.

Among the most recent arrivals are, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Yerkes and their small son, who were former residents of the Gardens Apartments, and who have taken one of the large suites for a long term; Miss Marie Pauley, of New York; Mr. G. Elder Adams and Mr. George Nowland.

**COMING EVENTS.**

**Announcements of Coming Events should be sent to the Community Secretary, at the Sales Office. 'Phone Forest Hills 6200.**

Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 A. M.—Children of Public School 101 work in garden.

Every day, except Sunday, boys and girls meet playleader on playground until August 2, when playground will be closed until school opens.

July 28th, 3 P. M.—Athletic Badge Test on playground.

July 29th, 10 A. M.—Boys' Tennis Tournament, West Side Tennis Club Courts.

**CHURCH-IN-THE-GARDENS.**

Dr. Kent preached his farewell sermon on Sunday, July 13. He has accepted the pastorate of the Congregational Church of Orient at the eastern end of Long Island, and will reside there in the parsonage after August.

Rev. Egbert C. Macklin of Jamaica, preached last Sunday and will preach tomorrow at 11 o'clock.

Early in September a corporate meeting of the church will be held for the purpose of considering Dr. Kent's resignation and to make plans for securing his successor. Arrangements are under way for providing excellent preaching in September.

The attention of the community is again called to the very interesting addresses to be given during August in the Social Room. The subject on August 3rd will be "The Crisis in Korea," by Rev. Paul

Super who has lately returned from a trip to the Far East. Another subject will be "The Relation of India to the Present World Conditions from a Christian Standpoint," by Wilbert B. Smith, who has spent the past five years in India.

Death has again entered one of our homes. On July 14th, Dr. Kent conducted the funeral services of Mrs. Henry W. Lohman of Kew Gardens, mother of Miss Eunice Lohman, one of our Sunday School teachers.

**ST. LUKE'S MISSION.**

Service during August will continue as usual, every Sunday morning:

8 A. M.—Holy Communion.

11 A. M.—Morning Service and Sermon.

The Rev. John Graham will be in charge during the Vicar's holiday. Mr. Graham will gladly answer any special calls; his telephone is Flatbush 7500.

The Vicar leaves Monday, the 28th for Buffalo, to make a cruise through the Great Lakes, and down the St. Lawrence and Saguenay Rivers. Forest Hills Postoffice will forward any letters.

**CHURCH SERVICES.**

Roman Catholic—Sunday mornings at 8 and 9:30 o'clock Ascan Avenue, near Queens Boulevard.

St. Luke's Episcopal—Sunday mornings, 8 o'clock Holy Communion; 11 o'clock Service and Sermon. Greenway South, near Ascan Avenue.

Church-in-the-Gardens—Sunday mornings, sermon at 11 o'clock. Greenway North and Ascan Avenue.

Church of Forest Hills.—Sunday mornings, Sunday School at 10 A. M.; sermon at 11 A. M. Seminole Avenue and Gown Street.

Christian Science Society of Forest Hills. Services Sunday at 11 A. M. Sunday School 9:45 A. M.; Wednesday evening at 8:00. 173 Continental Avenue.

**SCHOOL GARDEN.**

The School Board finds that the school garden of Forest Hills is a very good one and so much so, that Mrs. J. F. Cooke has been asked to come to Forest Hills on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings to help the children in this garden. Now that St. Swithin has brought so much rain, the weeds have gotten ahead of the vegetables and two men have been employed to weed the whole, so that the garden can then be kept in trim.

Remember to join Mrs. J. F. Cooke on Monday, Wednesday or Friday mornings at nine o'clock and she will be glad to help.

Dr. A. G. Lansing announces that his office in the Gardens Apartment will be closed during August, but that patients from Forest Hills will be taken care of at the New York office, 133 West 72nd Street, New York City.

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ton Ivy is most satisfactory, for it has no insects, it grows fast, forms a good solid cover, and the leaves turn red in the fall staying on late. The Euonymus is an evergreen vine which is used on walls, is hardy and is equally lovely in all seasons. The Dorothy Perkins is the most commonly used climbing rose. It can be found in every part of the village climbing up the walls and over the arches and on the walls of the Station. Its bright pink blossoms in the latter part of June are very showy and luxuriant. The Japanese Clematis is another popular vine which has no disease in this locality, grows fast after the first year and flowers beautifully and fragrantly in August with a fine, white bloom.

Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Burton and family, of Rockrose Place, are spending three months at their camp at South Hero, Vermont. Miss Dorothy Burton is in the summer school at Oberlin and will enter the Junior year next fall when Lyndon Burton will enter the Freshman class of the same college.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. MacFarlan, of Slocum Crescent, entertained Sergeants Richard Beebe, David Harris and Charles Rice at dinner on July 17th. Sergeant Richard Beebe was the guest of the MacFarlans on Rainbow night and has just returned with his division from overseas.

Mr. E. C. Ketcham, of Greenway North, sails today on the Royal George for Europe where he has business in London and Paris.

A son, S. W. Junior, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Eckman of Greenway Terrace on July 20th.

Mrs. L. L. Post, of Beechknoll Road, has been entertaining Mrs. Harry Burnell Jones, of Seattle, Wash., daughter of United States Senator Wesley Jones, at Long Beach West where she and Mr. Post are spending the summer.

## THE PLAYGROUND.

### Long Beach.

On the morning of the 11th of July a group of playground girls and boys, all carrying lunch baskets, gathered in Station Square and such a happy group as it was! All bound for Long Beach. They couldn't get into their swimming suits quickly enough; then for games, digging wells, castle-building and the surf! The waves were big ones and the one hard thing of the day was to wait the good long hour before stepping into those waves after partaking of the hearty lunch. All had a good time in spite of the sunburn. The question is now "When are we going to Long Beach again?" Boys and girls are urged to come over to the playground and learn when the "next time" is going to take place.

### Checker Tournament.

July 17th was a muggy day on the playground but an excellent one for a checker tournament and the twelve entries insured clever playing. Six checker boards were in use and the results from the third round (so to speak) were in favor of Frank McGirr, Benjamin Kendrick and William Gretsch. With a big bit of work and clever maneuvering, Frank McGirr became the champion checker player of the playground.

### Closed in August.

The playground will be closed from August 2nd until the opening of the Public Schools early in September. During this time the apparatus on the grounds will be locked and gates closed to protect against wanderers from afar.

### Athletic Badge Test.

Try outs for the Athletic Badge test took place on July 16th, and some splendid showings were recorded. The final test for this badge will take place before the end of the month. All the girls and boys in Forest Hills who like to do big things are cordially invited to take part. If one successfully passes the test, he receives a bronze pin or button, and these badges are recognized all over the United States. One more try out will take place on Monday, July 28th, at 3 P. M., and then will come the finals.

### Playground Campaign.

Possibly at the same time that you receive the Bulletin you will also receive a letter from the Community Council asking for your contribution to the Playground Fund of the Council. It is hoped that you will readily see that the children are the very best asset that you have and therefore their play needs your hearty support. The healthy boy and girl give promise of the useful man and woman.

### Tennis Tournament.

The First Annual Forest Hills Boys' Tennis Tournament will be held July 29th, 10 A. M., at the West Side Tennis Club for all boys in Forest Hills under sixteen years. The officers of the club have been so good as to allow all the boys in Forest Hills to enter this tournament regardless of membership at the club. Any further information can be obtained from Edgar Snow, 186 Meteor Street, F. H. 6322.



### ARTISTIC SHRUBBERY.

The above is a bit of the garden at the home of I. A. Washburne on Olive Place, where birds find food and drink and a bathing place and in the shrubbery they make their home, feeling the protection of this secluded spot. Forsythia, Red Cedar and the Wild Cherry tree form the background and in the foreground can be seen Rhododendron, Azalea, White and Cerise, and other shrubs. The house is now occupied by Carl O. Kienbusche and family.

### PERSONALS.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Clarke, of Deepdene Road, are entertaining Mr. Clarke's mother, Mrs. Rose Clarke, of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. I. K. Ward, of Borace Place, are entertaining Mrs. Ward's sister, Mrs. Talbott Denmead and daughters, Margaret, Caroline and Eleanor, of Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Gray and family, of Slocum Crescent, are spending the summer at their cottage at Seagirt, New Jersey.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest M. Bristol and children, of Whitson Street, are summering at Oak Island, off the south shore of Long Island.