

# ARAIYS NEWS

FALL NEWS LETTER 2016



## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Greetings and happy Autumn! We hope you all have had a wonderful summer and that the change of season brings you and your family new opportunities for growth and renewal. The summer of 2016 has been a busy season at Araiy's Design as we have many projects under construction and many more on the boards. One project as described below is a healing garden called the Garden of Hope at the Southampton Hospital. This garden is connected to the cancer wing of the hospital and is intended to provide a peaceful space for patients, survivors, and families visiting loved ones. This newsletter also highlights the use of light penetrating decking as well as a few of our favorite native plant species that offer vibrant autumn colors. We always strive to stay informed and on top of best practices and emerging technologies that advance our profession and enable us to better serve our clients. As such, members of our design team will be attending the 2016 annual Landscape Architecture Meeting and Expo being held in New Orleans. This is the largest gathering of landscape architecture professionals and students in the world and offers great opportunities for professional development and networking. We hope you have a great Autumn.

### Light Penetrating Decking

Light penetrating decking is becoming a more popular option to use for beach walkways and decking needs in the Hamptons area for both residential and municipal properties. The Town of Southampton recommends using light penetrating decking to help maintain the native vegetation underneath it and minimize the effect on the walking surface and its surrounding environment.

The option for light penetrating decking varies with your budget and esthetic conditions. If your budget allows, there are endless options for beautiful custom design wood decking to meet your needs. A less expensive option is a pre-fabricated composite decking. Those panels are made of non-toxic preservatives, they are recyclable and low in maintenance as they do not require to be replaced, maintained or stained/painted. Light penetrating composite decking is very tough and durable but it is not intended to be used as a load-bearing structure as it does not have the same strength and stiffness as wood. Whether made of wood or composite lumber, light penetrating decking is worth looking into for your next walkway or decking project.



### Spotlight: Garden of Hope

Araiy's Design has had the great honor to volunteer our efforts in revitalizing the Garden of Hope at the Southampton Hospital. The existing garden, located at the corner of Herrick and Old Town Roads had become overgrown and uninviting. Along with hospital staff and other community volunteers, we have re-imagined a brighter space that provides walking paths, seating areas, new lighting fixtures, a water feature, and new plantings. The garden is there to provide a beautiful, peaceful space for cancer patients, survivors and members of the community to visit. It allows for individual contemplation and reflection as well as a space for families and friends to gather in an intimate natural setting. Work on the garden started in Mid-August and is expected to be completed by October in time for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

### Site Plan Rendering





### PLANTS OF THE SEASON

#### Native Plants Of The Season



Common Name: Shadblow Serviceberry  
Scientific Name: *Amelanchier Canadensis*  
Size: 25-30 Feet tall x 15-20 Feet wide

The Shadblow Serviceberry is a deciduous tree which bears white flowers that appears in drooping clusters before the leaves emerge in early spring. The flowers give way to small, round, green berries which turn red and finally mature to a dark purplish-black color in early summer. The edible berries resemble blueberries in size and color and are used in jams, jellies and pies. In autumn the leaves change to a beautiful orange-red color. Shadblow Serviceberry grows preferably in average/medium to well-drained soil and likes full sun- part shade.



Common Name: Highbush Blueberry  
Scientific Name: *Vaccinium corymbosum*  
Size: 6-12 Feet tall x 8-12 Feet wide

Highbush Blueberry is native to eastern North America where it typically grows. It blooms in May and produces white and pink flowers in the spring. In the autumn the leaves turn into a beautiful mixture of yellows, oranges and reds. This bush grows best in acidic, full sun-part shade in moist woods, bogs, swamps and low areas. Although blueberries are self-fertile, cross-pollination produces the best fruit crop as it produces larger berries and larger yields.

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#### Ornamental Plants Of the Season



Common Name: Sweetgum  
Scientific Name: *Liquidambar styraciflua*  
Size: 60-80 Feet tall x 40-60 Feet wide

This beautiful tree blooms yellow/green in the spring with flowers that appears in spherical clusters by April-May. The leaves turn into a radiant mixture of yellows, oranges, purples and reds in the autumn. Sweetgum grows best in full sun, it is low in maintenance, tolerates clay soil, and is deer and rabbit resistant.



Common Name: Golden everlasting or Straw flower  
Scientific Name: *Helichrysum bracteatum*  
Size: 24-36 inches tall

This multicolored annual flower produces endless of flowers all summer long all the way into autumn. It has colorful long-stemmed flowers and it is also one of the most popular flowers to use in dried arrangements. It grows well both in full sun and part sun/part shade.