

# ARAIYS NEWS

SUMMER NEWS LETTER 2018



## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Greetings and Happy Summer Solstice! This has been an exciting Spring with many projects currently under construction and many more on the boards. Our design team has been busy balancing the demands of construction schedules with design deadlines ever aware of how fortunate we are to practice our craft in such a special place. Our current portfolio of projects includes residential, commercial, and municipal clients and we are pleased to announce that we have been selected to be lead designers on two important parks within the Town of Southampton. Design development and construction documents for phase one of the Shinnecock Maritime Park located on the west side of the Shinnecock Canal and conceptual site planning and shoreline mitigation for the Riverside Maritime Trail Park located on the south shore of the Peconic River in Riverside will begin in July. Each park will require different skill sets to meet project objectives. We are ready to meet these new challenges and will provide updates as we move forward. We hope you and your loved ones have a wonderful and fulfilling Summer and please remember to check us out on Instagram for day to day uploads of project photos and adventures.

-Steven Nieroda, RLA  
Senior Associate

## Project Spotlight: Southampton Village Residence with Piet Oudolph



This stunning new residence designed by the Belgian architect Vincent Van Duysen is situated on a flagpole lot which consists of 2.99 acres and backs up to Coopers Neck Pond in the Village of Southampton. As part of a multi-disciplinary team, Araiys Design prepared site planning, grading and drainage plans, as well as wetland buffer design and served as the local landscape architect for the world renowned Dutch garden designer Piet Oudolf. Araiys has been assisting Mr. Oudolf for the past four years with design and planning of further augmentation of the wetland buffer as well as upland site plantings and garden rooms. Our staff has had the pleasure of attending many nursery trips with Piet to tag plants as well working with him on site to lay out the gardens. Piet possesses an extensive plant knowledge and an artistic eye for design. He has spearheaded a planting design style that is inspired by nature yet does not seek to copy it. His designs distill impressions of the natural world into dynamic ecological compositions that rest comfortably even within the most formal of boundaries. In fact, the juxtaposition of his 'natural' style within a formal matrix is nothing less than inspiring. His gardens remind us of the preciousness of life and the beauty of natural cycles of which we are all a part. Piet is kind, humble, and generous. To learn more about him, please read his autobiographical sketch titled [Oudolf Hummelo](#) written by Piet and Noel Kingsbury. It is difficult to describe all the lessons we have learned on this journey with this great plantsman and artist. We are very grateful to have had this opportunity and wish Piet all the best in the future.



wetland buffer



shade garden



planting of entry drive

## New Editions to the Araiys Design Team

### Rebecca Brown, Senior Landscape Architect

We are happy to welcome Rebecca Brown to the Araiys team. Rebecca grew up on the East End of Long Island where she spent many years working in the Horticulture Industry, gaining a widespread knowledge of the local plant ecology, before relocating to the central coast of California. While in California, she studied Landscape Architecture at California Polytechnic State University and started her career and built design work experience in the field of Landscape Architecture. Rebecca describes herself as "a bit of plant geek" whom loves to learn and apply unique flora throughout the diverse ecology of the North and South Forks of Long Island. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her son, dog and family on the beautiful beaches of the East End.

### Ryan W. Duncan, Intern Jr. Landscape Architect

We are happy to welcome Ryan Duncan to our team as he will be spending his internship with us this summer. Ryan is currently studying at SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse where he is pursuing his Bachelor's Degree in Landscape Architecture. As a local of the east end of Long Island, Ryan spent much of his childhood on the ocean in Westhampton. His interest in the craft began when he started painting pieces of the surrounding waters of his hometown. Eventually this developed into an interest of Landscape Architecture.

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### PLANTS OF THE SEASON

#### Native Plants Of The Season



Common Name: Blue false Indigo

Scientific Name: *Baptisia australis*

*Baptisia australis*, commonly called as Blue False Indigo, is a herbaceous perennial with robust and upright habit. It branches extensively and forms a bush at maturity. Blue false can reach 3' to 4' wide and tall. It thrives in full sun to partial shade in average, dry to medium, and well-drained soil. Indigo-blue flower spikes arise above the bluish-green foliage in late spring and early summer. Seed pods appears in summer and turn into charcoal black color when ripe. Blue false indigo makes a excellent statement as a specimen, perennial border, or naturalized in prairies and meadows.



Common Name: Purple Coneflower

Scientific Name: *Echinacea purpurea* 'Magnus'

*Echinacea purpurea* 'Magnus', commonly known as Purple Coneflower which provides long midsummer blooms. 'Magnus' typically grows to 2-3' tall and wide. It thrives in well drained soils and prefers full sun to partial shade, but once established it is tolerant of drought conditions and heat. This species features with showy flowers with pink petals that surround a large brown central cone. Blooming starts from late summer and can keep coming into September. 'Magnus' is perfect for massing at the back of a perennial border, meadow, or wildlife garden.

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#### Ornamental Plants Of the Season



Common Name: Chaste Tree

Scientific Name: *Vitex agnus-castus*

*Vitex agnus-castus*, commonly known as Chaste tree, is a spreading deciduous shrub or trained as a multi-trunk small tree with large clusters and fragrant blooms in summer. It typically grows to 8-10' tall and 5-8' wide, demonstrating a vase shape in maturity. Chaste tree prefers medium moisture and well-drained soils in full sun. Lilac-colored flowers which is attractive to butterflies and bees appears in 12" long panicles in July to August. It is good to be used as shrub borders, foundation planting, cottage gardens, or butterflies garden or as a specimen plant.



Common Name: Endless Summer Hydrangea

Scientific Name: *Hydrangea macrophylla* 'Endless Summer'

*Hydrangea macrophylla* 'Endless Summer', commonly called as Endless Summer Hydrangea, is a flowering shrub which can bloom all summer long. It typically grows 3' to 5' tall and wide with a compacted and rounded habit display. Endless Summer Hydrangea thrives in moist but well -drained soil and prefers full to partial shade. Flowers bloom in June to September. Flowers color depends on the pH of the soils, ranging from blue in acid soils and pink in alkaline. This species is a good specimen or mass planting for shrub borders, foundations, or hedge planting.

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