Rocky Hills lectures to go on as planned

Despite the recent death of Rocky Hills owner Henriette Suhr, the spring component of the Rocky Hills Lecture Series that she established will go on as planned, at 7:30 p.m. April 16 at the Chappaqua Library.

Bill Logan, the author of several award-winning gardening books, will present “Living Dirt,” as Suhr had arranged. Suhr, who designed and tended the magnificent 13-acre Chappaqua garden known as Rocky Hills for more than 50 years, died March 17 at the age of 98.

She established the twice-yearly Rocky Hills Lecture Series in 2007 as a way to explore the interplay of horticulture, garden design and the environment in the Lower Hudson Valley. The talks are free and open to all.

Past speakers have included garden writers Page Dickey, Ken Druse, Margaret Roach and Dominique Browning; fern expert John Mickelsen; Briarcliff Manor’s Marco Polo Stufano, the retired director of horticulture at Wave Hill in the Bronx.

Logan is the founder and president of Urban Arborists, a Brooklyn-based tree-care firm with important clients all over the tri-state area, including the Brooklyn Museum, the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, the General Theological Seminary and the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

He has a rich array of interests and talents. His translations of Spanish literature include poems by Federico Garcia Lorca in “Collected Poems” (Farrar, Straus & Giroux); he has taught poetry to New York City public school children and nonfiction to Columbia Journalism School students, and he helped found Garden Design magazine.


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