

ARAIYS NEWS

SUMMER NEWS LETTER 2015



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

We hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health as we celebrate a new summer here on the beautiful east end of Long Island. A long winter finally surrendered to a lovely Spring and as the flowers of Redbud and Serviceberry give way to long summer days surrounded by friends and family, we want to take a moment to recognize the blessings of being a part of this dynamic community and provide an update on some of our happenings. We are constantly striving to improve our knowledge base so that we can better serve our clients and provide innovative and thoughtful designs solutions. We hope you enjoy our newsletter and have a wonderful summer.

GREEN ROOF TECHNOLOGY

As with most "sustainable" technologies, green roofs have become increasingly popular in America. A green roof can be outfitted on to an existing roof or built as new construction. These systems are made up of waterproofing, a drainage system, filter cloth, a grow medium and of course plants. There are many types of green roofs, from simple modular systems to intensive green roofs which allow for deep rooted plants. Besides their beauty the benefits of these systems are numerous, such as increased energy efficiency, water retention, and most importantly increased biodiversity on the site. We at Araiys design have been lucky enough to work on a couple green roof projects. With our expertise, we can help you get started on your way to green living.

KNOCKOUT ROSE



Double KnockOut Rose in bloom

It is summer in the Hamptons and the trees and shrubs have finally exchanged the snow for summer flowers. One of our favorite bloomers is the KnockOut Rose. Renowned for being low maintenance and disease resistant, the knock out rose will bloom early and profusely well past Labor day. It comes in a variety of colors, grows 3'-4', and enjoys full sun. The KnockOut rose will add a big splash of color to any garden.

SPOTLIGHT: HAMPTONS BEACH RESIDENCE



View over the meadow and wetland

Over the past few years Araiys design has been working on a 3.3 acre beach residence in Southampton which was finally implemented this spring. The house which was completely renovated and had to be raised in elevation to comply with FEMA requirements. We were lucky enough to be able to implement a small modular green roof on the roof of the utility shed. The landscape is a balanced combination of natural and formal plantings, utilizing mostly native trees and grasses with highlights of ornamental plants. The native plantings include a wetland restoration and native meadow in the front of the house as well as dune plantings to stabilize the beach front. Grass paths through the meadow allow the client to interact with the natural space. The formal elements of the design include a fruit tree orchard, vegetable garden, a parterre garden. Natural plantings intermingle with formal areas, such as meadow grasses planted under the fruit orchard which create a seamless transition between the two spaces. The goal of this project was to create a naturalistic landscape, while utilizing formal spaces for summer recreation and relaxation.

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