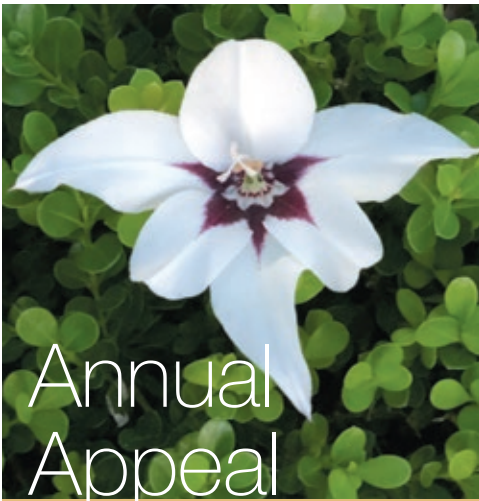


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Annual Appeal 2020

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Madoo Conservancy during the past year. The summer season was more difficult than any other, but because of your generosity, we have prevailed. Even under the strictures of the pandemic, the garden opened and in fact thrived.

Over the years, Madoo's annual appeal has grown to represent 28 percent of our operating budget and become a crucial component to our survival. As we look forward to a post-Covid world, our expenses will surely rise even higher as continue our goal of presenting both new and long-established programming. Your donations to Madoo are critical to our continued successes.

If you can contribute, please visit madoo.org/support and make a donation in whatever amount you wish.



Host your own
private event



Madoo & You

It might be chilly in the garden, but both the summerhouse and the winter house are magical environments just made for celebrating special occasions with your close family and friends. The summer studio is a stupendous space for larger events, while a long table in the library is ideally suited to a more intimate group. Party sizes range from 2 to 25 people.

To enjoy Madoo all to yourself, e-mail info@madoo.org for rates and more information.





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Dear Friends,

What a year we've all had. To those who have lost loved ones during this unimaginably difficult time, we extend our sincere thoughts and prayers.

The pandemic forced us to cancel all our programs and events from mid-March onward and delay our seasonal opening date by a month. But there are silver linings. We opened the garden by appointment for the first time, extending our visiting hours from Monday to Saturday, thereby allowing for a far greater number of attendees. We have been so happy to see so many people enjoying their private tours of the garden, asking questions, and even coming back for a second or third visit. Our spring exhibition, "Robert Dash: Printmaker," was extended through the season and will close at the end of December. The works on view, all depicting the Sagaponack landscape, highlight Bob's varied printmaking techniques and range from an original maquette to strikingly modern unfinished serigraphs from the early 1970s. Madoo is now officially closed for the rest of the year, but please do contact us if you are interested in making a special appointment to visit the garden and/or see the exhibit.

Despite the challenges we've faced, the garden has held up rather well, and we've even been able to make several improvements. More work has been completed to update the entire back half of the garden, in addition to the ongoing hedgerow project (see page 3). The

square quincunx beds were relieved of their mishmash of plant material (most of which was transplanted into the neighboring long border) and reinvigorated with *Calamagrostis* grasses, lovely, long-blooming *Kalmeris*, and a smattering of pink *Echinacea pallida*. Hemmed in by their boxwood hedges and punctuated by limbed-up yews, they now give this part of the garden a decidedly French meadow appearance. The adjacent long border overlooking the Foster farm also received many plants from the rill, which will be reconstructed in the future, and we have added about 250 perennials in an effort to tie the 200-foot-long swath together. The rare and gorgeous trees that Bob Dash planted there so long ago are doing beautifully, and with these additions, the long border will become a new highlight at Madoo.

Despite having kept a low profile these past months, we have not gone away. We are committed to improving Madoo and figuring out innovative ways to provide a safe, breathtaking experience for visitors to this magical 1.91 acres in the middle of Sagaponack.

Stay green,

Alejandro Saralegui DIRECTOR



TOP: A technician from Pond Masters cleaning the secret garden fountain.

ABOVE: The hornbeam bower backed by the quincunx gardens.

Merry Madoo December 5!

Join us from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 5, for Merry Madoo! Our popular annual holiday fair, chock-full of great gifts from your favorite local vendors, will take place completely outside for the safety of our guests. As always, Madoo's booth will feature fresh-cut boughs of greens from the garden, homemade pomanders, and Madoo-grown paperwhites. Along with lots of holiday cheer, mulled cider and roast chestnuts will keep everyone warm.



Bookshelf

Here's what we've been digging in print.

The Well-Gardened Mind: The Restorative Power of Nature
Sue Stuart-Smith (Scribner, 2020)

This book could not have come at a better time. In an era when everything seems upside down, psychologist and psychotherapist Sue Stuart-Smith examines how nature, and particularly gardens and gardening, is necessary to our well-being. Personal and clinical observations, plus a remarkable amount of historical research, back up her central thesis—and she quotes Robert Dash, to boot!

Beth Chatto: A Life with Plants
Catherine Horwood (Pimpernel Press, 2019)

The right plant in the right place: The well-known dictum from the great British plantswoman and garden designer Beth Chatto might seem obvious today, but not until she proved her point in her wonderful gardens in Essex. This authorized biography delves into Chatto's background, including the extensive travels and worldly-wise flair that deeply influenced her planting philosophy.

Bringing the Mediterranean into Your Garden: How to Capture the Natural Beauty of the Garrigue
Olivier Filippi (Filbert Press, 2019)

Nurseryman and garden designer Olivier Filippi is onto something here. An arid, stony expanse of the Mediterranean basin where lavender, santolina, euphorbia, hellebores, and fennel grow, the attractive landscape of the Garrigue might become increasingly familiar as the world's climate continues to warm. Filippi's pioneering work will certainly be a helpful guide.

Hedge Fund 2.0

At long last, the house is gone. Not any of the structures at Madoo, mind you, but the newly built home that looms over the garden's rear lawn. Masterminded and designed by **Landscape Details**, a wall of evergreen and deciduous trees now blocks the immediate view of the house, and farther along our property line, 20 little-leaf lindens (*Tilia cordata*) will ultimately form a "flying hedge" that will fully obscure the nettlesome neighbor. Donated by **Piazza Horticultural Group**, a trio of fastigiata copper beeches (*Fagus sylvatica*

'Fastigiata') will finish off the planting scheme at the southern end, and a row of four garden rooms defined by tapestry hedging of holly, cooper beech, and hawthorn will eventually line the front of the linden hedge. This planting project and attendant infrastructure work has been completed thanks to a generous grant from the **Joseph and Sylvia Slifka Foundation**. Future plans include replacing the rill, slated for the next phase of construction. If you would like to contribute to the Hedge Fund, please contact us or visit madoo.org.



Madoo Moments

Ever wondered what a *Davidia involcrata* looks like, or how best to grow *Digitalis*? What about the etymology of *Rosa Hugonsis*? Tune into our new InstagramTV series, *Madoo Moments*, where we answer these questions and also tackle subjects ranging from eradicating invasive plants, digging up dahlia tubers for winter storage, and planting the perfect tomato. Best of all, each episode lives on @madoogardens forever, so if you forget something you've learned, you can look up the video for a refresh—or just binge-watch the entire series one rainy afternoon. Clocking in at about two minutes each, they won't take up too much of your time.

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