



## HIGHFIELD HALL

& Gardens

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Highfield Hall & Gardens to introduce *Ticks: "One Bite Can Change Your Life..."*  
Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 5:30 – 6:30 pm.

(Falmouth, Massachusetts): Highfield Hall & Gardens is pleased to announce a virtual talk *Ticks: "One Bite Can Change Your Life"* presented by Larry Dapsis, Entomologist from the Cape Cod Cooperative Extension. Highfield Hall looks forward to a healthy and safe summer season ahead. Larry Dapsis has been invited to share his knowledge about the seriousness of tick-borne illness – and most importantly–ways to safeguard yourself and your family from our region's prime nemesis. Lyme Disease is the most prevalent tick-borne disease in Massachusetts and is now considered to be a public health crisis. In addition to Lyme, deer ticks can carry the pathogens which cause Babesiosis, Anaplasmosis, Relapsing Fever and Powassan virus, all of which can be very serious. This program will review the basic life cycle and ecology of deer ticks, incidence rates and distribution of tick-borne illnesses in addition to a database under development on infection rates from ticks. A three-point protection plan will be presented: Protect Yourself, Protect Your Yard and Protect your Pet. Tick-borne diseases are preventable. Join us and others in our community via ZOOM to prepare and safeguard against ticks. Larry will answer your questions and help us prepare for a safe season out of doors.

Larry Dapsis holds a B.S. in Environmental Science & Biology from Fitchburg State University and M.S. Entomology from University of Massachusetts – Amherst. He has thirty-six years of professional pest management experience including agriculture and household pest control. He joined Cape Cod Cooperative Extension in 2011 as Deer Tick Project Coordinator and Entomologist and is a member of the Barnstable County Task Force on Lyme and other Tick-Borne Diseases.

*Ticks: "One Bite Can Change Your Life..."*

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5:30 pm – 6:30 pm, Free to attend – Registration Required for Zoom Link.

Pre-Register for this Free event  
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### **About Highfield Hall & Gardens**

The house is a rare surviving example of transitional Stick Style architecture, containing beautiful gardens located in the heart of Falmouth, Massachusetts. It is a unique combination of a historic house, expansive gardens and trails, and a vibrant cultural center. Built in 1878 as the summer home for Boston's Beebe family, the house sits on 5.5 pristine acres surrounded by nearly 400 acres of conservation land and public walking trails. Highfield Hall & Gardens is not your typical historic estate. It is an example of a historic building saved by grassroots community organizing. An effort of tenacity and vision that continues as new research on the structure and its story of the people who lived here add to the building's significance. It offers world-class music, international art exhibitions, culinary classes, family programs, and year-round special events.

### **Mission**

Highfield Hall & Gardens' mission is to honor the beauty and historic significance of the house and grounds by providing high-quality artistic, cultural, and educational programs for the enrichment of our community and visitors of all ages.

### **Gallery Hours:**

Highfield Hall will follow health safety protocols by restricting the number of people in the gallery at one time.

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