

## MEMBERS' FORUM

### ENGLISH IVY'S SPREAD

I enjoyed the article "English Ivy: Paragon or Pariah" (November/December 2009). As a public gardener working in Ontario, I wanted to respond to the quote, attributed to Suzanne Pierot of the American Ivy Society, indicating ivy is only a problem in the Pacific Northwest and a small area of Virginia. Based on my experience, I can assure you that English ivy is a huge threat to our ecosystem in this region of Canada, and I applaud groups such as the No Ivy League on their eradication efforts.

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### IVY SOCIETY'S AHS CONNECTION

After reading the article on English ivy (November/December 2009), I thought I would share the interesting story of the connection between the American Ivy

Society (AIS) and the American Horticultural Society (AHS).

Shortly after I started the AIS in January 1973, an article titled "Ivy Society Formed" appeared in the October 1973 issue of the AHS's *News and Views*. Because of this article, no doubt, I was invited to attend the formal dedication of River Farm as the AHS's headquarters. It was on this day that I met Russell Siebert, who was then head of Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania. He introduced me to the directors of other botanical gardens, many of whom I asked to send me cuttings of ivies with questionable names so that the AIS's Research Center could grow them in test gardens. Many of the gardens responded, and that is how our first reference collection was created.

*Suzanne Pierot  
President, American Ivy Society*

### 2010 Password for AHS Website is oak

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