

# The Sag Harbor Express.



*Visiting plants winter over in the comfort of the Baywoods' showroom.*

## A Warm Home Away From Home

**Y**our indoor plants looking a little limp and tired? Going away and wishing there was someone you could leave your plants with? There's help.

Exotic-plant owners looking to go away for an extended period this winter can give their plants a warm and temporary home at the Laurel Group at Baywoods in Water Mill. Located on Montauk Highway, the Laurel Group has greenhouses and showroom areas suitable for various plant

species, from "gardenias to palm trees and everything in between," says general manager Ken Olsen.

Olsen describes the program as being an outgrowth of the firm's landscape management and design practice. "We have clients who ask us to care for plants from their homes; it only makes sense to do that for them when they're away. Some of these specimens we have coming in are as many as 30 to 40 years old;

they have a real connection to our clients."

"It's a program we adopted from the previous Baywoods owner and it's something we expanded. It's not terribly expensive and it's really a maintenance program; we look out for the health of the plant. When the weather warms in May, we'll take them outdoors before clients collect them in June, that's when we might start to see new growth for the upcoming season."