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Upcoming Programs

THE WONDERS OF THE BUTTERFLY



Just-hatched monarch butterfly tries out some watermelon.

FOLA is joining the Garden State Gardens Consortium in its 2013 focus on Art in the Gardens with "Meet-Up" tours in area gardens that feature art.

MEET-UP AT THE NEWARK CONSERVANCY

Tour these special sensory gardens with the Conservancy Horticultural Manager Thursday, August 22, 10 a.m. Space limited; reservations necessary. Send your name, number of participants, and e-mail address to: info@laurelwoodarboretum.org Directions will be sent to you. Carpooling suggested. The tour will be cancelled in the event of rain.

ONGOING PROGRAM

Photos of the arboretum submitted via e-mail will be added to our website or Facebook page or both (subject to photo editor approval). This is to stimulate visits to the arboretum and to our website and Facebook page.

FOLA Moves Forward With Plans For Knippenberg Center

Friends of Laurelwood Arboretum (FOLA) is moving ahead with plans for the Knippenberg Education Center. "We have a pressing need for an indoor space for educational programs, community events and meetings, as well as for handicapped-accessible restrooms," said FOLA President Jim McHugh. "The center will serve as a place to welcome visitors and offer maps, brochures, and other information."

There will be a resource library for the many historical documents and photographs from John and Dorothy Knippenberg. Much-needed storage space will also be included in the initial phase of the project.

A new greenhouse is integral to the plans for the center, but it will only be erected when funds become available. As construction progresses, the arboretum's parking area will be enlarged to accommodate additional vehicles. The required handicapped-parking spaces will be provided at the entrance to the center.

In the second phase of construction, we plan to rebuild the arboretum's existing "upper" greenhouse on Home Hill, which was originally erected in the 1930s. The structure, where our staff and volunteers work, is in an advanced state of deterioration. We have made many temporary repairs to the structure, the heating system, and the plumbing, but it continues to deteriorate. When rebuilt, the greenhouse will continue to serve as the principal work area for maintaining and propagating the arboretum's plantings.

Why does the arboretum need the new center?

At the present time there is no sheltered space for visitors other than the small covered pavilion. Information, brochures, and maps are provided at the wooden notice board at the entrance to the arboretum. There is no indoor gathering place for FOLA's educational programs, and there are no restroom facilities in the arboretum (other than a portable toilet).

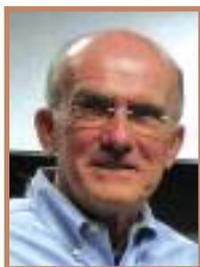
FOLA has an extensive collection of horticultural reference materials, as well as photographs and archival material relating to the Knippenbergs' ownership of the property and the development of the arboretum. In the absence of suitable library or storage space, these are kept temporarily in private homes.

All of these challenges – and more – will be met by the Knippenberg Education Center.



Rendering by: Dan Inheld

Dear Members,



Jim McHugh, President

The past year was one of both accomplishments and challenges. With the help of the Wayne Lions Club and the Passaic County Board of Freeholders, we completed our Sensory Garden and had a wonderful dedication in the fall. Everyone agrees that the garden looks spectacular. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped plant the garden, planned the dedication, and continue to maintain this special area. We look forward to welcoming people with disabilities, as well as many other visitors to the arboretum, to be inspired by this uniquely beautiful space.

Now we are moving forward with plans for the Knippenberg Education Center, which will serve as an educational and environmental center for the arboretum. When completed, it will provide a welcome center, meeting space, educational greenhouse, resource library, display and storage areas, and restrooms.

The challenges we faced in 2012 were mostly caused by Mother Nature. Hurricane Sandy felled 15 large trees and damaged many nearby plantings. Our horticultural staff and FOLA volunteers, along with Wayne Township employees, worked long and hard to clean up the debris. Now most of the

arboretum has been restored and is as beautiful as ever.

We continue to explore strategies for dealing with the problem of silting in the park's waterways caused by debris from the runoff from surrounding roads. We also need to address damage by deer and voles and must improve security to prevent vandalism and the ever-present theft of valuable plantings.

In the coming months we will launch a Capital Campaign that we hope will provide the funds we need to complete the Knippenberg Education Center and greenhouse. We continue to seek grants from foundations and contributions from individuals and local businesses. Such donations support our mission to preserve, promote, and improve Laurelwood's outstanding collections and unique gardens and to provide opportunities for horticultural appreciation and education.

As in the past, we owe special thanks to Wayne Mayor Christopher Vergano, the Township Council, and the Wayne Parks and Recreation Department for their ongoing support of FOLA's efforts and for cooperating with us to maintain and preserve this unique property.

Jim McHugh

FOLA President

To learn more about FOLA's 2012 Year in Review, please read our annual report at www.laurelwoodarboretum.org.

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Friends of Laurelwood Salutes Volunteers

Friends of Laurelwood Arboretum hosted its annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon on Saturday, March 16. The program featured a talk and slide show about landscape design presented by Elaine Fogerty, county agricultural assistant, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Passaic County.



From left, Elaine Fogerty with FOLA's Volunteer Deb Bryant.



Volunteers who have logged 50 hours or more. From left, back row: Alex Fadynich, John Crowell, Bill Mains, Volunteer Coordinator Deb Bryant, Horticultural Manager Joan Scott-Miller, Roland Reynolds, Jean Pisatowski, Sunny Brennan and Carol Huber. Front row, Nancy Fadynich, Jane Van Eeuwen, Tina Califano, Kathy Hetherington, Mary Riley, Jean Reynolds and Bonnie Joachim.



On one of the hottest days of summer, a group of intrepid volunteers posed behind the piles of weeds they had pulled from one of Laurelwood Arboretum's garden areas. The group included Passaic County Master Gardeners, Honor Society students from Wayne Hills High School, and FOLA volunteers

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES Now through October

Please Join Us!

In the Arboretum Tuesday 9am to noon.

Work and learn alongside the horticultural manager and fellow volunteers. Help restore and improve Laurelwood's gardens and beautify our unique Sensory Garden. Meet in the pavilion. Bring gloves, your favorite garden tools, and water.

First Saturday of Each Month, 9 am to 12 noon

Work with fellow volunteers in "most needed" areas — a tradition started 30 years ago by Dorothy Knippenberg.

Land Maintenance Projects

Work alongside the Site Manager and other volunteers to improve the arboretum's drainage and infrastructure.

Docents

Volunteer as a Laurelwood Arboretum tour guide. FOLA will provide training.

Special Projects

We also have project ideas for corporate, church, scout, school, and other community groups. For more information, please call 973-202-9579 or send an e-mail to info@laurelwoodarboretum.org

Join a Committee

We welcome volunteers in membership, fundraising, website support, educational programming, construction, and many other areas. We invite you to share your ideas and talents.

Friends of Laurelwood Arboretum (FOLA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. Our mission is to preserve, promote and improve Laurelwood Arboretum and to provide opportunities for horticultural appreciation and education through public programs, volunteer participation and outreach activities

It takes more than gardeners to make a beautiful garden.

Urgently needed:

Grant Writer
Fundraising Chairperson



Become a FOLA volunteer.

FOLA 'Thank You' Program Features Talk on Native New Jersey Plants

Friends of Laurelwood Arboretum jump started its 2013 membership year in February with a talk entitled, "Berries, Bark, and Blooms." Guest speaker was Kathleen Salisbury, team leader of education at Duke Farms in Hillsborough, N.J., president of the Native Plant Society of New Jersey, and an adult education instructor at the New York Botanical Garden. She is also an advisor to the FOLA Board of Directors.

Kathy's talk focused on exploring the diverse world of native plants for year-round garden interest. "Even a small landscape can be filled with enticing textures, beautiful blooms, and gorgeous berries all year long if one learns how plants change throughout the seasons," she explained. Kathy also talked about the diversity of native plants in New Jersey and the many reasons to plant species that are native to this area.

More than 65 people attended the program, which was a special Thank You to FOLA members and the Master Gardeners of Passaic County, who have done so much to support our efforts to preserve and maintain Laurelwood Arboretum.



Kathleen Salisbury with a framed photo of Laurelwood Arboretum, given to her by FOLA in recognition of her personal contributions to the organization.

FOLA Membership Helps Make Laurelwood Arboretum Beautiful

As we watch the transformation of the arboretum's landscape through the seasons, we are ever aware of all the friends who make what FOLA does possible. They represent a constituency that supports our mission and helps to secure the future of Laurelwood Arboretum as a unique horticultural preserve. FOLA depends on membership support in our efforts to create programs that engage visitors of all ages and to maintain and improve the arboretum.

We are pleased to report that FOLA membership now totals more than 350. We have 12 Lifetime Members and hope to see that number grow in the future. We are particularly proud of our rate of membership retention, which reflects a strong base of support for FOLA. We also appreciate the fact that many members make contributions to FOLA over and above FOLA dues.

When you walk through the arboretum and see our gardeners and volunteers trimming shrubs, digging weeds, and replacing plantings, you see your membership at work. When you attend an educational program, you see what your membership helps FOLA offer to the community. As a benefit to you, with your FOLA membership card you can get discounts on your purchases at local establishments and free admission at gardens and arboreta around the country.

We hope those of you who have not yet renewed for 2013 will rejoin. Please use the form below to send in your dues. If you have already rejoined, pass the form on to a friend or use it for a gift membership or an additional donation.

Thank you for your support!

*Alice Moskowitz
Membership Chairperson*

To join FOLA or renew your membership, please fill out this application and send to
FOLA, PO Box 2433, Wayne, NJ 07474-2433.

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City _____	State _____	Zip code _____	
Telephone _____		E-mail address _____	

We do not share this information with any other organization.

Annual Membership:

Individual: ___\$25 household ___\$50 nonprofit organization ___supporting \$250

Lifetime membership _____\$500

Dues and donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by the law.

Spotlight on Bonnie Joachim



Bonnie receives a framed photo of Laurelwood Arboretum from Jim McHugh to honor her many years of service to FOLA

When Bonnie Joachim retired from the FOLA Board of Directors last November, she turned the page on a 10-year chapter of dedication to the organization, but she continues to be involved in its unfolding story. Bonnie was a founding member of FOLA when the group was formed in 2003 and served as president and coordinator of volunteers from 2007 to 2009. She then headed up FOLA's public relations efforts. Now, she continues to manage FOLA's interactions with other horticultural organizations, heads the website committee, and is on several ongoing committees – hardly a retirement.

Bonnie grew up in a Pines Lake home that had an acre of beautiful gardens with winding paths bordered by rhododendrons, azaleas, and dogwoods. She attended Pines Lake Elementary School. "When I was in 6th grade, Dorothy Knippenberg asked if anyone in our class would like to help her plan and plant a garden outside the school," she recalls. "Over the course of the year, we helped mark out the gardens and paths, plant and mulch. The gardens are still there and have been maintained through the years by the Pines Lake Garden Club. This project made a big impression on me. I discovered that gardening is more than just pulling weeds but can be creative and fun."

After her marriage, Bonnie and her husband Ron moved to a 100-year-old house in Kinnelon that was one of the town's original farmhouses. It was surrounded by fruit trees, and they soon added a large garden area for vegetables and flowers. Eventually they expanded this into a small farming business.

One day in 1996, Bonnie came across a flyer from the Rutgers Extension Service offering a Master Gardener program of classes in Passaic County. She signed up and went on to graduate in the county's first Master Gardener class. Bonnie then helped establish the Master Gardeners Association of Passaic County, and the group adopted the South Rock Garden at Laurelwood Arboretum as its first project.

At the same time, Wayne's Mayor Dave Waks put out a call to organizations to come to a meeting to discuss how the town might manage Laurelwood

Arboretum, which the town was to inherit as a bequest from the Knippenbergs. Following that meeting, Bonnie joined a small group that included Nancy and Alex Fadynich, Nancy Alexander, and Joan Scott Miller. They began to meet on Saturdays to work with Dorothy Knippenberg. Soon they extended their time in Laurelwood to twice a week and were joined by Master Gardeners. Friends of Laurelwood Arboretum was incorporated in 2003 and assumed management of the arboretum when Dorothy died in 2006.

At various times throughout this period, Bonnie also volunteered at the New Jersey Botanical Garden (Skylands) in Ringwood and was a member of its Board of Directors. In addition, she was on the boards of the Master Gardeners of Passaic County and the Master Gardeners of New Jersey. Her many other interests include hiking, traveling, and drumming. Bonnie's two sons live nearby, and she has five grandchildren.

"Dorothy and John Knippenberg were extraordinarily generous to the community throughout the years," said Bonnie, as she reflected on her involvement with FOLA. "I think they would be very pleased to see how much the arboretum is appreciated and supported by the community."

Benefits of FOLA Membership

Your FOLA membership entitles you to benefits at gardens across the United States through the American Horticultural Society (AHS) Reciprocal Admissions Program. Benefits may include free admission, free parking and/or discounts at shops or events at a network of over 270 botanical gardens, arboreta, and conservatories located in 45 states, as well as Canada, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Cayman Islands. To save, show your FOLA membership card next time you visit another garden or arboretum.

In addition, FOLA membership includes the following benefits:

- Free admission to FOLA educational programs
- Free subscription to our annual FOLA newsletter
- 20% discount at Chef Express
- 15% discount on plants at Max is Back (plants only)
- 10% discount at FOLA plant sales
- 10% discount at participating local establishments:
 - Blooms of Wayne
 - Chestnut Ridge Nursery
 - Gro-Rite
 - Riverside Nursery
 - Strawberry Blossom Farms

AND...

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Garden Symposium Report

By Betty Montagne

Members of Friends of Laurelwood Arboretum recently attended a Garden Symposium sponsored by the Master Gardeners of Mercer County. The theme of the event was, "Gardening for the Future."

Michael A. Dirr, PhD, a leading expert on trees and shrubs for landscapes and gardens, spoke on the topic, "In Praise of the Noble Tree." Noble Trees are immense in stature, span generations, and are architecturally elegant, inspiring, and spiritual. Trees known as Noblettes include smaller flowering trees.

There are many issues to consider when choosing landscape trees, said Dr. Dirr. These include:

- Aesthetic considerations, such as screening and property value enhancement
 - Environmental concerns, including shade protection, wind abatement, and storm water mitigation
 - Health or psychological benefits
- A key message in Dr. Dirr's talk was the importance

of environmental awareness — that we should all be environmental stewards and look to the future when selecting trees and plants. His Noble Tree vision is to preserve these green giants and replant with "trees for the ages" that transcend generations.

The following is a list of Laurelwood's trees mentioned in Dr. Dirr's presentation:

Acer rubrum – Red Maple
Betula nigra – River Birch
Carpinus caroliniana – American Hornbeam
Cercis canadensis – Redbud
Fagus grandifolia – American Beech
Magnolia stellata – Star Magnolia
Magnolia acuminata – Cucumber Magnolia
Nyssa sylvatica – Tupelo
Quercus alba – White Oak
Quercus bicolor – Swamp White Oak
Taxodium distichum – Bald cypress

Dr. Dirr is a professor of horticulture at the University of Georgia. Among his many publications is *The Manual of Woody Landscape Plants*, a reference text used at Laurelwood Arboretum.

Rutgers Master Gardener Classes Now Registering

Many of the volunteers who work so faithfully and energetically at Laurelwood Arboretum first joined FOLA's horticultural team while attending the Rutgers Master Gardener training course. They began volunteering to fulfill the requirement for certification and have continued working at Laurelwood far beyond the required 70 hours.

This fall, Rutgers Cooperative Extension will once again offer a training program for those who are interested in gardening and wish to become Rutgers Master Gardeners.

Anyone with an interest in gardening and a commitment to volunteer service can become a Rutgers Master Gardener. No previous education or training is required. To apply for the next class or for more information, please call 973-305-5740 or go to www.mgapc.org.



FOLA volunteers making final preparations for the annual plant sale. Although thunderstorms had been predicted, the weather held until the sale had ended. It was a very successful day, thanks to Plant Sale Chairperson Sara McHugh and all the volunteers!



Wanted: Email Addresses

If you haven't been receiving FOLA flyers about current events and activities, please send your address to alicemoskowitz@gmail.com. We will not share this information with any other organization.

No smoking or fires in the Arboretum!

Please help us protect Laurelwood's trees, plantings and wooden structures from the danger of fire.



Many Ways to Support FOLA

Fundraising is a key activity for most nonprofit organizations. Until now, FOLA has focused on building our organization and developing meaningful programs and activities. We have exciting plans for the future and need to seek additional resources that will allow us to implement them.

This year, for the first time, we embarked on a *Give the Gift of Green* fundraising drive to raise funds to supplement our grant from Wayne Township and to support FOLA's educational programs and activities. We also plan to launch a Capital Campaign that we hope will provide the funds we need to complete the Knippenberg Education Center and greenhouse. At the same time, we are stepping up our efforts to seek donations from local businesses and grants from foundations and corporations.

There are many ways you, as an individual, can support the work of Friends of Laurelwood Arboretum. You can make a donation, purchase a gift membership, or make a tribute donation in honor or in memory of someone special. If your employer has a matching gift program, any donation you make will be matched. You can also make a bequest to FOLA in your will.

To donate, please choose the way that most suits your personal needs and interests. You can mail donations to FOLA, Box 2433, Wayne, NJ 07474-2433.

Contribute to our annual appeal

Your gift to this year's *Give the Gift of Green* Campaign will help us to continue to preserve Laurelwood Arboretum as an historic site and to develop new and innovative programming for all ages. Thank you to the many members who have already contributed!

Gifts In Memory Of or In Honor Of

Donations to Friends of Laurelwood Arboretum are a thoughtful way of expressing condolences or congratulations while at the same time supporting our efforts to preserve and maintain Laurelwood Arboretum. Donations in any amount are welcome. Make checks payable to FOLA and send to PO Box 2433, Wayne, NJ 07474-2433.

For gifts of more than \$50., our **Living Tribute of Flowering Plants in Laurelwood Arboretum** program will provide a certificate suitable for framing or photo notecard to designated recipients. Donations can honor or memorialize individuals or commemorate special events. These gifts will support the purchase, planting and maintenance of flowering plants in the arboretum.

For information, please call 973-202-9579 or send an email to info@laurelwoodarboretum.org to request a donation form.



Wish List

- Gift cards from area hardware stores and nurseries
- Folding chairs for events
- Bottled water for volunteers
- Garden carts for plant sales
- Garden tools for volunteers
- Lawn mower
- Newsletter printing
- Digital projector
- Party tent
- Wood chipper
- Bob Cat
- Back hoe/front loader

In addition:

- \$100 provides perennial plants or Spring-blooming bulbs
- \$250 funds an educational program
- \$500 provides plants for the Sensory Garden
- \$1,000 pays for a summer intern

TD Bank Affinity Program Helps Support FOLA

If you have an account at TD Bank or are planning to open one, you could be supporting FOLA without it costing you any money. TD Bank donates funds to nonprofits through its Affinity Program. Donated money comes from the bank, not from customers' accounts.

To participate, tell your TD bank officer that you would like to have your account coded as a FOLA donor. The FOLA code is **AF248**. The bank will then make an annual donation to FOLA on your behalf. No money ever comes from your account.

For more information, call us at 973-202-9579 or send an email to info@laurelwoodarboretum.org

Dogs in Laurelwood Arboretum

Just a friendly reminder that all dogs must be leashed in Laurelwood Arboretum,

in accordance with Wayne Township's leash law. Dog urine severely damages plantings, and dogs that wander off the arboretum's paths may trample delicate shrubs and flowers. Thank you for your cooperation.

