

# Friends of Laurelwood Arboretum presents *The 2018 Rhododendron Festival*



*Rhododendrons are Laurelwood's signature plant, and observing over 60 varieties of rhodies in bloom is one of the year's most stunning sights. During our **Rhododendron Festival**, guests and their families will enjoy peaceful walks surrounded by majestic flowers. And they will learn more about Laurelwood's legacy. Our rhododendron collection includes more than 400 named hybrids and species, many of which were raised and planted decades ago by John and Dorothy Knippenberg.*

## ◆ Rhododendron Collection Walking Tours

Guides will select the most spectacular spots for viewing our rhododendrons in bloom. Free. Motorized carts driven by our volunteers are available for those who are unable or do not wish to walk.

**Saturday, May 19, 2018 – 1:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, May 20, 2018 – 1:00 p.m.**

## ◆ Rhododendron Care Talk & Pruning Demonstration

By Elaine Fogerty, Executive Director, Laurelwood Arboretum.

Learn how to maintain and care for your rhododendrons and selectively prune your plants to improve their growth and increase bloom density.

**Saturday, May 19, 2018 – 3:00 p.m. Free for members/\$15 non-members**

## ◆ Laurelwood's Legacy: Hybrid Rhododendrons

By Joseph Di Giacomo, Master Gardener and Chairperson of Laurelwood's Rhododendron Study Team. Learn about the role Laurelwood's founders, Dorothy and John Knippenberg, played in hybridizing rhododendrons on the East Coast.

**Sunday, May 20, 2018 – 3:00 p.m. Free.**

For additional information, email [info@laurelwoodarboretum.org](mailto:info@laurelwoodarboretum.org) or call 973-981-7565.

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