

Private Garden Tours with DIG IT!



The Friends of The Frelinghuysen Arboretum and DIG IT! Magazine are teaming up this summer to create exceptional private garden tour experiences. Enjoy a fun day of touring four distinctly different private gardens and discounted specialty plant shopping on June 12 from noon to 5pm at Heart's Ease, a nursery that features unusual perennials, shrubs and young trees. A 20% discount on all plants (except orchids) will be offered to garden tour-takers on that day only. Tour-takers can visit their one-acre, 40-year-old garden too.

Date: Thursday, June 12

Time: 12pm— 5pm

Cost: \$25 members / \$35 non-members

Carpools encouraged as on the street parking may be limited.

All of the gardens on this tour are located in Hunterdon County within a 30-minute drive of each other*. See reverse side of insert for detailed information about each of the gardens on this tour.

*You will receive directions to each garden with your registration confirmation. Staff will be at each garden to assist you. **Please do not bring unregistered guests.**

DIG IT! the Art & Science of East Coast Gardening is a regional, online magazine for people who love gardens. It features original on-site reporting and photography of private and public gardens, in-depth flower articles, interviews with ecology/plant-related scientists, a state-by-state garden-related Calendar of Events, regular columns, and much more. Check it out at www.dig-itmag.com

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plantings, outdoor container gardens, and retention basins as sound ecological habitats. Mary holds a BS, *magna cum laude*, in Natural Resources Management/ Applied Ecology from Rutgers University. Her combined knowledge of plants in natural landscapes and designed gardens provides her with an expertise she enjoys sharing on DIG IT!

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The Gardens

- **Frog Pond Hollow** — the garden of Ruby and Martin Weinberg, Califon. This six-acre, thirty-five-year-old garden is a garden of happy plants. Frivolously-blooming dogwoods and crab apple, and a shrub/perennial border of blended monochromatic swaths lead to a spring-fed pond. Double trillium under mature rhododendron, beds of azaleas and wild flowers, a stream garden with almost floating blossoms, blueberry patch, and rock garden. Ruby, a landscape designer, is the author of *The Garden Reborn*.
- **Wintergreen Knoll** — the garden of Jim Avens and Gary Moyer, Lebanon Township. Two-acre, 12-year-old naturalistic garden with striking natural rock outcrops among oak and hickory. Native perennials and cultivars of native shrubs and trees form a backdrop for unusual shade perennials such as *Astilboides tabularis*, *Glauclidium palmatum*, and *Deinanthé caerulea* with bold leaves to contrast textures. The half-acre front garden consists of deer-resistant shrubs, perennials and ferns. The back one and a half acres contains mixed perennial and shrub beds, various garden and sitting areas, water feature, and a tiny, intensively planted vegetable and herb garden. Potted tender perennials and annuals decorate the sunny patio. Jim is Superintendent of The Leonard J. Buck Garden of the Somerset County Park Commission.
- **The Garden of Constance and Sally Kallas**, Stanton. Designed for year-round interest, the thirty-seven-year-old, three-and-a-half-acre mature garden features over 1,000 specimens of 200 different cultivars of rhododendron and azalea species and hybrids. Various gardens consist of Driveway borders of oldest viburnums, dogwoods, rhodies and azaleas; Butterfly and Hummingbird, Rock, Dexter (rhododendrons), Shade, Woodland, and Backyard Borders with water feature. Those who pack a lunch can sit and enjoy it on a garden bench. Connie is a Master Gardener.
- **An Artist's Garden** — Katherine Yvinskas, Schooley's Mountain. In this chemical-free, naturalistic, one-acre sun and shade garden, plants grow in an unstructured format within borders – a mosaic of the tame and wild. A native woodland garden leads to the back, deer-enclosed garden in which shrub roses, medicinal plants, native perennials and shrubs, berry bushes and non-native perennials intermingle. “I like to see things blend and flow.” Katherine is an artist and herbalist.
- **Heart's Ease Nursery and Tewksbury Orchids**, Califon. Proprietor Hildegard Howell offers a 20% discount on all plants (except orchids) on this day only to tour-takers. She specializes in unusual perennials, shrubs and trees and new varieties. She has a greenhouse full of orchids. Visit the one-acre, 40-year-old display garden with interesting old trees. Please bring your registration confirmation with you.

