



RUTGERS Gardens

Celebrate a Garden State Gardener and Rutgers Gardens

Thursday, June 17, 2021
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm EDT
Virtual Fundraiser via Zoom
Registration details below

Join Rutgers Gardens in a fund raiser celebrating Ken Druse, New Jersey's best-known garden author of 20 books on the subject.

Garden Communicators International recognized Ken with their 2020 Gold Award for his most recent book, *The Scentual Garden*, which was

also named the American Horticultural Society's book of the year. Those awards followed a gold medal for his previous book, *The New Shade Garden: Creating a Lush Oasis in the Age of Climate Change*, and another for 2013's work, *Natural Companions* – a collaboration with scanner photographer Ellen Hoverkamp. Also in that year, the Smithsonian Institute announced the acquisition of the "Ken Druse Collection of Garden Photography" comprising over 50,000 transparencies available to the public for study and to promote the love of gardens and plants.

Not to be outdone, The Garden Club of America presented Ken with the Sarah Chapman Francis Medal for lifetime achievement in garden communication.

The celebration will include a video tour of Ken in his Sussex County garden – followed by a live question & answer session with Ken.

This fundraiser will support Rutgers Gardens as a place of peace, beauty, and safety for enjoyment by all of our visitors. Celebrate a Garden State Gardener is a one-time special event during the COVID-19 pandemic spearheaded by the Advisory Board to help demonstrate Rutgers Gardens as an example of the Rutgers Land Grant mission of teaching, research, and service in the 21st Century.

Rutgers Gardens members and volunteers will be invited to register before the general public.

Program for Evening

Live and in real time, unless noted

6:30 pm EDT Music by Ilan Eisensweig, Mason Gross School of the Arts '21

7:00 pm EDT Welcome by Rutgers Gardens

Video of Rutgers Gardens

Video tour of Ken Druse's Garden



Ken Druse with fragrant *Cercidiphyllum japonicum* 'Morioka Weeping'

Questions & Answers with Ken Druse

8:00 pm EDT Closing

Tickets and Support Levels

Level	Cost (gift amount to Rutgers Gardens)	Features
Student Registrant – current Rutgers student	\$10 (\$10)	One Zoom link to Celebration.
Registrant	\$25 (\$25)	One Zoom link to Celebration.
Book Lover	\$100 (\$63)	- One Zoom link to Celebration. - One personalized signed book, <i>New Shade Garden</i> , by Ken Druse (book and shipping & handling valued at \$37).
Lilac	\$250 (\$213)	- Book Lover’s features. - Placement of name or company logo on slide show during event introduction.
Dogwood	\$500 (\$463)	- Lilac’s features. - Verbal acknowledgement during event.

Holly \$1,000 (\$963) - Dogwood’s features.

- Name or company logo live link on event website.

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