



# arboretum leaves

winter 2016

*The Friends of The Frelinghuysen Arboretum*

## Sixth Annual Community Garden Conference

The Friends of The Frelinghuysen Arboretum and Rutgers Cooperative Extension are teaming up again to present their Annual Community Garden Conference. The keynote speaker this year is Karen Washington, "Urban Farming's Grand Dame", according to the New York Times article on September 19, 2014. Former president of the New York City Community Garden Coalition, Washington has served as trustee for Just Food, WhyHunger, and the New York Botanical Garden. She was named a Woman of Distinction by New York State for her role in creating a vibrant urban agriculture scene in NYC. Most recently, the James Beard Foundation awarded Washington its prestigious Leadership Award for her commitment to improving the lives of low-income residents in the Bronx by growing fresh, healthy food close to home.



*Karen Washington*

The impressive list of session speakers, all experts in their field, will be covering topics both relevant and pertinent to community gardeners, garden managers and those trying to establish a new community garden. It's a full day of education, networking and camaraderie.

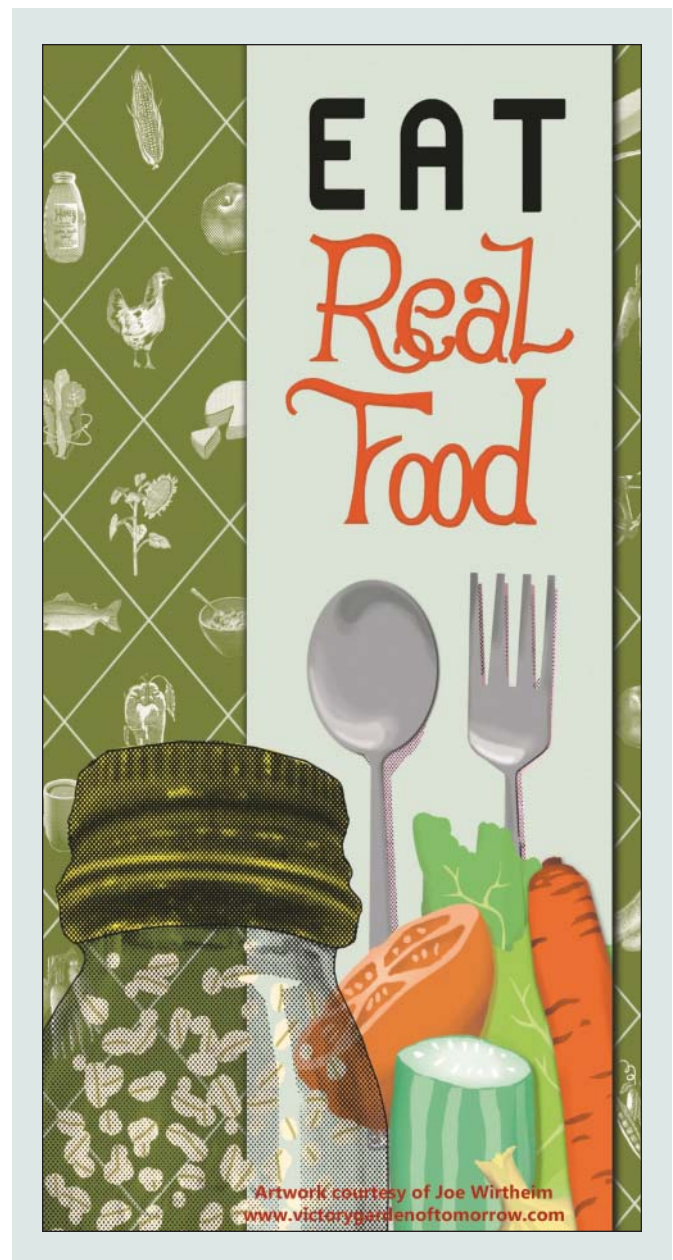
For complete details, to register and choose your sessions please see the registration form on the insert in this issue for mailing or visit [www.aboretumfriends.org](http://www.aboretumfriends.org) to register online. Lunch is provided and the snow date for this conference is Sunday, March 6.

*This program is eligible for 5.0 Rutgers Master Gardener CEU's. Please bring a donation for the Interfaith Food Pantry of Morris County.*

**Date:** Saturday, March 5

**Time:** 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

**Cost:** \$50 per person before February 1,  
\$60 per person after February 1



## notes from the board

As I watch the inevitable arrival of old man winter outside my window, memories of the recent Friends trip to the gardens 'across the pond' banish the cold and replace it with a warm glow. Last September twenty nine intrepid travelers, members of the Friends all, flew to London and spent nine glorious days touring fabulous gardens in the Kent and Cotswolds areas of England.

How to choose the highlights of such a journey? The lunch and tour of the very special grounds of Highgrove, private garden of the Prince of Wales? The storied gardens of Sissinghurst, Hidcote, Sudeley Castle? Or the private gardens opened to our group, where the years of loving care and hard work by talented owners have created unique edens? In all, we visited nineteen gardens, each one memorable in its own way. Best of all was the opportunity to enjoy the scenery along with other fellow plantaholics. Exclamations of "What is this plant and where can we get it?" and "See how beautifully this planting has been done" were common among the enthusiastic group.

This trip, along with the Friends' prior journeys to Scotland and Ireland, were conceived and planned by longtime members Sue and Ollie Acheson. Although a travel agency was used to procure actual bookings, Sue and Ollie's efforts to design a garden lover's dream trip were well researched and extensive. Sadly, we will be losing the Achesons' services to the Friends due to their upcoming move to North Carolina. We wish Sue and Ollie the best in their new home, and are hopeful that another member of the Friends will step forward to help to plan these popular and very worthwhile excursions.

In the meantime, we will keep the winter blues away with dreams of glorious gardens to visit both near and far, in the years to come.

Sally Hensen  
President

## Member's Only New Year's Party



This year's New Year's Party on January 17 brings noted author Tovah Martin to The Frelinghuysen for this special Members Only program. Tovah's talk "Trowels & Tomorrow: Garden Stewardship" addresses the challenge of caring for and stewarding maturing gardens and landscapes.

"The beauty of gardens is that they mature. This lecture takes a look at some the country's most adept garden stewards to explore how they grapple with change to bring landscapes into the next generation – creating preservation-worthy landscapes that will endure. If you have inherited a landscape, or if you have created a garden over decades and now face mature trees and shrubs that require pre-emptive pruning or relocation, we explore issues and answers.... The goal is to bring yesterday's gardens and plants into tomorrow" explains Tovah.



Tovah Martin

Photo by Kindra Clineff

An avid gardener indoors and out, Ms. Martin is the author of many gardening books – most recently *The Indestructible Houseplant* (2015, Timber Press.) A freelance writer, her articles have appeared in publications throughout the country including *Country Gardens*, *Garden Design*, *Traditional Home*, *Martha Stewart Living*, *O the Oprah magazine*, *Old House Interiors*, *Horticulture Magazine*, *Yankee*, *Connecticut Cottages & Gardens* as well as *The Daily Telegraph* in Europe. She has appeared on the Martha Stewart Show, PBS television series and the CBS Sunday Early Show as well as many other television and radio broadcasts. She speaks throughout the country and has lectured aboard the QE2. Tovah can be found at [www.tovahmartin.com](http://www.tovahmartin.com) and she blogs at [www.plantswise.com](http://www.plantswise.com).

Following Tovah's talk, please join us for refreshments coordinated by Hospitality Chairs, Sonnie Reutelhuber and Patti Millar. Then, we'll all drink a toast to our Volunteer Coordinator, Marge Hulstrunk, who will retire on January 1, 2016. Please make your reservation early, as seats are limited! The snow date for this program is January 24.

*Date:* Sunday, January 17 – *Register by January 3*

*Time:* 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

*Cost:* Free to members, but registration is required



*Dr. Benjamin Blackburn*

## *Benjamin Blackburn Scholarship Lecture*



Since 1979, The Friends of The Frelinghuysen Arboretum have supported horticultural education through a scholarship named for Dr. Benjamin Blackburn. Dr. Blackburn was a professor of Botany at Drew University. His involvement with the Morris County Park Commission began with his friendship with Henry and Robert Tubbs, whose property Willowwood, eventually became the Willowwood Arboretum. Dr. Blackburn published many articles and wrote a number of books on gardening as well as being the host of a very popular radio gardening program. He generously shared his vast knowledge of and deep love for horticulture with many staff members in the Horticulture Division and with his countless fans – members of The Friends of The Frelinghuysen Arboretum and area garden clubs.

This year, what was the Blackburn Tea has evolved into the Blackburn Lecture. It will be held on February 13, 2016 at The Frelinghuysen Arboretum's Haggerty Education Center. As a "tea" the program was chaired for many years by Mrs. Paige L'Hommedieu. Her detailed and thoughtful planning produced decades of successful teas and, as a result, many scholarship recipients.

Currently, the scholarship is offered to students in the Landscape Technology Program at County College of Morris. Scholarship Chair Betsy Martone described its benefits – "This scholarship allows interested students the opportunity to explore the different horticultural, environmental, and design studies offered through the accredited CCM programs. The increased knowledge the students acquire in the classroom and through hands-on programs at CCM will benefit them as they enter their chosen field in horticulture and landscape design."

This year's Benjamin Blackburn Lecture speaker is William Bryant Logan. Mr. Logan is both a certified award-winning arborist and an award-winning author! Logan has won numerous Quill and Trowel Awards from the Garden Writers of America and won a 2012 Senior Scholar Award from the New York State chapter of the International Society of Arborists. He is on faculty at the New York Botanical Garden and is the author of three books: *Air, Oak, and Dirt*, the latter of which was made into an award-winning documentary.

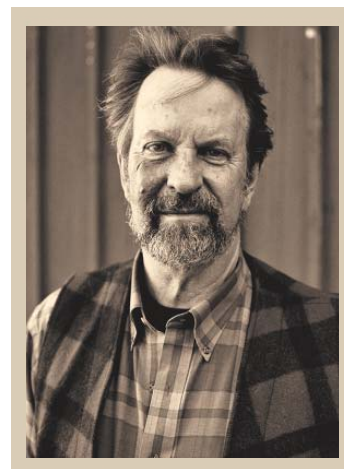
He will speak about his book "Oak – The Frame of Civilization," in which he deftly relates the delightful history of the reciprocal relationship between humans and oak trees since time immemorial. From the ink of Bach's cantatas, to the first boat to reach the New World, to the wagon, the barrel, and the sword, oak trees have been a constant presence throughout our history. In fact, civilization prospered where oaks grew, and for centuries these supremely adaptable, generous trees have supported humankind in nearly every facet of life. Some of the praise for his books includes these reviews – "With an unabashed enthusiasm for his subject" (Carol Haggas, *Booklist*) Logan combines science, philosophy, spirituality, and history with a contagious curiosity about why the natural world works the way it does. At once humorous and reverent, "this splendid acknowledgment of a natural marvel" (*Publishing News*) reintroduces the oak tree so that we might see its vibrant presence throughout our history and our modern world.

For more information about this program and to register, please visit [www.arboretumfriends.org](http://www.arboretumfriends.org). The snow date for this program is Sunday, February 14.

*Date:* Saturday, February 13 – *Register by February 6*

*Time:* 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

*Cost:* \$25 members / \$30 non-members



*William Bryant Logan*



### *Archetypes of Botanic Literature*

Prepare to be astonished as you explore the Elizabeth Donnell Kay Rare Book Collection with Superintendent of Horticultural Education, Lesley Parness. Drawing on books dating from the 16th century, you will see examples of various types of botanic literature, including herbals, sylvas, monographs and diaries. Gain an understanding of the role of botanic literature in the advancement of science and trade and also what your membership dollars help to support and conserve. Ours is a world-class collection and this program will not disappoint the historian, book lover, or artist. This class is required prior to attending other programs about the Rare Book Collection, including this Spring's "Native Sons and Daughters: American Authors in the Rare Book Collection".

*Date:* Sunday, January 31 – *Register by January 24*

*Time:* 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

*Cost:* \$15 Members Only (all proceeds benefit the conservation of the Rare Book Collection)



Tom Orton

### *Plant Breeding for the Home Gardener*

Rutgers professor and plant geneticist, Tom Orton, introduces the basics of plant breeding in a way that everyone can understand. Learn flower parts, cross-pollination and how plants

inherit genes through their DNA. Gain knowledge of the breeding strategies for some common domestic plant species. You will be able to plan and execute your own backyard breeding program with the skills learned in this class. You may even develop and name your own plant variety! Dr. Orton earned his PhD in Genetics and Botany at Michigan State University and is currently a Professor and Extension Specialist at Rutgers University.

*Date:* Saturday, February 20 – *Register by February 13*

*Time:* 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

*Cost:* \$15 members / \$20 non-members

### *Growing Iris in the Home Garden*

Suzanne Broullon, Communications & Donor Manager at the Presby Memorial Iris Gardens in Upper Montclair, NJ, will discuss bearded and beardless iris in the home garden. Topics include culture and care of iris and landscape design including planting companions. In addition to her "indoor" work, Suzanne curates the iris collection and can often be found weeding the beds. Suzanne is an Essex County Master Gardener who inherited her green thumb from her grandmother.

*Date:* Thursday, March 10 – *Register by March 3*

*Time:* 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

*Cost:* \$12 members / \$15 non-members



Presby Memorial Iris Gardens

### *Pruning Workshop with the Gardeners of Bamboo Brook*

The gardeners at Bamboo Brook really know their stuff and when it comes to pruning, no one does it better. Learn the how's and why's from the experts, the science behind it all and what tools to use. Then, practice your new skills on the trees and shrubs in the gardens. Dress for the weather and bring your garden gloves. This program is being held at Bamboo Brook Outdoor Education Center.

*Date:* Saturday, March 19 – *Register by March 12*

*Time:* 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

*Cost:* \$10 members / \$15 non-members

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### *Cooking Demonstration: Galettes, Croustades and Crostatas*

Is there a difference? Find out in this cooking demonstration and taste some delicious sweet and savory free-form tarts.

*Date:* Sunday, January 31 – *Register by January 24*

*Time:* 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

*Cost:* \$20 members / \$25 non-members

### *Cooking The Books – 18th Century Recipes for 21st Century Palates: Custards, Quaking Puddings and a Sillabub*

Explore recipes of the past from cookbooks of the 18th and 19th centuries. The afternoon begins with a talk by Superintendent of Horticultural Education Lesley Parness about the selected book from the Elizabeth Donnell Kay Rare Book Collection and some pertinent food history. Then, Chef and Horticultural Program Specialist Cynthia Triolo conducts a cooking demonstration based on these recipes but updated for today's kitchens.

*Date:* Sunday, March 13 – *Register by March 6*

*Time:* 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

*Cost:* \$20 members / \$25 non-members



### *Beads for Peace – Natural Jewelry Making*

Artist Maya Bloom leads this beading workshop using natural materials and dove beads symbolizing peace. Maya's love of beads has led her around the world and her collection includes beads from Morocco, Israel, Africa and South America. Maya will demonstrate a variety of knots and simple beading techniques. She will provide all materials needed to create your unique necklace. Participants are welcome to bring their own beads to incorporate into the design. Beginners are welcome!

*Date:* Thursday, February 11 – *Register by January 28*

*Time:* 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

*Cost:* \$20 members / \$25 non-members

### *Plant Label Making Workshop*

Using vintage silver-plated silverware and letter stamps, make three plant labels for your vegetable and herb garden. Karen Muccillo, our resident craft enthusiast, and manager of the Annual Gingerbread Wonderland Craft Show along with Cynthia Triolo, Horticultural Program Specialist team up for an evening of crafty fun. All materials will be supplied as well as some other great ideas for labelling your plants. Feel free to bring your own silverware bearing in mind that it must be silver-plated in order to stamp.



*Date:* Tuesday, March 22 – *Register by March 14*

*Time:* 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

*Cost:* \$15 members / \$20 non-members

### *Bus Trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show*

"Explore America – 100 Years of The National Park Service" is the theme for the 2016 Philadelphia Flower Show. Celebrate the centennial anniversary of the National Park Service and explore the beauty and history of national parks through the eyes of the world's greatest floral and garden designers. The largest flower show in the Northeast offers something for everyone: awe inspiring gardens, a chance to see the newest plants that will be available at nurseries this Spring, stunning floral arrangements, lectures and shopping. Enjoy lunch and/or dinner on your own at the show, in Chinatown or the Reading Terminal Market.

A full refund will be given to participants who cancel at least 14 days in advance of the trip. There will be no refund otherwise.

*Date:* Tuesday, March 8 – *Register by February 23*

*Time:* 10:30 am – 8:30 pm – bus leaves from the arboretum parking lot.

*Cost:* \$70 members / \$80 non-members



# children's programs

## *Children Plant with the Presidents*

*Grades 3 – 5*

Did you know that Presidents George Washington and Thomas Jefferson were gardeners? Both found new ways to plant and invented new farm machines at their homes, Mt. Vernon and Monticello. Learn what Washington grew besides apples and how Jefferson brought French fries to America. Make an early American craft and sample some "Founding Father" snacks.

*Date:* Monday, February 15 – *Register by February 1*

*Time:* 10:00 am – 11:30 am

*Cost:* \$15 members / \$20 non-members

## *My Home is a Tree*

*Grades 1 – 2*

Many animals live in trees! Learn about all the tree-dwelling creatures in this program. Make a puppet craft and a nesting bag for your backyard birds. Then we'll take a walk on the arboretum's grounds to spot some winter tree dwellers.

*Date:* Saturday, March 19 – *Register by March 12*

*Time:* 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

*Cost:* \$15 members / \$20 non-members

## Winter Weekend Photo Scavenger Hunt

Grab a camera or phone and stop by the Haggerty Education Center for a nature photo scavenger hunt. Visitors can pick up the list, head outside and shoot away. Take a picture of every item, return to the Education Center and pick up your prize. Scavenger lists change every month. January's theme is "Can you believe that?", February's is "Whole lot of Love" and the theme for March is "Popping Up All Over". What a great way to explore the arboretum and to get the family outside in the fresh air.

*Date:* Saturdays and Sundays in  
January, February and March

*Time:* Families welcome to participate any time  
between 9:00 am and 3:30 pm

*Cost:* \$10 per family

## *"Branching Out!" Children's Gardening Program*

The calendar and the view out the window may say it's still winter but spring will be here before you know it. Registration for the 2016 season of the "Branching Out!" program for children is now open. Children learn that with a little work and bit more patience the food you grow tastes much better than what comes from the supermarket. Time to get digging and get dirty!

Sign your budding gardener or nature lover up for "Branching Out!", now entering its 44th year. Gardeners may attend spring, summer or both sessions. Spring session runs from April 2 through June 25 and summer spans July and August. For more information or for a registration brochure, contact Gwen Montgomery at 973-631-5004 or at [gmontgomery@morrisparks.net](mailto:gmontgomery@morrisparks.net) or download a copy at [www.arboretumfriends.org](http://www.arboretumfriends.org)

## art in the Arboretum

### In Our Gallery

#### January – Florals and Landscapes

Michael J. Martin's spectacular display of oil paintings of florals and landscapes brings beautiful sunshine to cold January days. Mr. Martin has exhibited in many venues in the area and studied at the Summit School of Visual Arts, Art Students League (NYC) and the Northern Virginia School of Art. He is a member of the Chatham Art League, Portrait Society and the Livingston Arts Association.

#### February – Mandala

Carol Nussbaum uses colorful photography to transform flowers and other plant material into an ancient symbol called the Mandala. A mandala is traditionally used to signify a sacred space containing a circle with a center point that offers balancing visual elements, symbolizing unity and harmony.

#### March – Butterflies, Birds, and Flowers: Mosaics in the Garden

Eleanor Parr-DiLeo, award winning mosaic artist exhibits her magnificent mixed media mosaics. She is well known for her wall art pieces using this unique art form, and has been a professional artist for over ten years. Her works are exhibited around the region and she has been the recipient of awards for her mosaics at several juried shows.

## affiliate member programs

*All are free and open to the public*

### *African Violet Club of Morris County*

Slide show of the African Violet Society of America's 2015 Convention in Kansas City, MO.

Wednesday, January 13 – 7:30 pm

“Show Preparation” panel discussion on final preparation of your plants for show. Methods of transporting the plants to show will also be discussed.

Wednesday, February 10 – 7:30 pm

“Underwater Arrangements” Linda LoPresti will talk about how to create underwater flower arrangements with African violets. This will be followed by a workshop. Guests are welcome for the talk only.

Wednesday, March 9 – 7:30 pm

### *Frelinghuysen Arboretum Gesneriad Society*

Slide show of the Gesneriad Society's 2015 Convention in Oakland, CA

Thursday, February 4 – 8:00 pm

Propagation Workshop – Learn how gesneriads can be propagated by leaves, cuttings, rhizomes, tubers and seeds. RSVP required to Karyn Cichocki, kdc05@ptd.net.

Thursday, March 3 – 8:00 pm

### *Great Swamp Bonsai Society*

Bonsai education program

Tuesday, March 8 – 7:00 pm

For Updates in topics and changes in dates and times please visit our webpage at:  
<http://www.arboretumfriends.org/gsbonsai/>

### *Home Garden Club of Morristown*

Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, March 16 – 11:30 am

1:00 pm – “Paradise Gardens for Pollinators and Wildlife” – Master Gardener Gail DiDomenico will discuss how to create a mini Paradise in your yard to attract and support bees and other pollinators. Learn what you can do to support the American Horticultural Society's “Million Pollinator Garden Challenge”.

### *North American Butterfly Association*

Mike Newlon lectures on The Butterflies of the Great Swamp

Tuesday, January 5 – 7:30 pm

Program to be announced

Tuesday, February 2 – 7:30 pm

2015 in Review by Tom Halliwell

Tuesday, March 1 – 7:30 pm

### *North American Rock Garden Society – Watnong Chapter*

Speaker Janet Schulz lectures on “A Collectors Point of View”

Saturday, February 13 – 10:00 am

Speaker David Culp lectures on “The Layered Garden”

Sunday, March 13 – 10:00 am

### *Tri-State Hosta Society*

Save the date for the Hosta Society's Annual Plant Sale, though it is a “members only” sale, non-members may “buy” a one year membership at the door for \$10.00 and thereby gain entry to the plant sale.

Saturday, April 9 – 12:30 pm

## insurance expertise sought

The Friends of The Frelinghuysen Arboretum know a lot about plants, but when it comes to insurance, we sure could use some help.

We are looking for some guidance in evaluating the yearly renewals of our insurance policies.

Might you have expertise in this field that you are willing to share?

If you have worked in the insurance industry and could meet with us once a year to review our policies, we would be very grateful for your assistance.

Please contact Margery Ennist at 973-326-7603 if you have the time and expertise to help with this important undertaking.





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The Morris County Park Commission and The Friends of The Frelinghuysen Arboretum invite everyone to participate in their programs. If you require an interpreter for the deaf or other accommodations, please contact us at 973-326-7603 or TDD 1-800-852-7899. Please provide two weeks notice.

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## calendar of events

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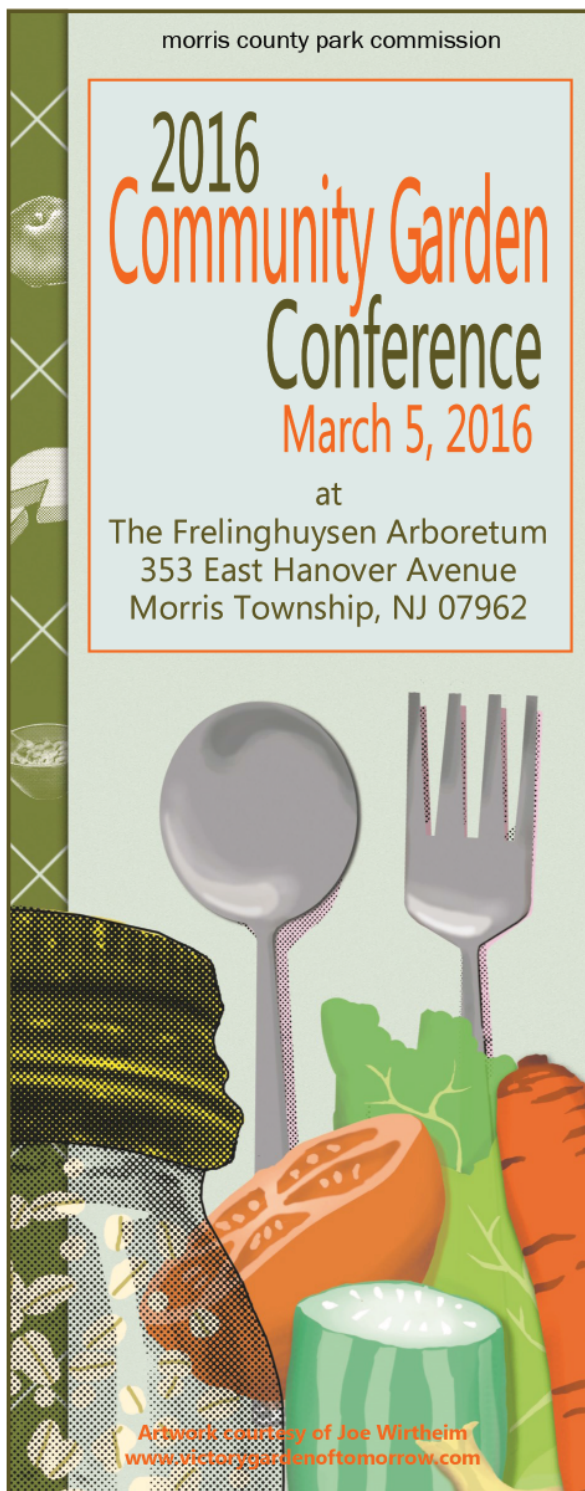
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# Calling All Community Gardeners

Interest in and demand for Community Gardens has grown explosively. The Friends of The Frelinghuysen Arboretum and Rutgers Cooperative Extension are partnering for the sixth year in a row, to bring you an impressive list of topics taught by speakers who are all experts in their fields.

**Please bring a donation for the  
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Register online at  
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or call 973.326.7603



# 2016 Community Garden Conference

## Keynote Address

This year, our keynote speaker is Karen Washington. Karen has been called the Godmother, the Queen, and the Grande Dame of community gardening. For over 25 years, she has worked tirelessly turning empty lots in the Bronx into productive community gardens. Karen previously served as New York City Community Garden Coalition's board President and on the board of the New York Botanical Garden. She also co-founded the Black Urban Growers, an organization of volunteers committed to building networks and community support for growers in both urban and rural settings. In 2012, Ebony magazine voted her one of their 100 most influential African Americans in the country, and in 2014 she was awarded the James Beard Leadership Award. Ms. Washington has advocated for food, land and social justice for all, and has inspired thousands who work to grow and bring healthy food to families, especially in low-income or urban areas.

## Growing Great Tomatoes

**Peter Nitzsche, Agricultural and Resource Mgmt Agent  
Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Morris County**

Whether you are growing an ancient heirloom or the latest hybrid variety, learn the techniques that will help ensure success. Pete is New Jersey's own vegetable and small fruit expert and there isn't anyone who knows more about growing tomatoes. He is an integral part of the research team working on developing the "new" Rutgers tomato. His commitment to community gardens is one of the reasons this conference became a reality so many years ago.

## Get the Most From Your Vegetable Garden

**Marie Iannotti, Author, Former Cornell Extension Educator**

Hungry for more vegetables from your garden, but short on space? Learn how to get your garden to work for you, with techniques like interplanting and succession planting, stacking, and growing up. Marie was the owner of Yore Vegetables, an heirloom seedling nursery. She also was a Cornell Cooperative Extension Horticulture Educator and Master Gardener Program Coordinator. Her newest book, "The Timber Press Guide to Vegetable Gardening in the Northeast" is a year round resource based on hands-in-the-dirt experience and will be available for sale and signing.

## Lettuce Begin

**Lesley Parness, Superintendent of Horticultural Education,  
Morris County Park Commission**

Are your fingers itching to get started? We'll help exercise the urge to plant in this session! Now's the time to get your lettuce transplants ready and we have some great cultivars for your garden. Begin by learning what you need to know about growing this leafy green, then plant a flat of lettuce varieties

that are sure to please. Lesley has served as Superintendent of Horticultural Education for 14 years. In a previous life, she owned a 50-hectare farm in southern Spain, where she and her husband grew cork and vegetables. Lesley has eaten her way across Europe, enjoying a wide variety of lettuces, many of which she will describe. The varieties she will recommend have been selected however, for New Jersey!

## Beekeeping in Community Gardens: Comfortable Coexistence

**Lorette Cheswick, NJ Beekeepers Association (NJBA)**

There is a long and diverse history of beekeeping at community gardens. Each garden has its own personality and commitment to pollinator education. This talk will showcase the successes and a few glitches along the way. The Morris-Somerset chapter of NJBA and many other chapters have ongoing successful relationships with NJ community gardens. Lorette is the horticultural advisor for NJBA and has maintained both public and private gardens for many years.

## It Starts With The Soil

**Marc Zukovich, President, Sterling Horticultural Services**

Soil works harder in intensively planted community garden plots, and so it needs more attention. Experts agree that building up the soil is the single most important factor in pumping up yields. Learn the basics of soil composition, how pH impacts yield and the fundamentals of fertilizers. Learn tips and techniques to improve and amend your garden soil in order to grow healthy vegetables. Marc holds a BA in Botany from Drew University and certificates from Harvard Graduate School of Design and the New York Botanical Garden. He is an adjunct professor of Horticulture at County College of Morris, where he was recognized with the NISOD national award for teaching excellence.

## Garden, Gardener, Gardening: Different Perspectives to Consider in Community Garden Sustainability

**Dr. Laura Lawson, Dean of Agricultural and  
Urban Programs, Rutgers University**

This presentation will address sustainability from 3 perspectives – the site, the participants, and the programs. Dr. Lawson and Research Associate Meredith Taylor will discuss lessons learned from both New Jersey and national interviews and surveys on what it takes to keep a community garden going. Particular attention will be paid to linkages between resources (compost, water, etc.) needed, the production and distribution of food grown, and outreach to the larger community. The presentation will be informal and allow participants to discuss particular concerns and issues being faced. Dr. Lawson was the keynote speaker at our very first Community Garden Conference. She is the author of several books on Community Gardens.



## 2016 Community Garden Conference

### REGISTRATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Community Garden \_\_\_\_\_

9:00am-9:30am Registration and coffee  
9:30am- 9:45am Welcome Address  
9:45am-10:45am Keynote Address

11:00am-Noon Breakout Session A  
(Choose 1)

- ☐ 1. Get The Most From Your Vegetable Garden
- ☐ 2. It Starts With The Soil
- ☐ 3. Beekeeping in Community Gardens

Noon-12:45 Box Lunch  
☐ 4. Vegan ☐ 5. Vegetarian ☐ 6. Turkey

12:45pm-1:45pm Breakout Session B  
(Choose 1)  
☐ 7. Get The Most From Your Vegetable Garden  
☐ 8. It Starts With The Soil  
☐ 9. Beekeeping in Community Gardens

2:00pm-3:00pm Breakout Session C  
(Choose 1)  
☐ 10. Growing Great Tomatoes  
☐ 11. Lettuce Begin  
☐ 12. Garden, Gardener, Gardening

3:00pm-3:30pm Coffee Break

3:30pm-4:30pm Breakout Session D  
(Choose 1)  
☐ 13. Growing Great Tomatoes  
☐ 14. Lettuce Begin  
☐ 15. Garden, Gardener, Gardening

Please choose your Breakout Sessions and Lunch.



Register online at  
[www.arboretumfriends.org](http://www.arboretumfriends.org)  
or call 973.326.7603

Make check payable to FRIENDS  
Mail to:

The Friends of The Frelinghuysen Arboretum  
PO Box 1295  
Morristown, NJ 07962-1295

## registration form

- Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and will be confirmed when payment is received.
- Credit cards are accepted at our website: [www.arboretumfriends.org](http://www.arboretumfriends.org). Be sure to follow the Paypal instructions to complete the transaction. Bring your receipt to the program.
- Make checks payable to "Friends". Mail registration form and checks to: Friends, PO Box 1295, Morristown, NJ 07962-1295
- All activities are scheduled in the Haggerty Education Center at The Frelinghuysen Arboretum, 353 East Hanover Avenue, Morris Township, NJ, unless otherwise noted.
- In order to receive a refund, cancellations must be made at least 7 days in advance of the program. To cancel your registration, please send an email to [cancellations@arboretumfriends.org](mailto:cancellations@arboretumfriends.org). Please include your name, the name of the program and the number of spaces you are cancelling.
- For questions or more information, call 973-326-7603.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary phone ☐ Work ☐ Cell ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like an email confirmation? ☐ Yes ☐ No

No. attending	WINTER PROGRAMS	Cost
_____	Members Only New Year's Party	— FREE —
_____	Archetypes of Botanic Literature	_____
_____	Cooking Demonstration: Gallettes, Croustades and Crostatas	_____
_____	Beads For Peace	_____
_____	Benjamin Blackburn Scholarship Lecture	_____
_____	Children Plant With the Presidents	_____
_____	Plant Breeding for the Home Gardener	_____

No. attending	WINTER PROGRAMS	Cost
_____	Bus Trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show	_____
_____	Growing Iris in the Home Garden	_____
_____	Cooking the Books: Custards, Quaking Puddings and a Sillabub	_____
_____	My Home is a Tree	_____
_____	Pruning Workshop at Bamboo Brook	_____
_____	Plant Label Making Workshop	_____

**Note: To register for the Sixth Annual Community Garden Conference please use the Registration Form on the insert.**

## membership form



Yes, I would like to join The Friends of The Frelinghuysen Arboretum.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary phone ☐ Work ☐ Cell ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Individual Membership .....\$25
- ☐ Family Membership .....\$35
- ☐ Extended Family Membership .....\$45
- ☐ Associate Member .....\$50
- ☐ Supporting Member .....\$100
- ☐ Contributing Member .....\$250
- ☐ Patron .....\$500
- ☐ Student Membership.....\$15  
must be 18+ and provide appropriate ID

**Make checks payable to "Friends" and mail with membership form to: Friends, PO Box 1295, Morristown, NJ 07962-1295**

**Please write a separate check for membership, and do not combine with program registration fees.**

**For more information about membership call 973-326-7603, or visit [www.arboretumfriends.org](http://www.arboretumfriends.org)**





As a member of The Friends of The Freelinghysen Arboretum you can enjoy discounts at our Retail Partners. Please show your Friends' membership card at time of purchase.

# Retail Partners Program

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## ATLOCK FARM

545 Weston Canal Road, Somerset, NJ  
732-356-3373  
atlockfarm.com  
10% discount on all merchandise  
(excluding items already on sale)

## BACK TO NATURE HOME AND GARDEN

3055 Valley Road, Basking Ridge, NJ  
908-350-7506  
backtonature.net  
10% discount on all merchandise

## BARTLETT TREE EXPERTS

15% discount tree feeding  
bartlett.com  
1-877-BARTLETT (1-877-227-8538)

## BLUE MOREL RESTAURANT & WINE BAR

### THE WESTIN HOTEL

Two Whippary Road, Morristown, NJ  
973-451-2619  
bluemorel.com  
10% discount on all food purchases

## COUNTRY MILE GARDENS

1108 Mt. Kemble Avenue, Morristown NJ  
973-425-0088  
countrymilegardens.com  
10% off all non-sale merchandise

## COVIELLO BROS.

245 Main Street, Madison NJ  
973-377-3055  
coviellobros.com  
10% discount on all non-sale merchandise

## THE FARM AT GREEN VILLAGE

403 Green Village Road, Green Village NJ  
973-377-8703  
TheFarmAtGreenVillage.com  
10% discount on all plant material. Not to be combined with any other offers.

## HEART'S-EASE NURSERY

213 Old Turnpike Road, Califon NJ  
908-832-2708  
tewksburyorchids.com  
10% discount excluding orchids & sale merchandise

## J&M HOME & GARDEN

201 Main Street, Madison NJ  
973-377-4740  
jmhg.com  
10% discount on all plant material. Not to be combined with other offers.

## KUPERUS FARMSIDE GARDENS & FLORIST

19 Loomis Avenue, Sussex NJ  
973-875-3160  
farmsidegardens.com  
10% discount on all plant material

## LOCKWOOD FARMS GARDEN CTR & GIFT SHOP

35 Rt. 206, Stanhope NJ  
973-347-3010  
lockwoodfarmsnj.com  
10% discount on all non-sale nursery, florist & gift shop merchandise

## MORRISTOWN AGWAY

176 Ridgedale Avenue, Morristown NJ  
973-538-3232  
morristownagway@yahoo.com  
10% discount plants & selected merchandise

## NJ DEER CONTROL

PO Box 8365, Red Bank, NJ 07701  
1-855-DEER GUYS and/or 732-995-7264  
NJDEERCONTROL.com  
1x Free Trial application plus a 10% discount for any subsequent applications

## PARKER GARDENS

1325 Terrill Rd, Scotch Plains  
908-322-5552  
parkergardens.com  
15% off all non sale retail plant material. 10% off all other non sale product. May not be combined with any other offers. Does not include installation, delivery or gift card purchases.

## PLANT DETECTIVES

45 US Highway 206, Chester NJ  
908-879-6577  
plantdetectives.com  
15% discount, not to be combined with loyalty club discount

## POPULAR WOOD FARM, LLC

240 Mitchell Road, Mansfield NJ  
908-399-7655  
popularwoodfarm.com

## BLUE MOREL

RESTAURANT AND WINE BAR

Lockwood Farms  
Garden Center  
& Gift Shop

10% discount on plants, does not apply to sale items. Note: We are open to the public on Open Farm Days only. Be sure to check our website before visiting.

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957 Patterson Road, Jackson NJ  
732-833-0613  
rarefindnursery.com  
10% off all non-sale merchandise  
Complimentary catalogues available upon email request

## STEVEN KRISTOPH NURSERY

9 Roberts Road,  
Millstone Township NJ  
732-446-1440  
pstevenkristoph.com  
10% off Azaleas, Rhododendrons, Ornamental Trees, Shrubs & Perennials

## WELL-SWEEP HERB FARM

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Port Murray NJ  
908-852-5390  
10% off Tuesday-Thursday, May-September, excludes Special Event Days and sale items

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524 Springfield Ave  
Westfield NJ 07090  
908-232-4076  
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