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*The Friends of The Frelinghuysen Arboretum*

## Seventh Annual Community Garden Conference

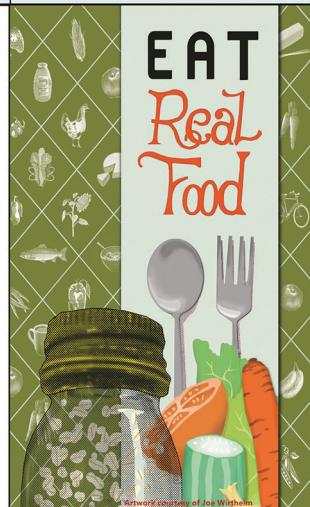


Peter Hatch

The Friends of The Frelinghuysen Arboretum and Rutgers Cooperative Extension are teaming up to present their 7th Annual Community Garden Conference. This year's keynote speaker is Peter Hatch, an independent scholar living in Albemarle County, Virginia, where he gardens, lectures, consults, and writes about garden history. Now the Director of Gardens and Grounds Emeritus for the Thomas Jefferson Foundation, Mr. Hatch was responsible for the maintenance, interpretation, and restoration of the 2,400-acre landscape at Monticello from 1977 to 2012. He has also managed important restoration projects, such as the eight-acre Vegetable and Fruit Garden, and the Grove, an ornamental forest of eighteen acres. In 1987 Peter initiated the Thomas Jefferson Center for Historic Plants, a unique nursery dedicated to preserving historic and Jefferson-related garden plants.

The impressive list of session speakers, all experts in their field, will cover topics relevant and pertinent to community gardeners, garden managers and those trying to establish a new community garden. Topics include Plant Breeding with Dr. Tom Orton of Rutgers, Composting at Community Gardens with Rick Carr of the Rodale Institute, Irrigation Techniques with Peter Nitzsche of Rutgers Cooperative Extension, Planting for Pollinators with Dr. Randi Eckel of Toadshade Wildflower Farm and more. It's a full day of education, exhibitors, networking, and camaraderie. Lunch is provided and the snow date for this conference is Sunday, March 5.

— For more information on the sessions and to register please see insert. —

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<p><b>2017 Community Garden Conference</b> March 4, 2017</p> <p><b>Keynote Speaker</b> Peter Hatch, Director Emeritus of Gardens and Grounds at the Thomas Jefferson Institute</p> <p><b>Irrigation Tools and Techniques</b> Peter Nitzsche, Agricultural and Resource Mgmt. Agent Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Morris County</p> <p><b>Composting at Community Gardens</b> Rick Carr, Compost Production Specialist Rodale Institute</p> <p><b>Planting for Pollinators</b> Dr. Randi Eckel, Owner Toadshade Wildflower Farm</p> <p><b>Plant Breeding</b> Dr. Tom Orton, Extension Specialist Rutgers Agricultural Research and Extension Center</p> <p><b>Cover Crops and Green Manures</b> Dr. Kristy Borelli, Sustainable Ag Extension Educator NE-SARE Coordinator Penn State Extension</p> <p><b>Perspectives: A Coordinators Roundtable</b> Various Speakers from NJ Community Gardens offer up their unique perspectives to kickoff a roundtable discussion for coordinators and managers of community gardens.</p> <p><b>Lunch is provided.</b></p> <p><b>\$50 before February 1; \$60 after February 1</b> <b>The snow date for the conference is Sunday, March 5</b></p> <p><b>Eligible for 5.0 Rutgers Master Gardener CEU's</b></p>	<p><b>The Frelinghuysen Arboretum</b> 353 East Hanover Avenue Morris Township, NJ 07960</p> <p>Whether you're an experienced or new community gardener, a Community Garden manager, coordinator, or activist trying to get a Community Garden started, you will want to attend this program. Visit <a href="http://www.arboretumfriends.org">www.arboretumfriends.org</a> for all the details. Call 973.326.7603 to register.</p>  <p>Artwork courtesy of Joe Wilhelm <a href="http://www.victorygardenoffromorrow.com">www.victorygardenoffromorrow.com</a></p>



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Date: Saturday, March 4

Time: 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

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

## notes from the board

I began this column in the Autumn issue by talking about change. Little did I realize how much more change was in the wind! This time the news is bittersweet. Lesley Parness, Superintendent of Horticultural Education, has announced her retirement, effective February 1st. Lesley has been the guiding hand at the Arboretum for 15 years. Under her leadership, the programs at the Arboretum have gained widespread recognition for their excellence. Top speakers attract people from far and wide, and one has to go quite a distance to find programs of this caliber. Best of all is to hear one of Lesley's talks about the Rare Book Collection – her breadth and depth of knowledge about botanical history is marvelous, and she makes the books come alive. She has worked tirelessly alongside the Friends' board through many changes in membership, personnel, and administrative policies. To lose her creativity and dedication is the bitter part; the sweet part is that she promises that she'll be staying in the area and will always be a Friend. Please join us at the New Year's Party on January 15 (snowdate January 22) when we'll celebrate her achievements and wish her much happiness in retirement. Knowing Lesley, she'll be busier than ever!

By the time you receive the Spring issue of Arboretum Leaves, we hope to announce the appointment of Lesley's successor. The Morris County Park Commission (MCPC) is beginning its review process as this issue goes to press. In the meantime, the MCPC created a new position and appointed Jenny Gaus in September as Assistant Director of Education and Interpretive Programming (see article on page 6).

As an added incentive to attend the New Year's Party, this year we have Chatham resident Marta McDowell as our speaker. Marta will talk about her new book, "All the Presidents' Gardens." She describes the book as "an entertaining romp through our nation's garden history as seen through the changing grounds at the White House, starring the presidents, first ladies, and their gardeners."

Looking ahead to the winter programs, we are grateful that Lesley has already prepared a roster of interesting events for us. The highlight will be the Blackburn Scholarship Lecture (Feb. 4, snowdate Feb. 5) featuring Bill Thomas, Executive Director of Chanticleer Garden in Wayne, PA. Bill has published a new book titled "The Art of Gardening: Design Inspiration and Innovative Planting Techniques from Chanticleer." Bill writes "This book is meant to be a conversation between our staff and you," and is a resource providing instruction and insight on the staff's most reliable gardening practices. Bill will bring copies of his book to the lecture.

Check the following pages for more offerings of intriguing programs, cooking classes, and day trips, including the not-to-be-missed Philadelphia Flower Show, when we're all longing for spring to arrive. There's so much here to help get you through the dreary days of winter.

Judy Snow  
President

### Member's Only New Year's Party

### All the Presidents' Gardens

*Madison's Cabbages  
to Kennedy's Roses –  
How the White House  
Grounds Have Grown  
with America by  
Marta McDowell*

Marta McDowell, a member of The Friends of The Frelinghuysen Arboretum and a former intern here, will give a talk on her latest book,

*All the Presidents' Gardens.*

Marta teaches landscape history and horticulture at the New York Botanical Garden and consults for private clients and public gardens.

In *All the Presidents' Gardens* Marta tells the untold history of the White House Grounds, starting with plant-obsessed George Washington and ending with Michelle Obama's kitchen garden. The 18 acres surrounding the White House have been an unwitting witness to history in which kings and queens have dined, bills and treaties have been signed, and presidents have landed and retreated. Throughout it all, the grounds have remained not only beautiful, but also a powerful reflection of American trends. History buffs will revel in the fascinating tidbits about Lincoln's goats, Ike's putting green, Jackie's iconic roses, and Amy Carter's tree house. Gardeners will enjoy the information on the plants whose favor has come and gone over the years and the gardeners who have been responsible for it all. The historical and contemporary photographs, vintage seed catalogs, and rare glimpses into Presidential pastimes will delight all.

Following Marta's talk, please join us for refreshments. Then, we'll all drink a toast to Superintendent of Horticultural Education, Lesley Parness, who will retire on February 1, 2017. Please make your reservation early, as seats are limited! The snow date for the New Year's Party is Sunday, January 22.

*Date:* Sunday, January 15 – *Register by January 8*

*Time:* 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

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



Marta McDowell, photo by Marco Ricca

## 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 Tubbbs, 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 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.

Currently, the scholarship is offered to students in the Landscape Technology Program at County College of Morris. 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.

The Friends of The Frelinghuysen Arboretum and the Watnong Chapter of North American Rock Garden Society are pleased to announce the commitment of the Watnong Chapter to give \$500 annually in additional funding to the Blackburn Scholarship award. The Chapter is motivated by the need to increase the number of well trained professional gardeners in this region. A representative of the chapter will participate in the selection of the recipient(s) of the award.

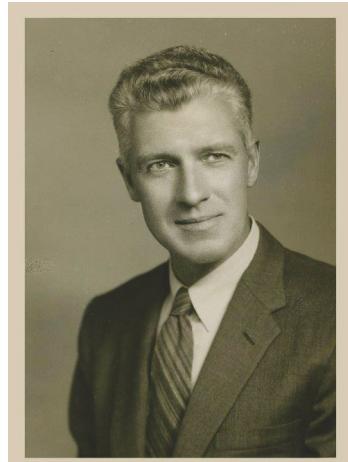
This year's Benjamin Blackburn Lecture speaker is R. William Thomas, Chanticleer Garden's Executive Director and Head Gardener. He lectures from his book, "The Art of Gardening: Design Inspiration & Innovative Planting Techniques from Chanticleer." Chanticleer Garden in Wayne, Pennsylvania is known as one of America's most romantic, imaginative and exciting public gardens. Mr. Thomas tells the history of Chanticleer and outlines the design principles that guide this "three-dimensional work of ever-changing art."

*This program is eligible for 2.0 Rutgers Master Gardener CEU's.*

*Date:* Saturday, February 4 – *Register by January 28*  
Snow date – Sunday, February 5

*Time:* 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

*Cost:* \$20



*Dr. Benjamin Blackburn*



*R. William Thomas*

## Bus Trip with the Friends to the Philadelphia Flower Show

Come and experience the wonders of Holland at the 2017 Philadelphia Flower Show. From windmills, wooden shoes and cheese, to bicycles, canals and vibrant tulip and flower fields, the largest flower show in the U.S. will celebrate innovative Dutch landscape and architecture as well as its history, art and culture. Join The Friends of The Frelinghuysen Arboretum for the day and explore colorful awe inspiring gardens, stunning floral arrangements, lectures and fantastic 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 14 – *Register by March 1*

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

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





## Dried Flower Workshop with Marge Hulstrunk

The promise of spring is given glorious expression in these richly romantic wreaths made with assorted dried Herbs and Flowers from our own Cutting Garden. Marge Hulstrunk, a professional Floral Designer and owner of Flowers by Marjorie will guide you through the process of making your own dried flower wreath in either of two totally different designs. One is a single 15" diameter wreath, the other is a trio of small wreaths hung from a branch. Choosing will be the hardest part. The snow date for this program is February 19.

*Date:* Saturday, January 28 – *Register by January 14*

*Time:* 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

*Cost:* \$45 members / \$50 non-members



## Cooking Demonstration: Comfort Food

Certain foods promise solace as much as they do fuel. What better way to spend a chilly winter afternoon than learning some new recipes that will quickly become your favorite comfort food. In this cooking demonstration, Chef and Master Gardener Cynthia Triolo shares some of her best recipes to warm your heart and hearth.

*Date:* Sunday, January 29 – *Register by January 22*

*Time:* 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

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

## Cooking Demonstration: Springtime Favorites

Spring is officially here so let's prepare some dishes to brighten up your table and take us out of the winter doldrums. We'll use asparagus, spinach, peas and many other delicious early spring vegetables in a variety of mouth-watering dishes.

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

*Time:* 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

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



## Winter Appeal: Finding Beauty Through Structure

The absence of flowers and leaves reveals the architectural structure of trees and shrubs. Mark Inzano, Manager of Horticulture, presents an illustrated talk on some of his favorite plants with "good bones." Following his half hour lecture, he will lead a short tour of the arboretum's grounds to admire these 4-season planting choices. Hot cocoa and cookies follow. Dress warmly.

*This program is eligible for  
2.0 Rutgers Master Gardener CEUs.*

*Date:* Sunday, March 12 – *Register by March 5*

*Time:* 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

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

## Creating an Inviting Garden with Style

Speaker Susan Cohan, is well-known in the landscape and design community for her design work whose trademarks are artisanal details, creative use of traditional materials and fine craftsmanship. Her boutique landscape design studio, Susan Cohan Gardens, specializes in residential design projects in the New York/New Jersey area. In this illustrated presentation, Susan focuses on three overarching garden styles that cover just about everyone's idea of what they would like in their personal outdoor space. Whether you embrace traditionalist, rustic, contemporary or a combination of these styles, you will learn more about them in this easy to follow style primer that will help you identify what your garden is and what it can be.



*This program is eligible for  
2.0 Rutgers Master Gardener CEUs.*

*Date:* Sunday, March 26 – *Register by March 19*

*Time:* 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

*Cost:* \$15 members / \$18 non-members

## 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.

*This program is eligible for  
2.0 Rutgers Master Gardener CEUs.*

*Date:* Saturday, April 1 – *Register by March 24*

*Time:* 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

*Cost:* \$10 members / \$12 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 "Black and White", February's is "A Pop of Color" and the theme for March is "Stick to the Trails". 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

## Family Nature Crafts:

### Teeny, Tiny World

*Ages 6 & up*

Create your own small world in this family terrarium making workshop. Make your own or work together and learn what plants work best, how a terrarium works and how to care for what's inside.

*Date:* Saturday, January 28 – Register by January 14

*Time:* 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

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

### Be Mine, Valentine!

*Ages 6 & up*

Using natural materials make five different valentine cards that send the perfect message the natural way and make your cards the ones everyone wants to receive. Create as a family or have each person make their own.

*Date:* Saturday, February 4 – Register by January 27

*Time:* 1:00 pm

*Cost:* \$8 members / \$10 non-members

## Seedlings

Plant the seeds for a love of nature in Seedlings. In this program, preschoolers ages 3-5 and their adult caregivers will discover the wonders of nature. Each session features a different theme based on what is growing in the gardens. We begin with story time and complete the class with an outdoor exploration of the arboretum in winter. Dress for the weather!

*Dates:* Wednesdays – see below

*Time:* 11:00 am – 12 noon

*Cost:* \$5 per session

### Brrrr!

*Wednesday, January 11*

Winter is here, but if you look closely you'll see signs of life in the garden and you might even see something in bloom!

### Over And Under

*Wednesday, January 25*

Above the ground everything is quiet but under the ground there's all kind of activity both plant and animal.

### The Nose Knows

*Wednesday, February 8*

Does that plant have a smell? Take a whiff and find out. In the meantime, find out why.

### Shadows of Spring

*Wednesday, February 22*

Hooray! The days are getting longer signaling spring is coming. Discover why plants need light and how it helps them grow.

### The Shape of Things

*Wednesday, March 8*

Now that the trees are bare you can see their shapes and their structures. Why are they shaped the way they are and what shapes are found in the garden?

### Shake it Up!

*Wednesday, March 22*

Seeds travel in a number of ways all year long. Now's the time to think about sowing seeds for spring.



## Matilda's Tea: Fascinating Fascinators!

Mark your calendars for the return of the Matilda's Tea on Saturday, March 11. Bring your favorite young person and explore the art of millinery, or hat-making and learn about the fashion of proper young ladies at the turn of the previous century. How did Matilda Frelinghuysen dress to play in the gardens of Whippanny Farm, now The Frelinghuysen Arboretum? Travel back in time and find out. You'll also learn how the bigger-is-better hat craze of the early 20th century launched the environmental movement of today.

Tea takers will begin the day by making a hat. Come hatless and leave with a fabulous fascinator, just like the ones that Princess Kate Middleton wears today. Will you choose feathers, beads, tulle, sparkles or all of them? Adults and children alike leave with a custom made fascinator they can enjoy forever. Then all will enjoy a light tea and an illustrated talk about the history of women's head dressings. This program is designed for young and old.

Space is limited so pre-registration is required. The program begins at 2:00 pm. The cost is \$25 per person. Appropriate for adults and children ages 6 and up.

## *What's Happening in the Garden from the Manager of Horticulture*



Rugosa Rose (*Rosa rugosa*)

### A Shady Dilemma

Improvements are being planned for The Craig Rose Garden, one of the original gardens here at The Frelinghuysen Arboretum. As gardeners know, shade and roses are not a perfect combination. But those are the conditions that exist within the Craig Rose Garden located on the west side of the Frelinghuysen Mansion.

Whether it be from the towering Green Giant Arborvitae (*Thuja plicata*), the sprawling Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*), or the American Boxwood (*Buxus sempervirens*) hedge that forms the garden's perimeter, shade plays a major role in the ability of the Craig Garden to sustain rose plantings. Six hours of sun is the common adage used in regards to the light needs of roses. However, the Craig Rose Garden receives an average of four hours in some areas ranging from dappled to almost full. The strain this puts on the roses is evident in their lack of blooms, leggy growth, and less than ideal performance.

We plan to improve and diversify the existing rose plantings, with the addition of Rugosa Rose (*Rosa rugosa*) in the spring, 2017. These hardy and fragrant roses are known to tolerate some shade and should be able to flourish where other roses have failed. Cultivars of rugosa offer single and double blooms as well as a range of colors including shades of white, lavender, yellow and red. With some luck and judicious care, we believe that Rugosa Rose will be the perfect plant to perpetuate the original intent of the garden.

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### *Save the Date*

### *The Majestic Gardens of the Southwest of England*

Mark your calendars for June 2017 when the Friends will be traveling to gardens in the Southwest of England. As we traverse the counties of Wiltshire, Somerset, Devon and Cornwall, we will visit an outstanding mix of both public and private gardens; including historic estates, cottage gardens and amazing subtropical and clifftop gardens. There is nothing quite like the Cornish coast! More information will be coming soon. If you are interested in this trip, please send an email to Margery Ennist at [mennist@morrisparks.net](mailto:mennist@morrisparks.net) and we will let you know as plans develop.



Jenny Gaus-Myers

### **Meet Jenny Gaus-Myers** *Assistant Director of Education and Interpretive Programming*

The Morris County Park Commission has combined the Horticultural Education and Environmental Education Departments. Leading these will be Jenny Gaus-Myers, the Assistant Director of Education and Interpretive Programming for the Morris County Park Commission. Previously, Jenny was the Superintendent of Environmental Education for the MCPC, and in her new position, she will continue to oversee that area as well as the Horticulture Education Department. Before joining the MCPC, she was the Education Director of Flat Rock Brook Nature Center in Englewood, an adjunct professor of environmental education for Fairleigh Dickinson University, and a teacher in the Kinnelon Public Schools. She's looking forward to putting her enthusiasm and expertise in education to work at The Frelinghuysen Arboretum.

## affiliate member programs

*All are free and open to the public*

### *African Violet Club of Morris County*

Growing & Showing Miniature & Semi-miniature African Violets – Paula Bal will discuss how she grows award winning plants.

Wednesday, January 11 7:30 pm

2016 AVSA Convention slide program from the 2016 African Violet Society of America annual convention flower show in Albuquerque, NM.

Wednesday, February 8 7:30 pm

Dish Gardens – Jill Fischer will show how to create dish gardens to exhibit in an African Violet show.

Wednesday, March 8 7:30 pm

### *Frelinghuysen Arboretum Gesneriad Society*

2016 Gesneriad Society Convention slide show from the 2016 Gesneriad Society annual convention flower show.

Thursday, February 2 8:00 pm

Propagation Workshop – learn how to propagate gesneriads from leaves, cuttings & rhizomes.

RSVP required to Karyn Cichocki, kdc05@ptd.net

Thursday, March 2 8:00 pm

### *Great Swamp Bonsai Society*

Bonsai education programs

Tuesday, January 10 7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 14 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 15 11:30 am

1:00 pm “Peonies” talk by Dan Furman, owner of Cricket Hill Gardens, who specializes in growing all types of peonies for commercial and retail markets. Talk includes information on botany and cultivation of all types of peonies.

### *New Jersey State Chrysanthemum Society*

This meeting will feature Doris Cunniff speaking on pressed flowers and leading the attendees in creating a project to take home. A general discussion will focus on evaluating wintered-over chrysanthemums and preparing for the coming growing season.

Friday, March 10 1:00 pm

### *Tristate African Violet Council*

The NJ Council of African Violet Judges and the Tristate African Violet Council will have a joint meeting 10:00 AM followed by a program to be determined, a brown bag lunch, and the second meeting. Anyone interested in African violets is welcome.

Saturday, February 18 10:00 am

### *North American Butterfly Association*

Tuesday, January 3 7:30 pm

Tuesday, February 7 7:30 pm

Tuesday, March 7 7:30 pm

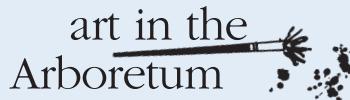
### *North American Rock Garden Society – Watnong Chapter*

Randi Wilfert Eckel – The role of native plants in landscape design: Landscaping with a purpose.

Saturday, February 18 10:00 am

Mark Weathington – Making a Mountain out of a Molehill: Rock Garden.

Sunday, March 19 10:00 am



### *In Our Gallery*

*— January —*

*Each Moment of the Year*

*Has Its Own Beauty by Larry Kerner*

Bring sunshine to your January with Larry Kerner's magnificent nature photographs, depicting cloud-capped canyons, tumbling mountain streams, and waterfalls. A percentage of all sales from this exhibit will be donated to The American Heart Association in memory of Sherry A. Rawson.

*— February —*

*Nature Photography by Rachel Ritter*

Brighten your February days with the beautiful photography of Rachel Ritter of Morris Township. She draws her inspiration from the gardens of Morris County and her photographs are a perfect blending of art and nature.

*— March —*

*The Yacon Project*

The Rutgers Master Gardeners of Morris County present a photographic exhibit of “The Yacon Project.” The project, from seeding to harvest, is on display in this uniquely informative exhibit.



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## calendar of events

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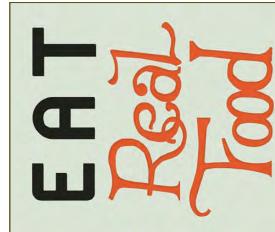
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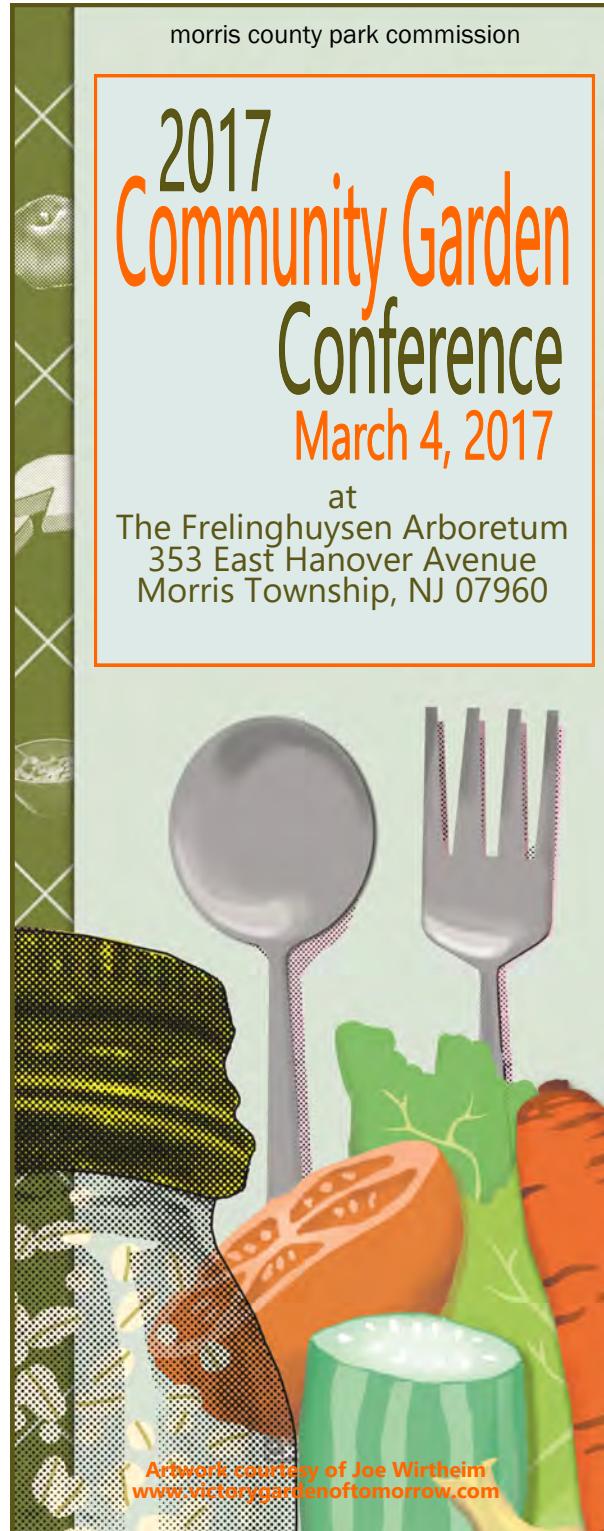


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# Calling All Community Gardeners

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

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**Saturday, March 4  
9:00am to 4:30pm**

Snow date of Sunday, March 5  
\$50 If registered before February 1  
\$60 If registered on/after February 1

Register online at  
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or call 973.326.7603

# 2017 Community Garden Conference

## Keynote Address

This year, our keynote speaker is Peter Hatch, the Director of Gardens and Grounds Emeritus for the Thomas Jefferson Foundation. Peter was responsible for the maintenance, interpretation, and restoration of the 2,400-acre landscape at Monticello from 1977 to 2012. He has also managed important restoration projects, such as the eight-acre Vegetable and Fruit Garden, and the Grove, an ornamental forest of eighteen acres. Peter initiated the Thomas Jefferson Center for Historic Plants, a unique nursery to preserve historic and Jefferson-related garden plants. He will lecture on his latest work, *'A Rich Spot of Earth: Thomas Jefferson's Revolutionary Garden at Monticello'*, which will be available for sale and signing.

## Plant Breeding for Community Gardeners

**Dr. Tom Orton, Extension Specialist  
Rutgers Agricultural Research and Extension Center**

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 vegetable plant species. You will be able to plan and execute your own 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.

## Cover Crops and Green Manures

**Dr. Kristy Borelli**

Kristy Borrelli is the Sustainable Ag Extension Educator at Penn State University. Kristy grew up on a small family beef and poultry farm in Upstate New York, received her bachelor's degree in Environmental Biology from SUNY ESF, and her M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Soil Fertility from Washington State University. Her interests focus on diversifying cropping systems to manage soil fertility and plant nutrients in order to maintain soil, water, and air quality. Kristy's research and extension focuses on making science-based information about nutrient management and water quality relationships, soil health, and value-added crop enterprises accessible. What better speaker on cover crops could there possibly be? She'll cover the pros and cons of cover cropping and green manures, the benefits of each crop, when to plant, and what to do in the spring.

## Perspectives: A Roundtable Discussion

**Various Community Garden Managers**

To kickoff the discussion, we'll take a look at a few diverse community gardens. Then open up the discussion to those attending to tackle any issues, concerns or quandaries. We want to know about your successes too! This session is geared to community garden managers and coordinators. Please email Cynthia at [ctriolo@morrisparks.net](mailto:ctriolo@morrisparks.net) with your questions to make this session be as efficient as possible.

## Irrigation Tools and Techniques

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

Adequate soil moisture is essential for good crop growth. Watering seems like one of the simplest tasks for a community gardener; however understanding plant water needs, the latest in irrigation tools and techniques will help to ensure success. Speaker Pete Nitzsche's commitment to community gardens is the reason this conference became a reality seven years ago. Pete holds a B.S. in Plant Science and an M.S. in Horticulture from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. Commercial vegetable and small fruit production and marketing are the focus of his applied research and Extension program and he also oversees the Rutgers Master Gardener volunteer program. His work on strawberries and tomatoes led to the release of the 'Rutgers Scarlet' strawberry and the 'Rutgers 250' tomato in 2016.

## Composting at Community Gardens

**Rick Carr, Compost Production Specialist,  
Rodale Institute**

Similar to the backyard of any individual gardener, community gardens will generate a volume of organic residuals that will require management. However, the difference between the two work sites is the volume generated. You will have your usual suspect of materials such as plant trimmings, woody debris, culled fruit and vegetables and a handful of others. Diverting these materials from the landfill is the first step to creating resources from waste materials and ultimately producing a valuable soil amendment – compost. The composting process for community gardens is very much the same when compared to typical backyard composting systems but it's not without its challenges, in particular the management plan. Join Rick Carr, a seasoned composter, compost researcher and multi-state Master Composter as he discusses the basics of composting at community gardens and shares helpful tips for avoiding common issues in and outside the compost bin.

## Planting for Pollinators

**Dr. Randi Eckel  
Toadshade Wildflower Farm**

Dr. Randi Eckel is the owner and founder of Toadshade Wildflower Farm, an all-native mail order nursery. A life-long naturalist, Randi has studied plant, disease, and insect interactions for over 30 years starting at the University of Delaware, University of Maryland and North Carolina State University and continuing through her work at the USDA and now as owner of Toadshade Wildflower Farm. When she's not up to her elbows in plants and dirt or off hiking and studying plants and insects, she frequently lectures on native plants, native plant propagation and the complex issues facing native plants and native plant communities. In this session, she will focus on plants especially suited to attract pollinators to a vegetable garden. Prepare to get your hands dirty as we sow seeds of pollinator attracting plants for you to take back to your community garden.



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## 2017 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. Plant Breeding  
 2. Cover Crops and Green Manures  
 3. Perspectives

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

12:45pm-1:45pm Breakout Session B

**(Choose 1)**  
 7. Plant Breeding  
 8. Cover Crops and Green Manures  
 9. Perspectives

2:00pm-3:00pm Breakout Session C

**(Choose 1)**  
 10. Irrigation Tools and Techniques  
 11. Composting at Community Gardens  
 12. Planting for Pollinators

3:00pm-3:30pm Coffee Break

3:30pm-4:30pm Breakout Session D

**(Choose 1)**  
 13. Irrigation Tools and Techniques  
 14. Composting at Community Gardens  
 15. Planting for Pollinators

Please choose your Breakout Sessions and Lunch.



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Morristown, NJ 07962-1295

# "Branching Out!"

"Branching Out!" is the exciting and educational gardening program for young people between the ages of 5 and 13 and 2017 will mark its 45th gardening season.

Beginning in April, gardeners meet weekly on Saturdays to prepare the soil and plant their own gardens. The program requires regular attendance and commitment on the children's part as they plant, maintain and harvest vegetables, herbs and flowers from their plots. The summer session also offers many imaginative and hands-on garden related activities such as lessons on trees, insects and plants. Be prepared to get dirty! Gardeners participate in a variety of projects utilizing plants they have grown themselves including cooking and eating!

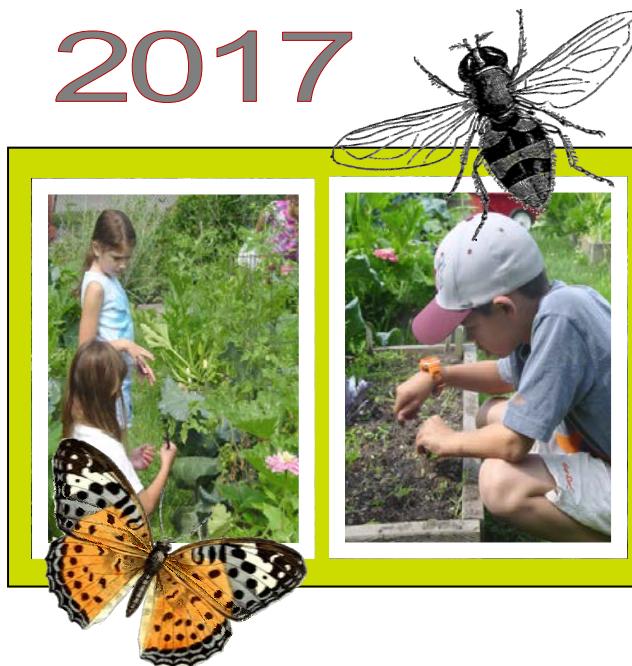
Gardeners may register for the Full Season program (Spring & Summer) or for only the Spring or only the Summer Session. The fee includes use of the garden plot, all the needed tools, seeds, transplants, craft supplies, and instruction for the various projects. Financial assistance based on family need is available. The Morris County Park Commission invites everyone to participate in its programs.

For further information, or if your child has special needs, call 973.631.5004.

"Branching Out!" is administered by The Friends of The Frelinghuysen Arboretum with assistance from garden clubs and individuals in cooperation with the Morris County Park Commission. Gardeners meet in the Haggerty Education Center at The Frelinghuysen Arboretum, 353 East Hanover Avenue, Morris Township (across from the County Library).

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## "Branching Out!"

# Registration & Schedule

# 2017 Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade  
(as of Spring 2017)

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address (for internal use only) \_\_\_\_\_

Family members of The Friends of  
The Frelinghuysen Arboretum may deduct  
\$25 per child per full season or \$10 per child for  
spring or summer or fall only.

Session A Full Season	\$510
Session A Spring	\$190
Session A Summer	\$295
Session A Fall	\$120
Session B Full Season	\$495
Session B Spring	\$175
Session B Summer	\$250
Session B Fall	\$120
Monday Add On	\$60
Wednesday Add On	\$60

Send to: "Friends" PO Box 1295,  
Morristown, NJ 07962-1295

Hands-on gardening is the perfect way for kids to get outside and get growing.

Guided by instructors, kids plant their own gardens, tend and harvest lots of fresh produce and flowers, do crafts and activities related to their gardens and, best of all, taste and prepare the fruits of their labors. Register for Spring, Summer, Fall or all three seasons - each season offers fun, unique garden and nature activities and lots of vegetables to enjoy and share.

Ages: Grades K-7

Location: Frelinghuysen Arboretum, Morris Twp.

Cost:	Group A (Grades 4-6)	Group B (Grades K-3)
Full Season	\$510	\$495 (must be age 6 by 4/1/17)
Spring Only	\$190	\$175
Summer Only	\$295	\$250
Fall Only	\$120	\$120

**SPRING** Gardeners will plan, plant, and pick early season crops as well as learn basic gardening skills such as proper ways of planting, watering and fertilizing as well as composting and insect i.d.

Spring Session	Saturdays	Saturdays
	April 1—June 24 8am—10:00am	April 1—June 24 10:30 to 12:00pm



**SUMMER** Gardeners will continue planting, harvest mid-season vegetables and do crafts and activities related to the garden.

Summer Session	Tuesday & Thursday	Monday & Wednesday
	July 6—August 17 9am—12 pm	July 5—August 16 9am –12pm



**FALL** Gardeners will extend the season and learn about autumn gardening and long season plants such as pumpkins and Brussel sprouts and how to have a third season and how to put the garden to bed for winter.

Fall Session	Saturdays	Saturdays
	September 9-November 4 9am -11am	September 9-November 4 9am -11am



## SPECIAL SUMMER AFTERNOON ADD-ONS FOR KIDS GRADES K-3

### Munchy Mondays

Junior cooks will experience trowel-to-table with this 6-week vegetable prep and cooking workshop for kids in grades k-3

Mondays  
July 10-August 14  
1 pm-3 pm  
Cost: \$60

### Wednesday Weather Wizardry

Kids in grades K-3 learn the science and folklore of weather prediction. Make meteorological instruments and explore the arboretum's trails looking for natural ways to predict what tomorrow's weather will be.

Wednesdays  
July 5- August 16  
1 pm- 3 pm  
Cost: \$60

# 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	No. attending	WINTER PROGRAMS	Cost
_____	Members Only New Year's Party	_____	_____	Seventh Annual Community Garden Conference (See insert to register)	_____
_____	Seedlings (Circle Dates) 1/11 1/25 2/8 2/22 3/8 3/22	_____	_____	Matilda's Tea: Fascinating Fascinators	_____
_____	Dried Flower Workshop (Circle one) Wreath      Trio	_____	_____	Bus Trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show	_____
_____	Family Nature Crafts: Teeny, Tiny World	_____	_____	Winter Appeal: Finding Beauty Through Structure	_____
_____	Cooking Demonstration: Comfort Food	_____	_____	Creating an Inviting Garden with Style	_____
_____	Family Nature Crafts: Be Mine, Valentine	_____	_____	Cooking Demonstration: Springtime Favorites	_____
_____	Benjamin Blackburn Scholarship Lecture	_____	_____	Pruning Workshop at Bamboo Brook	_____

# 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  
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can enjoy discounts at our Retail  
Partners. Please show your Friends'  
membership card at time of purchase.

# Retail Partners Program

[arboretumfriends.org](http://arboretumfriends.org)

## ATLOCK FARM

545 Weston Canal Road, Somerset  
732-356-3373    atlockfarm.com  
10% discount all non-sale merchandise

## BACK TO NATURE HOME AND GARDEN

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

## HALL'S GARDEN CENTER & FLORIST

700 Springfield Avenue, Berkeley Heights  
908-665-0331    hallsgarden.com  
10% off anything with a root. Not to be  
combined with other offers & excludes  
fresh flowers.

## BLUE MOREL RESTAURANT & WINE BAR

### THE WESTIN HOTEL

2 Whippany Road, Morristown  
973-451-2619    bluemorel.com  
10% discount all food purchases

## CONDURSOS GARDEN CENTER

96 River Road, Montville  
973-263-8814    condurso.com  
10% discount regular retail price on all  
green goods. Not to be combined  
with other offers. Offer does not  
include gift certificate purchases or  
delivery charges.

## KUPERUS FARMSIDE GARDENS & FLORIST

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

## METROPOLITAN FARM

119 Hickory Lane, Closter  
201-767-0244    metropolitanfarm.com  
10% off anything in store.  
Not to be combined with other offers;  
excludes fresh flowers.

## COUNTRY MILE GARDENS

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

## COVIELLO BROS.

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

## THE FARM AT GREEN VILLAGE

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

## MORRISTOWN AGWAY

176 Ridgedale Avenue, Morristown  
973-538-3232    agway.com  
10% discount plants & selected  
merchandise

## NJ DEER CONTROL

PO Box 8365, Red Bank  
1-855-DEER GUYS    NJDEERCONTROL.com  
10% discount for any subsequent  
applications. Not to be combined with  
other offers. Free Trial application.

## PLANT DETECTIVES

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

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524 Springfield Avenue, Westfield  
908-232-4076    williamsnursery.com  
10% discount on all non-sale merchandise

## WELL-SWEEP HERB FARM

205 Mount Bethel Road, Port Murray  
908-852-5390    wellsweep.com  
10% off Tuesday-Thursday, May-  
September, excludes Special Event  
Days and sale items

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4957 Patterson Road, Jackson  
732-833-0613    rarefindnursery.com  
10% discount all non-sale merchandise

**STEVEN KRISTOPH NURSERY**  
9 Roberts Road, Millstone Township  
732-446-1440    pstevenkristoph.com  
10% discount on Azaleas,  
Rhododendrons, Ornamental Trees,  
Shrubs & Perennials

**SUNNYSIDE GARDENS**  
35 Route 206, Stanhope  
973-347-3010  
sunnysidegardenandgifts.com  
10% discount on plant purchase.  
Not to be combined with other offers.