



fall 2020

Friends of The Frelinghuysen Arboretum

NOTES from the BOARD

It's hard to say in written word but....I miss you! I miss rubbing elbows in the garden, at events, and even in the lobby of the Haggerty Education Center. I miss the joy of hearing your exclamations and ideas after a lecture or gallery opening. I truly miss seeing the latest from our talented Flower Arrangers. I have an all new appreciation for the word hospitality and when finally allowed back to the HEC for events, your presence will not be lost on me, even if in full PPE. HA!

In the meantime, let me share some of the work we've been doing in isolation. Our terrific staff, along with help from Friends' trustees and a team from the Rutgers' Master Gardeners of Morris County adopted the use of the Zoom platform and have been educating ourselves in best practices for bringing you advice and ideas from some of the northeast's finest horticultural educators. This was a long and painful process for many of us and we hope you'll find time to sign up for a class or watch one of our newly created YouTube videos. I am especially fond of Chef Cynthia Triolo's cooking classes. You can also watch a fabulous video of this year's tulip display on the Friends YouTube channel.

Friends also approved four grants targeted for improvements at The Frelinghuysen Arboretum.

Grant #1001. Provided for data conversion of the horticulturally significant Elizabeth D. Kay rare book collection information from Excel to the PastPerfect 5.0 Collections Software Management System. This project centralized the collection into a searchable, adaptable format consistent with best practices standards.

Grant #1002. Monies were allocated to The Frelinghuysen Arboretum for an Annual Flower Display and Cutting Garden plants. We approve these monies every year to enhance the beauty of the arboretum and to create areas of interest for the general public and for educators.

Grant #1003. This grant was awarded for the restoration of the greenhouse at The Frelinghuysen Arboretum. The

intensive cleaning of glass, shades, and screens, along with replacement of rotted ropes is a highly specialized skill requiring scaffolding and a good bit of agility. The Sussex County firm doing the work is proceeding slowly and meticulously in the restoration work. Its completion will allow staff to propagate plants for various educational purposes and also provide a clean and pleasant environment for our Flower Arranger Volunteers to do their creative work when they are allowed back into the building.

Grant #1004. The Friends usually provide funding for an intern each year to help with the never-ending garden work at The Frelinghuysen Arboretum and learn from experienced horticulturists at the same time. With a hiring freeze in effect the horticultural staff was unable to hire an intern so designated funds were transferred to a grant which allows for the retention of one of the Groundsperson positions that would have otherwise been eliminated. All the better for us that she is in the Landscape and Horticulture Program at the County College of Morris.

Oh, and did you know the Annual Tulip Display funded by the Friends of The Frelinghuysen Arboretum did not go unappreciated? With the realization that the gardens would be closed for the foreseeable future a team of MCPC staff and Friends trustees cut several hundred tulips which were then taken to Morris View Senior Care and Morristown Medical Center by Executive Director Dave Helmer himself! Thanks Dave. And thank you to all the frontline workers who continue to work to keep our community safe.

We are delighted to support the Morris County Park Commission, The Frelinghuysen Arboretum, our membership, and our community in these ways.

Check out our YouTube channel here: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCwLu6l-05_VnSNQlkvi3Aw

Bye for now,

Heather Wyse Emelander
President

GINGERBREAD WONDERLAND 2020 GOES VIRTUAL

Celebrating 29 Years of Wonder!

Great News from the Gingerbread Wonderland team.

The facilities at The Frelinghuysen Arboretum will remain closed through the end of the year so the Friends' Gingerbread Wonderland Planning Committee is busy working on how to bring you a Virtual Gingerbread Wonderland Display to celebrate the 29th year of this very popular show. You'll be invited to view photographs of each delectable entry and, through a donation process, vote for your favorite creation. Chef Cynthia Triolo will present a special online gingerbread class (time to be announced) so you'll be able to hone your skills or learn new ones.

Watch our website for more details, sign up for our eblast or contact mennist@arboretumfriends.net.



2020 Tree Symposium

Save The Dates For the 2020 Tree Symposium!

Planning is underway for the third annual tree symposium, in a new format via Zoom. Speakers will present a range of intriguing tree-related topics on five consecutive Tuesday evenings: November 10, 17, 24, December 1 and December 8. We anticipate that CEU credits will be offered. Further information will be forthcoming on the Friends website and via the email blasts. Stay tuned!

Bulb Sale

Help fund the Friends' Annual Tulip Planting

The Friends sponsor the extensive tulip planting at the arboretum every year and we will again this fall. Although the arboretum was closed this spring, you can see this year's planting in this video on our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GuX9yjuQH0w> and enjoy the 2019 planting in the photo on the right. We'd like you to help us fund that planting by ordering bulbs this year from *Brent and Becky's Bulbs* at <http://bloominbucks.com/>. If you order your bulbs there, the Friends will receive 25% of your purchase as a donation. This will go a long way towards funding this year's planting. Further information about the wonderful selection of bulbs is available on our website.





Too Many Tomatoes – a Virtual Cooking Demonstration

In our opinion it's not possible to have too many. Join us for a virtual cooking demonstration all about tomatoes. We'll make a pasta, some bruschetta and a tomato sorbet that you are sure to love.

Cost: \$10 members / \$15 non-members
Logon to our website to register.

Recipe for Fall – Curried Butternut Squash Soup

- 2 medium butternut squash
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 2 granny smith apples, peeled, cored and sliced
- 2 tablespoons curry powder
- 1 ½ quarts chicken stock
- Olive oil
- Salt and pepper

Roast the squash in a 350 degree oven for about 30 minutes or until soft. To roast it, slice in half lengthwise and scoop out the seeds. Place it on a baking pan, cut side down with about ½ cup water. Once cool scoop out the flesh and set aside. This can be done several days in advance.

Saute the onions and apples in olive oil until the onion is transparent and the apples start to release some juice. Add the curry powder and saute for about 2 minutes. Add the squash and the stock and simmer for about 45 minutes. Puree the soup using either an immersion blender or in a regular blender, taking care if the soup is hot. Season with salt and pepper.



botany & horticulture

While we are on the subject of bulbs, the Friends are presenting several free Zoom talks on how to grow various types of reblooming bulbs in your own garden. Register on our website and we will send you the link to logon.

Plant Bulbs this Fall for Months of Deer Proof Flowers next Spring

Thursday, September 3 at 7:00 pm

Flower Power for Minimal Effort: Planting Bulbs for a Six-Month Succession of Bloom

Thursday, September 17 at 7:00 pm

Bulbs in Containers and Forcing for Bloom Indoors

Thursday, October 1 at 7:00 pm

affiliate member programs

All are free and open to the public

Non-profit organizations whose missions focus on horticulture and the natural world are Affiliate members of the Friends of The Frelinghuysen Arboretum. Following are descriptions of groups who responded to our request for information to include in the Fall issue of Arboretum Leaves. We do have other Affiliate Members, i.e., Bartlett Tree Experts, the Garden Club of Morristown and the North Jersey Dablia Society who did not respond to our request. Take a moment to read about them and consider joining.

African Violet Club of Morris County

The African Violet Club of Morris County was started in the fall of 1994 and is an affiliate of the African Violet Society of America (AVSA). The purpose and goal of the group is to educate our members about the proper ways to grow African Violets successfully and to do the same for the public during our annual judged flower show. We support AVSA by encouraging membership and yearly donations. Meetings take place from Sept – June (except for Dec), on the 2nd Wed of the month at 7:30 pm, which includes a program on growing African Violets or their cousins in the Gesneriad family. Contact info: Ginny Heatter, president, vaheatter@yahoo.com or Karyn Cichocki, secretary, kdc05@ptd.net

Frelinghuysen Arboretum Gesneriad Society

The Frelinghuysen Arboretum Gesneriad Society is a chapter of The Gesneriad Society. Our mission and goal is to educate not only our members but the public about the family of Gesneriads (family of plants that African Violets belong to), their cultural needs and propagation and to educate the public during our annual flower show. Meetings take place at the arboretum from Sept – June (except for Jan) on the 1st Thurs of the month at 7:30 pm and include an educational program. As a chapter of The Gesneriad Society, we support the society by promoting membership and making yearly donations, which promote Gesneriad research. Contact info: Ginny Heatter, president, vaheatter@yahoo.com or Jill Fischer, secretary, HFJG.Fischer@comcast.net

Great Swamp Bonsai Society

The Great Swamp Bonsai Society enjoys a membership ranging from beginners to artists of national and international renown, all dedicated to sharing our interest in, and enjoyment of, this fascinating art form. We usually meet the second Tuesday of the month (except for December, February, and August) from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. Meetings are informal, free and open to the public. For more information, and to get our free newsletter, contact John Michalski at huonia@aol.com, or check out our Facebook Page (Great Swamp Bonsai Society).

Home Garden Club of Morristown

The Home Garden Club of Morristown, founded in 1925, welcomes members with all levels of gardening experience. We share interest in the advancement of horticulture, conservation and civic beauty in cooperation with the Garden Club of New Jersey. Our meetings are held the

third Wednesday of the month at the Arboretum. Meetings include lectures, hands-on workshops and trips to gardens. Some of our civic projects are planting urn displays at historic Acorn Hall, participating in horticultural therapy at Lyons Veterans Hospital and creating holiday wreaths for historic sites in Morristown. All meetings at the Arboretum are open to the public. For more information contact Pam Venanzi at pdv51@optonline.net.

New Jersey Mycological Society

The New Jersey Mycological Association is a non-profit organization whose aims are to provide a means for sharing ideas, experiences, knowledge and common interests regarding fungi, and to furnish mycological information and educational materials to those who wish to increase their knowledge about mushrooms. We run forays throughout the state where experienced club members and newer members find and identify fungi found in the woods. Annual membership is \$10.00 for individuals and \$15.00 for families. The website is www.njmyco.org.

New Jersey State Chrysanthemum Society

The New Jersey State Chrysanthemum Society aims to stimulate, foster and increase interest and activity in the culture of chrysanthemums through educational lectures, instructional workshops, competitive shows and informal discussions among members, many of whom are expert growers. We welcome all who are interested in knowing and growing this quintessential queen of the fall: the chrysanthemum. Meetings are held at 1:00 pm on the first Friday of March, April, June, September, October & November. In May, attendees at our Mum School get hands-on planting experience and detailed care and feeding instructions so they will have blooms to enter in our October show. Dues are \$25/year. For membership and/or more information, contact Karen Mastromano (973-992-6197; Kmastx@aol.com) or Cindy Hedin (908-655-6261; cphedinb@icloud.com)

North American Butterfly Association

The North American Butterfly Club (NABA) was created in 1992 by Jeffrey Glassman, who is the Association's President. The NABA was formed in order to promote awareness of butterfly conservation and the benefits of butterfly gardening, observation, photography and education. Garry Annibal is the President of the New Jersey Chapter of the NABA. The New Jersey Chapter meet on the first Tuesday of the month, except for July, August and December. Contact NABA at butterflyclubnj@gmail.com.

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North American Rock Garden Society – Watnong Chapter

The core mission of the North American Rock Garden Society, of which the Watnong group forms a chapter, is the cultivation, conservation, and knowledge of rock garden plants, their value, habits and geographical distribution as well as interest in good garden design and the mutual exchange of experience and knowledge about gardening. However, the Watnong group also has programs about a variety of related topics, such as companion trees or native plants that mix well with rock gardens. Usually we have five program meetings a year, with refreshments, plus a summer picnic and/or soiree in a notable garden, a bus trip, a plant sale, and visits to members' gardens.

In 2020, in lieu of the face to face activities for the rest of the year, we will hold three program meetings on Zoom in the fall. Dues are only \$10 per person or \$15 per couple; if you are interested in joining our group and activities, please contact the chair, Roxanne.hiltz@gmail.com.

Northeast Judging Center of the American Orchid Society

The Northeast Judging Center meets monthly on the third Saturday of every month, when approximately 10-15 Orchid Judges get together at 10:00 AM for training, followed by orchid judging. People bring their orchids from far and near to be judged, as AOS awards are highly coveted. In December, the group hosts an orchid auction that attracts a large following. Email John D. Sullivan, Vice Chair at northeastjudgingcenter@gmail.com.

TriState African Violet Council and the New Jersey Council of African Violet Judges

Tristate African Violet Council members are representatives from affiliated clubs in New Jersey, southern New York and eastern Pennsylvania as well as others interested in

the propagation of African violets. Meetings are on the 3rd Saturday in February, June, and September. An annual show is usually the first weekend in November. Individual membership is \$10.00 for two years, June - May, and family membership is \$15.00 for two years, June - May.

For further information email Janet Riemer at j_riemer@comcast.net, or call 609-737-1699.

Tri-State Hosta Society

The Tri-State Hosta Society was founded in 1993 by 3 hosta lovers in New Jersey and Long Island. Originally intended as a society of like-minded gardeners in the New York Metropolitan area, our membership now includes hostaphiles in several other states as well, including North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Maryland, to name a few. We meet three times a year, usually having a winter doldrums luncheon competition in January, a hosta plant sale in the spring, and an educational meeting in October with a guest speaker offering a program on hostas and/or companion shade perennials. Our membership dues are \$20 for a two-year membership or \$25 for a three-year membership. Membership includes the three aforementioned indoor meetings, one or more open member gardens in the summer, an annual picnic, and a quarterly award-winning newsletter. We proudly sponsor and maintain a public hosta display garden at the Skylands Botanical Garden in Ringwood, NJ. Further information and photos of our activities can be found on our website, www.tristatehosta.org, or on our Facebook page. Our current President, Dave Chopko has an outstanding hosta garden in Boonton and is an active member of the American Hosta Society. He may be reached by email at daveroc2@aol.com. We are always delighted to welcome new members and our Membership Chair is Gene Tappan in West Milford. His email address is genetappan@hotmail.com and a membership application can be found on our website.



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