Gingerbread Wonderland 2017
Celebrating 26 Years of Wonder! December 1–10

In 1991, staff and Board Members of The Friends of The Frelinghuysen Arboretum thought that having a display of gingerbread houses would bring guests to our lovely gardens at a usually quiet time of year. They were right. That first year, there were under a dozen exhibits and a few hundred guests. Recent shows have featured over 200 displays and attracted over 13,000 guests!

Be a part of this Morris County holiday tradition this year by entering and then visiting the show. Complete rules are available on our website on October 1, along with a link to lots of images from shows over the years.

The magic of Gingerbread is hard to describe. “Gingerbreads” are not only houses, but also landmarks, trains, planes, and animals and include every theme from favorite show tunes to commercials, from family vacations to superheroes. It’s a collaborative thing of joy that celebrates our diversity and our commonality. Start your holiday by sharing your talents, points of view and memories at the 2017 Gingerbread Wonderland!

Gingerbread Craft Show
Holiday shopping is easy at our Gingerbread Wonderland Craft Show, now in its eighth year. Our “handmade only” show features local crafters offering beautiful, affordable and completely handmade gifts perfect for yourself or that special person on your list.

Dates: Saturday, December 2, Sunday, December 3,
Saturday, December 9, Sunday, December 10

Time: 10:00 am – 4:30 pm

Cost: $2 per person gains entry to both the Craft Show and Gingerbread Wonderland

Preview Party at Gingerbread Wonderland
Members are invited to attend the 26th Annual Gingerbread Wonderland, free of charge on Thursday, November 30 from 3:30 pm – 7:30 pm. After viewing the exhibit, come to the lower level for live music, complementary food tastings provided by local restaurants, an ugly sweater contest, exhibits and more!

Please register for this event online, or by mail.

See Page 5 for complete details about Gingerbread Wonderland
The Annual Meeting of The Friends of The Frelinghuysen Arboretum took place in June, combining a business meeting and awards ceremony with a wonderful program. Two new officers were elected to the Friends' Board: Heather Emelander as Vice President, and Alexander Liu as our Treasurer. Heather brings valuable experience from Acorn Hall, where she was a Board member for 12 years and President for 6 of those years. Alex is new to the Board, but brings extensive business experience with financial and IT systems. Alex replaces Kathy Kane, who completed her 2-year term after making major contributions to the Friends policies and operations. The Board accepted with regret the resignation of member Beth Riley, who developed the Retail Partners Program during her 6 years of service. Many thanks to these and all our Board members for their dedication and hard work.

Heather Emelander, in her role as Chair of the Blackburn Scholarship Committee, presented a scholarship award of $2,000 to Hunter Hildebrant. This year, the Watnong Chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society contributed $500 toward the scholarship award. The remainder was funded by the proceeds of the Blackburn Scholarship Lecture, held in February and featuring distinguished speaker William Thomas, Director of Chanticleer Gardens. The award honors the memory of Dr. Benjamin Blackburn, and his instrumental role at the Arboretum in its early years.

Awards Chair Sally Hemsen then presented the Friends’ Annual Award to Tom Castronovo, founder of the publication Gardener News and its editor for the past 26 years. The award recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions to the horticultural world. Among Tom’s many accomplishments are his role in promoting legislation leading to improved practices in the landscape industry. He also helped promote a bill that declares the first Friday in June as New Jersey Garden Day, to encourage the public to visit New Jersey gardens and arboreta. Tom is also one of the founding members of the Garden State Gardens Association. Congratulations Tom!

Finally, guest speaker Regina Carlson gave an inspiring presentation on "Gardening with Passion, Conscience, and Good Sense," full of wisdom and tips from her many years of experience in her Summit garden. We all took home several ideas on how to make gardening easier and more enjoyable.

On a personal note, one of the most heart-warming of my duties as President is to acknowledge the contributions that individuals make to the Friends of the Frelinghuysen Arboretum. Many of these are accompanied by touching letters that describe how much they or the person they are honoring enjoy gardening and visiting the Arboretum. Others mention the beauty of the gardens, and the peace and release from stress that a visit brings them. The Friends sincerely appreciate these contributions that support our mission — a heartfelt thank you to our generous donors.

Judy Snow, President

2017 Benjamin C. Blackburn Scholarship Recipient Announced

The Friends are pleased to announce the selection of Hunter Hildebrant of Hackettstown as the recipient of the 2017 Benjamin C. Blackburn Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded annually to one or more students matriculating in the County College of Morris’ Landscape and Horticultural Technology Program. Hunter is a fifth-generation farmer who works as a full-time partner on her family’s fifty-six-acre property, RH Farm (formerly Iona Hill).

The Hildebrants provide their community with seasonal produce, operate a retail market on site, and provide fresh produce to ten select urban farm markets each week. It was a dream of Hunter’s father to bring ‘country magic’ to the city. When he died in 2012 he left a legacy that Hunter plans to honor and develop with modern techniques and business practices.

The Friends wish her success and great growing weather. Go Hunter!

Would you like to receive a paperless version of Arboretum Leaves & the Annual Report?

Help us go green, and get your Arboretum Leaves sooner!

If you would like to receive Arboretum Leaves via email, please contact Margery Ennist at mennist@morrisparks.net. You will receive the next issue of Arboretum Leaves as a PDF instead of receiving a paper copy in the mail. PDFs will be emailed on the same day that the paper copies are mailed, so you will get Arboretum Leaves first!
What’s So Great About: Cold Frames
Learn to extend the growing season in both directions and to grow winter hardy greens like spinach, mache, and claytonia. Serious gardeners wouldn’t be without one, and neither should you.
This program is eligible for 1.0 Rutgers Master Gardener CEU’s.
Date: Wednesday, October 18 – Register by October 11
Time: 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Cost: $5 per person

Glorious Shade:
A Lecture by Jenny Rose Carey
Jenny Rose Carey is a renowned educator, historian, author, and the senior director at the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society’s Meadowbrook Farm in Jenkintown, PA. Her new book Glorious Shade is a stunning look at the world of shade gardens including techniques, design and maintenance tips to turn a shady yard into a sumptuous garden. A book signing follows the lecture.
This program is eligible for 1.5 Rutgers Master Gardener CEU’s.
Date: Saturday, October 21 – Register by October 14
Time: 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Cost: $20 members / $25 non-members

Herbal Lip Balm Workshop
Make your own herbal lip balm using beeswax and shea butter. It’s fun, easy, and makes a great gift. Each participant makes 3 differently scented balms.
Date: Thursday, October 19 – Register by October 12
Time: 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Cost: $10 members / $12 non-members

Holiday Swag Workshop
Get a jump on your holiday decorating by making your own outdoor swag under the expert tutelage of Marge Hulstrunk and Russell Gatzke. All materials are provided, but please bring your own pruners and a box in which to carry home your creation.
Date: Saturday, November 25 – Register by November 15
Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Cost: $30 members / $40 non-members
1st Sunday Tour of The Frelinghuysen Arboretum
Meet us in the lobby of the Haggerty Education Center for the season’s final tour of the grounds of The Frelinghuysen Arboretum. Learn some of the history and enjoy the beauty of this exceptional horticultural site with a knowledgeable tour guide.
Date: Sunday, October 1
Time: 2:00 pm
Cost: $3 per person, exact change please

2nd Sunday Tour of Willowwood Arboretum
Meet us by the Directory in the parking area for a tour of the beautiful grounds of Willowwood Arboretum. Learn some of the history and enjoy the beauty of this exceptional horticultural site with a knowledgeable tour guide.
Date: Sunday, October 8
Time: 2:00 pm
Cost: $3 per person, exact change please

3rd Sunday Tour of the Gardens at Bamboo Brook
Meet us in the upper parking area at Bamboo Brook Outdoor Education Center for a tour of the Gardens at Bamboo Brook. Learn some of the history and enjoy the beauty of this exceptional horticultural site with a knowledgeable tour guide.
Date: Sunday, October 15
Time: 2:00 pm
Cost: $3 per person, exact change please

Cooking Demonstration: Apples
Sample some of the best apples that New Jersey has to offer while the harvest is in full swing. Crepes, brown betty, soup and salad are on the menu.
Date: Sunday, October 22 – Register by October 13
Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Cost: $20 members / $25 non-members

Cooking Demonstration: Genius Ginger
We go beyond gingerbread and work with ginger in its many forms. Candied, fresh, and powdered ginger are used in dishes both sweet and savory.
Date: Sunday, November 19 – Register by November 12
Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Cost: $20 members / $25 non-members

art in the Arboretum

In Our Gallery
October – Beautiful Nature
Enjoy the beauty of New Jersey and other areas through the spectacular photography of Mary Shadbolt who specializes in floral, landscape, and travel photography.

November – Paintings
Inspired by Nature’s Gift
Spectacular oil paintings by the mother-daughter team of Nancy and Lisa Quatrocchi who specialize in still life, landscape, portraits and painting en plein air.

Expressions of Nature
Stroll through the gardens and meet local artists recreating the beautiful scenery through their art. Learn about their techniques, motivations, and styles. Artists display their work for viewing and purchase.
Date: Sunday October 8, rain date October 15
Time: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Cost: FREE
Gardenworks volunteers donate their time, experience, and skills to make valuable contributions to our public gardens. By working alongside our professional horticulture staff, volunteers assist in beautifying our arboretums. Volunteers perform tasks such as planting, pruning, propagating, edging, weeding and raking. This is a perfect opportunity to learn new horticultural skills while enjoying the company of fellow garden enthusiasts. Gardenworks begins in the early spring and continues into the fall season. Tools and refreshments are provided.

The Gardenworks Program runs as follows:
- Frelinghuysen Arboretum: TUESDAYS, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Willowwood Arboretum: WEDNESDAYS, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Bamboo Brook: THURSDAYS, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Please contact Patti Millar, Horticulture Volunteer Program Coordinator, at pmillar@morrisparks.net or at 973-326-7629, for additional Gardenworks volunteer information.

Pests and Diseases of Ornamental Woody Plants

Rich Buckley and Sabrina Tirpak of Rutgers Plant Diagnostic Lab bring their considerable knowledge and expertise to give insight into diagnostic procedures, best management practices and timing of treatment.

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

Date: Friday, November 3 – Register by October 25
Time: 9:00 am – 11:00 am
Cost: $15 members / $20 non-members

In the Dooryard: Essential Weeds at Our Feet – Lecture and Salve Making Workshop

Rachel Mackow, owner of Wild Ridge Plants, shares her wealth of knowledge as she weaves together the ecology of common native and non-native plants with their modern and historical uses as food and medicinal remedies. The presentation is followed by a salve-making workshop using those “essential weeds at our feet” that participants will bring home.

Date: Saturday, November 18 – Register by November 11
Time: 10:00 am – Noon
Cost: $20 members / $25 non-members

Gingerbread Wonderland 2017

This December marks the 26th Anniversary of Gingerbread Wonderland. Guests, young and old, marvel at the creativity, skill and sense of optimism that characterizes this charming and ecumenical exhibit of hundreds of edible structures. Vote for your personal favorite in The People’s Choice Award, sponsored by Shop Rite of Morristown. An award will be given to the first place winners in each of six categories: Adult, Family, Children, School, Scout and Special Needs. Groups of 8 or more must make a reservation to visit by calling 973-326-7601.

Dates: Friday, December 1 – Sunday, December 10
Time: 10:00 am – 4:30 pm daily,
Fridays until 7:30 pm
Cost: $2 per person, children under 2 FREE

Gingerbread Tips and Techniques

If you’ve always wanted to have an entry in our Gingerbread Wonderland Exhibit but don’t know where to begin, this is the class for you! Learn some tips and techniques from a professional baker to get you on your way. It’s a great family, scout or school group activity and it is definitely not too early to get started.

Date: Saturday, October 21
Time: 10:00 am – 11:30 am
Cost: $5 per house

Gardenworks Horticulture Volunteer
Morris County Park Commission

Do you like working outdoors?
Do you have an interest in gardening?
Would you like to increase your horticultural knowledge?

Come discover our Gardenworks program and get involved!
Sprouts and Seedlings

Plant the seeds for a love of nature in Sprouts or Seedlings. In these programs, preschoolers ages 2-3 (Sprouts) and 4-5 (Seedlings) 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, a hands-on activity based on the theme and complete the class with an outdoor exploration of the arboretum. Dress for the weather! Pre-registration preferred, walk-ins welcome.

Wednesday, October 4
Sprouts: Fall Flower Power
Seedlings: Fabulous Fall Flowers

Wednesday, October 11
Sprouts: Crunchy, Juicy, Tart, and Sweet!
Seedlings: An Apple A Day!

Wednesday, October 18
Sprouts: Scaredy Crows!
Seedlings: Scarecrows Don’t Scare Me!

Wednesday, October 25
Sprouts: Pumpkins Pumpkins!
Seedlings: Pumpkin Party

Wednesday, November 1
Sprouts: Leaf Dance
Seedlings: We All Fall Down

Wednesday, November 8
Sprouts: Up and Down in the Dirt
Seedlings: Plant In A Package

Wednesday, November 15
Sprouts: Counting Soup
Seedlings: Harvest Is Here

Times: Sprouts programs are from 10:00 am – 11:00 am
Seedlings programs are from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Cost: $5 per child
**affiliate member programs**

All are free and open to the public

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**African Violet Club of Morris County**
Propagating African Violets – cultural requirements of African Violets will be discussed as well as the different methods of propagation.
Wednesday, October 11 7:30 pm
Streptocarpus – learn how to grow and propagate these cousins of African Violets
Wednesday, November 8 7:30 pm

**Frelinghuysen Arboretum Gesneriad Society**
This “Gesneriads in History” show and sale of the beautiful, diminutive, exotic cousins of African Violets is a must see. There will be plant experts on hand to answer all your growing questions during a Q & A session from 1:00-2:00 pm.
Sunday, October 1 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
General meeting
Thursday, November 2 7:30 pm

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**Great Swamp Bonsai Society**
Bonsai Education Lecture
Tuesday, October 24 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Tuesday, November 14 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm
For Updates in topics and changes in dates and times please visit our webpage at: [http://www.arboretumfriends.org/gsbonsai/](http://www.arboretumfriends.org/gsbonsai/)

**Home Garden Club of Morristown**
General Meeting
Wednesday, October 18 11:30 am
Dan Furman, owner of Cricket Hill Gardens presents a talk on the botany and cultivation of Peonies in the U.S., China & Japan. Eligible for 1.0 Rutgers Master Gardeners CEU’s.
Wednesday, October 18 1:00 pm
General Meeting
Wednesday, November 15 11:30 am

**New Jersey Mycological Association**
Annual Fungus Fest: Explore the Magical World of Fungi and Lichens. Participants are welcome to bring in mushrooms they find in their yards to be identified by our experts. Many different interests are showcased at this event including: mushroom identification, taxonomy, mushroom dyes for wool, paper making with fungus, mushroom cultivation, medicinal uses, and the ever popular cooking demonstration with exotic mushrooms from Phillips Mushroom Farm in Kennett Square.
Sunday September 24 10:00 am – 4:30 pm

**New Jersey State Chrysanthemum Society**
Regular Meeting – Program is the “Members Show”.
Entries not mature enough for Annual Show in October are entered and will be judged in a member-to-member competition. Mum Topic will be “How to select mums for next year” with success and failure stories.
Friday, November 3 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

**North American Butterfly Association**
Tuesday, October 3 7:30 pm
Members Night – Members will show their favorite photos from the 2017 butterfly season.
Tuesday, November 14 7:30 pm

**North American Rock Garden Society – Watnong Chapter**
Sunday, October 8 10:00 am
Ernie Cavallo, ‘Galanthophilia, A Good Kind of Love’
Saturday, November 18 10:00 am

**Tri-State African Violet Council**
55th Annual Show and Sale – The theme of this year’s show is “Violets in the Kitchen.” African violets and other gesneriads will be on sale at the show. African violets and gesneriads will be displayed in both horticulture and design classes, and judged by African Violet judges. TriState members will be available to answer questions and to dialogue with visitors at the show. Admission is free! Come see many of the various African violet and gesneriad species and hybrids!
Saturday, November 4 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Sunday, November 5 10:30 am -2:00 pm

**Tri-State Hosta Society**
Lecture by Dave Wänninger, the Head Horticulturist at the Boerner Botanical Garden in Milwaukee.
Saturday, October 28 12:30 pm
The Friends of The Frelinghuysen Arboretum
353 East Hanover Avenue, P.O. Box 1295
Morristown, NJ 07962-1295

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Pam Venanzi
Secretary
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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.

calendar of events

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### 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: 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, 393 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. 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.

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### membership form

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

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*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 arboretumfriends.org
As a member of The Friends of The Frelinghuysen Arboretum you can enjoy discounts at our Retail Partners. Please show your Friends’ membership card at time of purchase.

Retail Partners Program
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

BARTLETT TREE EXPERTS
1-877-BARTLETT bartlett.com
15% discount tree feeding

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 condursos.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.

COUNTRY MILE GARDENS
1108 Mt. Kemble Avenue, Morristown
973-425-0088 countrymilegardens.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.

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.

J&M HOME & GARDEN
201 Main Street, Madison
973-377-4740 jmhome.com
10% discount all plant material. Not to be combined with other offers.

KUPERUS FARMSIDE GARDENS & FLORIST
19 Loomis Avenue, Sussex
973-875-3160 farmsidegardens.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.

METROPOLITAN PLANT EXCHANGE
471 Mt. Pleasant Avenue, West Orange (locations also in Fort Lee and Paramus)
973-736-1997 metropolitanplantexchange.com
10% off anything in store. Not to be combined with other offers; excludes fresh flowers.

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.

POLLARD WOOD FARM, LLC
240 Mitchell Road, Mansfield
908-399-7655 pollardwoodfarm.com
10% discount on plants, does not apply to sale items. Note: Open to the public on Open Farm Days only. Please check website before visiting.

RARE FIND NURSERY
957 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.

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

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