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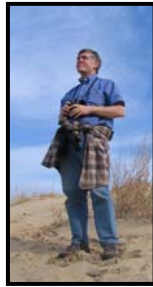
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Mark your calendar: Sunday, September 16th! The Willowwood Arboretum presents several special events from Noon to 4 pm on Sunday, September 16.



At 1 pm, the *Dr. Edmund W. Stiles Observation Platform* will be formally dedicated in honor of Dr. 'Ted' Stiles, a long time WW Fdn. Trustee, Past President, and ardent supporter. His efforts to preserve our irreplaceable natural heritage, and inspire us through his dedication to conservation, were unparalleled. As a Rutgers Professor of Botany, he arranged for his students to catalog the WW Lilac Collection and set up a computerized list of all the plantings at WW. Ted was a hiker and loved walking through WW. The observation platform overlooks the meadows towards

Bamboo Brook and meadow tours will be led by the New Jersey Conservation Foundation after the dedication to honor Ted.

At 2 pm: Musical entertainment by All Trio's Evan Lane and Friends with their rollicking mix of folk, rock, bluegrass and original compositions guarantee dancing on the lawns. Bring a blanket!



Local author, Michael Hartnett, highlights the afternoon reading stories of 'Leavers' Shelley Crux and Cordelia the Catfish. Phenomenal events of imaginary wonder await children who learn of these wonderful characters who inhabit the world of 'Allamucha'.

Other events include: a rare peak inside the Tubbs House with its original furnishings. Tours will be led by the Horticulture Gardeners with fall planting tips as you visit the gardens. And plants will be for sale as well.



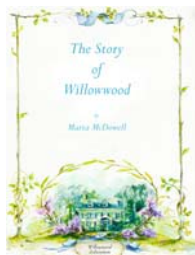
Bring your picnic lunch and lawn blanket or quench your thirst with complimentary light refreshments.

Noon to 4 pm, Sunday September 16th...Free to the Public.

Willowwood Foundation elects new Officers & Trustees: At its annual May meeting, the Board of Trustees elected Rob Diemar as President, Brace Krag, Vice President, Katie Porter, Secretary and Stathis Andris as Treasurer. Joining the Board of Trustees for a three year term were Alice Cutler, Past President of the Macculloch Hall Historical Museum, Morristown, Ayanna Hill-Gill, current Head of Purnell School and formerly of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, Becky Terry, associated with John Charles Smith & Associates and member of the Somerset Hills Garden Club and Kate Burke Walsh, Head of The Willow School, an environmentally focused school and WW Arboretum neighbor.

GIFT Books Now Available for the Holiday Season:

The Willowood Foundation is pleased to announce that signed copies of “*The Story of Willowood*” by Marta McDowell, (\$10 + s&h) and “*Willowood in Pictures*”, (\$40 + s&h) a full color hardcover pictorial



walk through the seasons at the Willowood Arboretum are now available.

Marta McDowell, noted botanical author and landscape historian, has written a complete history of Willowood, the Tubbs brothers, the gardens and collections and has included many photos from the Tubbs-Blackburn archives now preserved by the Morris County Park Commission.

Many local amateur photographers submitted over 2500 incredibly beautiful seasonal photos of the gardens, buildings and artistic objects for “*Willowood in Pictures*”, adapted by Trustee Ray Rogers, garden book author and winner of over 397 blue ribbons and 88 top awards at the Philadelphia International Flower Show, and designed and edited by fellow Trustees Dan Will and Leslie Allain.

Both books—companion volumes—are a great holiday gift or treasured remembrance for an out of town friend or beloved gardener.

Call 908 234 1815 or email:
wwfoundation@willowoodfoundation.com

Check out the new website:
www.willowoodarboretum.org !
Directions, photos, contest and event info, history, garden information and maps and our store —
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And as 2012 comes to an end, remember that a Corporate Match *doubles your gift* and the deadline is December 31 if Tax Planning or IRA charitable withdrawals play a pivotal role.

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Volunteers!

The incredible WW Horticulture Volunteers contributed 891 hours of maintenance in the gardens and plant collections, propagation, and seed collecting.



Willow School students focus on caring for the earth every day. They celebrated Earth Day at WW by clearing the Bamboo Grove for a new walking path.

Corporate workers from LifeCell, donated a service Day in May removing non native Shrubs from woodland by the Bee Meadow area for new replanting projects.



The Poinier Azalea Collection

Mrs. Lois Poinier donated many Glendale Azaleas from her collection to Willowwood when she moved from her home in Chester



several years ago. She visited this Spring to see her plants, now grown and in bloom. Mrs. Poinier was a noted local landscape designer who worked with her mother Helen Page Wodell who was well known for her lovely garden designs in the Short Hills area.

Garden Labels Available:

Place your Order for permanent aluminum arborum plant tags customized for your garden. Blending into the landscape yet an enduring record of gifts of love, hard work and beauty, these labels can be shipped in 10-15 days.

Label size: 1 3/4 x 3 1/2 inches with 5 lines.

Cost: \$20.00 for a minimum order of 10 labels
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Arboretum News:

This past fall and spring, 65 new trees and shrubs were planted in the Alfalfa Field, Brook Path, Butternut Brook, Cottage Garden, Fenton dale, Hacklebarney Field, Hillside Pasture, Rosarie, and Winter Garden. Among these were (19) *Magnolia*, (8) *Pinus*, (6) *Prunus*, (6) *Rosa*, (5) *Syringa*, (23) *Taxus*, and (4) *Tsuga*.

In 2011, The Nursery Staff propagated 12,148 plants from seed and 237 plants from cuttings. 208 packets of seed were received from 14 institutions via the International Seed Exchange (*Index Seminum*).

A Japanese Snowbell tree was planted in honor of *Mary Bartow*, Willowwood Foundation Trustee Emeritus, who continued the Tubbs-Blackburn tradition of the beloved *Lilac Party*.

Two large rectangular beds and the urn bed in Pan's Garden were renovated and replanted in a tapestry design using white flowering plants including *As tilbe*, *Heuchera*, *Lilium*, *Lobelia*, *Paeonia*, *Phlox*, *Physostegia*, *Polemonium*, and *Veronica*.

Renovation is ongoing this fall.



The *Magnolia Collection* was expanded to include twelve new magnolias including 'Black Tulip', Blushing-Belle', 'Coral Lake', 'Genie', 'Marilyn', 'Purple Prince', 'Royal Crown', and 'Vulcan' in the Hillside Pasture. Thanks, *John Beirne and Rich Hesselein* for your advice and to donors who made these acquisitions possible!

A lovely rustic oil jar donated by the *Home Garden Club of Morristown* has been placed on the back porch of the Tubbs House and surrounded by seasonal plantings. A second matching jar was donated by the WW Fdn.



The *Hosta Collection* was expanded with the addition of nine new cultivars in shady spots near the Stone and Red Barns, in the Cornelian Cherry bed, and adjacent to the Cypress Lawn.

The historic *yew "shotgun" hedge* in the Cottage Garden was replanted with 23 plants grown from cuttings from the original hedge.

Following the retirement of Jay Jordan, *Judy Schaible* has been promoted to



Assistant Superintendent and is now responsible for the daily garden operations at Willowwood, Bamboo Brook and the Kay Center. Judy, a Rutgers Grad in Ornamental Horticulture, previously was responsible for the WW Stone Barn / Red Barn gardens and containers, the Rosarie and the Winter Garden, plus the Butterfly Garden at the Kay Center.

See willowwoodarboretum.org for photos and more info...

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Save the Dates...

Open House and Dr. Edmund Stiles Observation Platform Dedication
Sunday, September 16, Noon to 4 pm

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Lilac Party, Sunday, May 19, 2013



Wish List for the Willowwood Arboretum

Help us to maintain the dreams of Henry and Robert Tubbs by funding a Willowwood initiative at the Arboretum. Seating for our guests, garden fixtures and plantings, trees for our Magnolia or Cherry Collections, Narcissus & Crocus bulbs for our meadows or even staff tools and equipment. All are needed to continue Willowwood as the very special treasure it is. Or volunteer a few hours each week in our gardens in the *GardenWorks* Program.



We need your help! As a fellow gardener or as one who simply treasures our living museum, please contact the Willowwood Foundation at 908-234-1815 or via email wwfoundation@willowwoodfoundation.com to discuss the possibilities.



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