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ABOUT NATIVE
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PLANTS.

*The Willowwood
Arboretum is a facility
of the Morris County
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*300 Longview Road,
Chester Township*

*Open daily 8 am
to dusk
Free to the Public*

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experience*
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Sunday, May 19, The Lilac Party

The Willowwood Foundation hosts the 18th Annual *Lilac Party* Celebration and Willowwood Arboretum Fundraiser on Sunday, May 19th. This much adored *Lilac Garden Party* tradition, co chaired by Anne Peterson and Becky Terry, starts at 4:30 pm at the Willowwood Arboretum. No longer held under the lilacs as it was during Hal Tubbs and Ben Blackburn's residence, party go'ers now taste scrumptious hors d'oeuvres and sample spring wines at a wine tasting hosted by Chris Cree, 56 degree wine, under our tent—rain or shine. And of course, during the evening, the renown Somerset Hills men's a cappella chorus "**The Ten**" will offer two performances of their rollicking repertoire in the Stone Barn. The Silent Auction for savvy and newbie gardeners features unusual flowering plants, hard to find veggies and a few wonderful surprises from Willowwood, local growers and private gardens plus botanical art and garden works.



Proceeds from the Lilac Party are used to fund the horticultural intern program and needed garden plantings and restoration at the Willowwood Arboretum.

Advance Reservations to the *Lilac Party* are required. For ticket information or if you would like an invitation sent to a friend, call the Willowwood Foundation at 908-234-1815 or email wwfoundation@willowwoodfoundation.com. Past photos from the Lilac Party Tradition are on the website: www.willowwoodfoundation.com

Those who cannot attend the party are invited to enjoy the Lilac Collection from late April through May.

2012 Daffodil Photo Winners



After spirited voting on the Top Ten Choices by attendees at last year's Mother's Day and at the *Lilac Party*, a photo by Ashton Temples of Flanders was selected for 1st Place. Chosen for 2nd Place was a photo by Michael Hartnett. 3rd Place was a tie and both photos were photographed by Gene Moretti.

Photos will be on display in Willowwood's Stone Barn during the Spring Season, Monday through Friday. All photos are featured on Willowwood's website.

2013 WW Foundation *Magnolia Photo Contest* entries must be submitted by April 30th. Email jpegs to us at: ww@willowwoodfoundation.com.

Website: www.WillowwoodArboretum.org

Moms & Willowwood + lots of Spring Flowers on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12.

Pamper your favorite lady with a afternoon visit to the Willowwood Arboretum. The Spring Gardens and Lilacs are a splendid backdrop for that very special family photo. Guided tours by horticulture staff. Enjoy folk, country and bluegrass music by the A.L.L. Trio! Light refreshments. Unusual lilacs for sale. Noon to 4:30 pm. For more information, visit our website.



Free to the Public.

Lilacs, Lilacs, Lilacs...In

the Lilac Party tradition, every guest receives a gift of a lilac that can be planted in your own garden for years of wonderful Willowwood scents. Pamela Wilson, Propagator, has selected:

For our Benefactors and Patrons: two very interesting lilacs:

Syringa vulgaris 'Andenken an Ludwig Spath'

has lovely slender panicles of dark, purple-red flowers.

The Royal Horticultural Society has given it their prestigious Award of Garden Merit. Late Spring bloom; Strongly fragrant.



Syringa vulgaris 'President Grevy' is a classic French Hybrid Lilac with

double, lilac-blue, large fragrant flowers that bloom in May.



AND: For those Benefactors & Patrons who would

like something a little different in their garden, we present:

Azalea Weston's Popsicle'. Wonderfully fragrant, dark pink flowers with an orange flare that open in early June. Burgundy color in fall.



Sponsors: select one of the following choices:



Syringa vulgaris 'Albert F. Holden' - A Father Fiala introduction features deep lilac-violet blooms with a silvery blush

on the reverse of the petals giving it a bi color effect. Heavy fragrance.

Syringa vulgaris 'Taras Bulba' is

a rare beauty because of its double iridescent lavender red buds that open to exquisite triple florets.



Syringa vulgaris 'Primrose'

Beloved in Europe and hard to find here, this shrub won a Royal Horticultural Society Award of Merit. It is a unique cultivar with perfumed, creamy yellowish blossoms in mid May.



Syringa x hyacinthiflora

'Old Glory'

has abundant fragrant bluish-purple flowers, rounded growth habit and leaves with improved disease tolerance.



A release by the National Arboretum's breeding program, it has the genetic makeup to stand up to sweltering heat and high humidity. Sweet fragrance in early Spring.

Syringa vulgaris 'Aucubaefolia'

has deciduous, unusual variegated foliage and double blue fragrant flowers that bloom in late May. Bees and Butterflies just love this lilac!



Garden Tours

Saturday, April 13 Willowwood, From The Manager's Perspective...

Join John Morse, Manager of Horticulture, for his personal tour of Willowwood Arboretum. Learn why this magnificent site is one of the finest horticultural facilities in N. J. John shares his unique perspective in this afternoon tour. Meet at the Stone Barn, wear good walking shoes and prepare to be wowed by the beauty of the gardens and the grounds of this very special place. **Time:** 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. **Cost:** \$12 **Reservations:** 973-326-7603

Thursday, May 23 Viburnums: A Must for Every Garden ...

From leaves to flowers discover why you need this wonderful shrub in your yard. Bryan Lowe will first review Viburnum in a lecture at the Stone Barn and then offer a personal tour of Willowwood's collection. Walking shoes a must! **Time:** 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. **Cost:** \$15 **Reservations:** 973-326-7603

The "Lilac Party"

Sunday,
May 19, 2013



4:30 pm - 7 pm

Wine Tasting by
Master of Wine, Chris Cree
56 degree wine

a cappella music by
"The Ten"

Silent Auction:
Many wonderful surprise plants
from growers and private
collections.
Botanical Artwork

Tickets required.
Call for info: 973 615 4841

Thank you !

Peapack Gladstone Bank

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56 degree wine
Morris County Park Commission
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Thank you To the friends of Willowwood who made generous donations this winter:

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Dietsch &
Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Dietsch
iho Ralph & Barbara Dietsch

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Mrs. Rosemary Lohrmann
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Mr. and Mrs. Marc Mink
Mr. and Mrs. Greydon Rhodes
Mr. Stuart Wagner, *Mills & DeFilippis, CPA's*

Wanted: Gardeners

Maintaining the beautiful gardens at the Willowwood Arboretum and now Bamboo Brook takes constant dedication and enthusiastic teamwork. The hands on *GardenWorks* program brings volunteers to the gardens one weekday morning. Enthusiastic amateurs and friendly master gardeners learn and work together in three short magical hours. Call Kate Gutierrez at 973-326-7629.

Garden Plant Labels:

This Spring as you buy new plants for your garden, embossed metal tags that identify them as found on the trees, shrubs and plants at Willowwood can be ordered to identify these special plants in your garden.

The copper colored tag accommodates 6 lines and generally lists botanical and common name, planting date, etc. OR we can customize the tags with whatever personal or planting information you would like to incorporate.

Contact the Willowwood Foundation at **908-234-1815**.

Label size: 1 3/4 x 3 1/2 inches.

Cost: \$20.00 for a order of 10 labels \$1.75 each additional label

Party'ers Wanted!

Contact MCPC Event Specialist Chris Knox at 973-326-7619 or cknox@morrisparks.net to **Experience the ultimate party venue!** Trees with twinkling lights surround the WW Stone Barn or your own private tent with room for dancing, creating a magical setting for any "very special" event. The Seasonal Gardens are glorious and perfect for photo ops. Willowwood or Bamboo Brook with its beautiful reflecting pools can be the setting for *your perfect party*—wedding, birthday, anniversary, etc.

News from the Willowood Gardens:

Wanted LILAC Planters and lovers! If you have attended our wonderful *Lilac Party* over the years and have planted your lilacs, the Willowwood Foundation would like to talk to you as part of a research project that is collecting data on growing Lilacs in NJ. We don't care if you are an expert gardener or just stuck them in the ground with high hopes. If you have at least three of the Lilac Party plantings at various ages/stages, give Leslie a call at 908 234 1815.

Openings for Seasonal Gardeners and Interns at Willowood

Seasonal gardener positions for those with experience in horticulture or gardening are available now at Willowood Arboretum for the 2013 growing season. Gardeners participate in all aspects of garden and arboretum management including but not limited to, planting, mulching, watering, weeding, pruning, fertilizing, mowing, propagating, and record keeping. Gardeners rotate through the different specialty gardens and collections and may select an area of concentration.

Internship Program: Each year the Willowwood Foundation helps an individual(s) obtain practical hands on gardening experience by funding an internship at WW. The program begins early spring through late fall and may run for three to eight months. Paid Interns (full- or part-time) are admitted on an as needed basis. In 2012 an internship was awarded to Holly Piascik, a Horticultural Therapy student at the County College of Morris.

All Applicants must possess a keen interest in horticulture and enjoy working outdoors. To learn more about each program, contact Kate Gutierrez at 973-326-7629 or kgutierrez@morrisparks.net.



Daffodils In Bloom and also coming soon:

Pansies are popping in the greenhouse!

Cherries, Magnolias — as soon as Mother Nature brings some warm weather!

Crabapple trees, lilacs—generally mid April, through May

Coming this summer:

The Cottage Garden— Ever changing, traditional florals with perennials, annuals, flowering bulbs and interesting heirloom veggies.

The Rosarie—Spectacular Mediterranean colorations, herbs, spiky foliage plants and other plantings that thrive in a sunny, protected exposure plus many new plants and interesting pots filled for the season.

Send your email address to: Contactus@willowwoodarboretum.org and we will let you know when each of the flowering collections begins its bloom!

Seeds from the Index Seminum now available. Email us for a list.

Magnolia Photo Contest announced: Photographers—get your cameras ready! The Willowwood Foundation's 2013 contest features Willowwood's **Magnolias** which generally in bloom in late March-April. Rules: All Magnolia photos must be taken at WW. Photos from the past or this year will qualify. Submit jpegs via email. Entry Deadline is April 30. Questions? More Information? Check our website www.willowwoodfoundation.com or Email: wwfoundation@willowwoodfoundation.com and we will let you know when they bloom.

Earth Day is April 22 but at Willowood as we dig in the gardens, every day is Earth Day! If you would like to help us GO GREEN, sign up for the Willowood Journal via email on the website: www.willowwoodarboretum.org.

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Save the Dates...

Mother's Day at Willowwood.....Sunday, May 12, 2013

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Sunday, May 19, 2013 ***Lilac Party*** ~ 4:30 PM

Wine tasting with Chris Cree, 56° Wine, plus "The Ten", Unusual Plants, Silent Auction

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Autumn Open House, Sunday, September 15th, Noon to 4 pm

Wish List for the Willowwood Arboretum

Attention all fish lovers (not only eating but watching)! Please contact the Willowwood Foundation if you would like to support the arboretum's resident fish—did you know there are very large comet goldfish—about 5-6 inches long who live year round in the conservatory? (Please do not feed them!) They need a new filter for their small but charming fishpond. For \$100 you can adopt them for the season *and* you can name them (as long as you can tell us who's who). Final decision on names is up to the fish caretaker!

Or if you are a gardener and/or like to design and fill big planters & pots, as a new (or past) Donor of \$100.+, you can visit one morning with one of our staff and help put together a variety of planters that are tucked into the Rosarie Garden. Or just ask questions one on one for an hour with our phenomenal staff. We've got lots of opportunities to breathe fresh air and reduce life's stress. Enjoy the sunshine, listen to the birds. Forget your cares and woes. You can email us for more information at wwfoundation@willowwoodfoundation.com.

YES! I want to help the Willowwood Foundation continue its support of the Willowwood Arboretum.

Please add me to your mailing list____. Email _____

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ payable to The Willowwood Foundation.

All donations are tax deductible under section 501© (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.)

Name: _____ Phone : _____

Address _____

Mail to: *The Willowwood Foundation, PO Box 218, Gladstone, NJ 07934* or call 908-234-1815 for more information

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