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## Revelers enjoy May's Lilac Party!



## Willowwood Foundation elects new officers:

At its annual meeting this May, the Board of Trustees elected Rob



Diemar as President. Rob succeeds Marshall Jeanes, whose Board leadership and accomplishments over the past fourteen years, were lauded by his fellow WW Fdn. and MCPC members.

At the *Lilac Party*, Mr. Jeanes, who has been a member of the board since the 1970's, was presented with a teak bench that will reside at Willowwood and will bear a plaque commemorating his years of service as President.

Stathis Andris was elected Treasurer to succeed Rob Diemar.

## *Willowwood Annual Fall "Open House" is scheduled on Sunday, September 25th!*

The Willowwood Arboretum will host its annual Autumn Open House from Noon to 4 pm on Sunday, September 25, 2011. Join guided tours of the Meadows, Rosarie and Cottage Gardens with the early fall foliage and listen to musical entertainment by Evan Lane and Friends. Enjoy a rare peek inside the Tubbs House with its original furnishings. Demonstrations by the Horticulture Gardeners with fall planting tips and a child's craft project (for a small fee) will highlight the afternoon. Bring your picnic lunch and lawn blanket or quench your thirst with complimentary cider and light refreshments from nearby Hacklebarney Farm.

**Free to the Public.**



## Garden Writers Host Willowwood Luncheon

**Tour:** On a blisteringly hot but beautiful July 22, 40 members of the Garden Writers Association (including WW Fdn. trustee Ray Rogers) from Massachusetts to Virginia visited gardens of the Morris County Park Commission during an annual regional meeting.

The day began at Willowwood, where everyone braved the memorable heat to enjoy a informative program by Scott

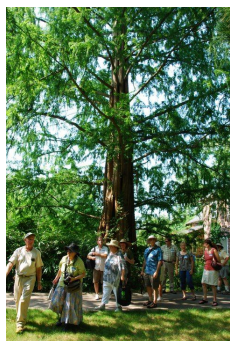
D'Agostino plus guided tours conducted by Gardener Judy Schaible and Horticulture Superintendent Jay

Jordan. Highlights included the very colorful

Cottage Garden and Rosarie as well as the shady Woodwalk, and many people were curious about the furnishings and artwork in the Tubbs House. All received a copy of the newly published *The Story of Willowwood* and were encouraged to consult it as they write related pieces for the various media to which they contribute.

A visit to neighboring Bamboo Brook offered an illustrated history presentation. Concluding the day was a fascinating exploration of the rare book collection presented by Lesley Parness, Superintendent of Horticulture Education, at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum.

*Submitted by Ray Rogers*



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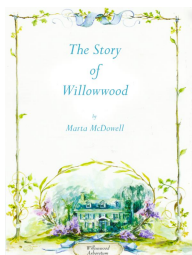
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Through contributions this year we funded garden restoration and new planting projects. And as 2011 comes to an end, remember that a Corporate Match *doubles your gift* and the deadline is December 31 if Tax Planning or IRA charitable withdrawals play a pivotal role for you.

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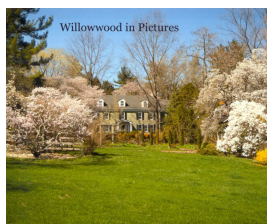


## Books Now Available:



The Willowwood Foundation is pleased to announce that copies of “*The Story of Willowwood*” by Marta McDowell, (\$10 + s&h) and

“*Willowwood in Pictures*”, (\$40 + s&h) a full color hardcover pictorial walk through the seasons at the Willowwood Arboretum are now available.



Marta McDowell, noted botanical author and landscape historian, has written a complete history of Willowwood, 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 “*Willowwood 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 now out of town friend or beloved gardener. Call to purchase at 908 234 1815 or email at [wwfoundation@willowwoodfoundation.com](mailto:wwfoundation@willowwoodfoundation.com)

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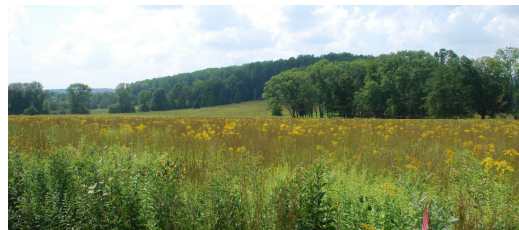
## Arboretum News:

Interested in Seed Collecting?! Want to learn how to prepare your garden for next Spring? Join the Willowwood Volunteers Wednesdays from 9 AM to Noon. Thumbs—green or not are always welcome! Wear Gardening clothes, bring gloves and a snack. Call Kate Gutierrez, Horticulture Volunteer Program Specialist, at 973-326-7629 to sign up and learn the secrets for next year’s garden.

Jim Bellis, WW Fdn. Trustee and owner of Tree-Tech, Inc., recently donated several hours of crew labor and equipment to work with John Morse, Manager of Horticulture, in a tree stump grinding project at Willowwood, improving the appearance and safety of several areas which will now be replanted. Thanks, Jim!

The Dr. Edmund “Ted” Stiles Observation Platform is under construction! And should be finished for Fall trail trekkers.

Ted was an ardent preservationist, a Professor of Botany at Rutgers University, Willowwood Foundation Trustee and past President and avid hiker who roamed the trails throughout Willowwood and Bamboo Brook, and often marveled at this incredibly beautiful, ever changing vista. Located between two walking trails at the eastern edge of the Hacklebarney meadow just beyond the Lilac Collection and north west of the Tubbs’ House, it faces down a gentle slope providing a western view towards Bamboo Brook.



Rosarie Gardener Judy Schaible took a few minutes to describe the process of turning Mrs. Ruth Thomson’s donated garden urn into a water feature in the Rosarie Garden just before the *Lilac Party*. This was Mrs. Thomson’s first trip to WW since the urn was installed last summer.

Pan’s Garden Resoration is underway this summer. New plantings will be put in the beds in mid August so look forward to a beautiful new garden next year.

**A Sunday Walk at Willowwood...Take a tour at 10 am, Sunday, September 11.** Learn the history, the significance of the plant collections and enjoy seasonal blooms in the Rosarie, Winter Garden, Cottage Garden and Stone Barn planting beds.

Wear comfortable shoes, dress for the weather, bring bug spray, your water bottle and your camera! The gardens’ late summer and fall flowers will be in bloom and the meadows have colorful vistas. Sponsored by *Friends of Freylinghuysen*, the cost is \$2. *Exact change helpful.*

**September Serenade at Freylinghuysen—Sunday, September 18 from 2-5 pm.** Cost is \$35 for adults. An afternoon of music, light refreshments and matching wines paired with Classical, Latin, Blue Grass, Jazz and Caribbean music. Tickets may be purchased at [www.arboretumfriends.org](http://www.arboretumfriends.org).



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***Save the Dates...***

Willowwood "Walking Tour" - September 11, 10 AM \*\* Friends of Frelinghuysen

*Autumn Open House*—Sunday, September 25, Noon to 4 pm

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*Lilac Party, Sunday, May 20, 2012*

**Wish List for the Willowwood Arboretum**

Help us to maintain the dreams of Henry and Robert Tubbs by funding one of the Willowwood Foundation's initiatives at the Willowwood Arboretum. The ongoing projects include the Stiles Observation Platform, Pan's Garden Restoration, funding horticultural interns who learn and work, bringing very helpful hands to our gardens, enhancing the meadows with Spring daffodils and crocus and preserving our primary horticultural collections.

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](mailto:wwfoundation@willowwoodfoundation.com) if you would like to support the arboretum through one of these opportunities.

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