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Exciting Events at Willowwood this Spring:

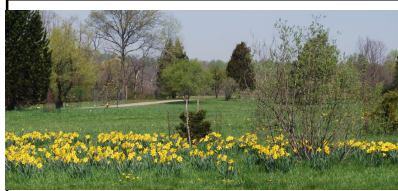
Willowwood's Magnolias is the topic on **Saturday April 21 at 11 am** at Willowwood.. This is a rare opportunity to hear horticulturist John Beirne, who has worked since 2008 to identify and interpret Willowwood's magnificent Magnolias. His presentation will highlight the newest and most interesting additions to the collection and John will offer suggestions for your garden. Following his talk, you can tour some of these beautiful, rare and notable Magnolias. Cost is \$15. Register by calling 973 326 7600.

Mother's Day at Willowwood, Sunday, May 13th: The Lilacs and Spring flowers should be in bloom and will make a splendid backdrop for that special family photograph. Enjoy staff-led tours of the Lilac collection and Willowwood's grounds throughout the day. Complimentary refreshments, courtesy of the Willowwood Foundation will be provided and a limited number of unusual lilacs will be available for purchase. Noon - 4 p.m. Free to the Public.

Sunday May 20th 17th Annual Lilac Party Fundraiser is presented by The Willowwood Foundation. Musical entertainment is provided by the always popular **The Ten**. Also featured is **a winetasting by Chris Cree, 56 degree Wine**, and the **Silent Auction** offers unusual **plants** for your home and garden plus some very special **botanical artwork** by Alana van Rensselaer.



For more information, call 908 234 1815 or email wwfoundation@willowwoodfoundation.com



Daffodil Photo Contest announced:

Photographers—get your cameras ready! After the successful submission of over 2500 + photos for *Willowwood in Pictures*, the Willowwood Foundation has planned two new photo contests.

The first is our **Daffodil** competition. Email jpegs of your very best shots of Willowwood's daffodils by April 30, 2012. The top 10 photos will be displayed at WW on Mother's Day and at the *Lilac Party* in May. Attendees will vote and the winner will receive a prize as well as have their photo displayed on our new website.

The subject of the second contest is Willowwood's **Magnolias**. Generally in bloom in April into early May, these photos will qualify for contest entry and prize in 2013.

Rules: All photos must be taken at WW. Photos from the past, this year or next (for the Magnolia contest) will qualify. Submit jpegs via email. Questions? More Information?

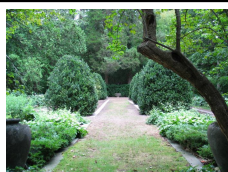
Email: wwfoundation@willowwoodfoundation.com.

Watch for our new website coming soon: www.willowwoodarboretum.org



Pan's Garden Restoration

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Thank you! Many friends of Willowwood made generous donations in the last six months to help fund the Tubbs' & Blackburn horticultural legacy and to insure that this wonderful place survives for future generations. We can only say "Thank you" for your help...

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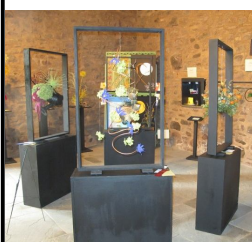
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'Spirit of the Garden' - A Standard Flower Show presented by District IV of The Garden Club of New Jersey captured the impression of a weekend trip to the country estates of Willowwood and Bamboo Brook this past June. Members of the sixteen clubs comprising District IV participated. A District IV Garden Tour was also held. In preparation for the Flower Show, workshops for floral design were held, inspired by Spirit of the Garden, written by former owner of Bamboo Brook, Martha Brookes Hutcheson. The Design Division was housed in Willowwood's 1800's stone barn with flag-stone floor and open rafters. The focal point at the entrance was a statue of Pan surrounded by ferns.

The rafters held down- lights which highlighted all exhibits. Innovative staging included black pedestals, cubes, pipe stand, and green-patina standing lattice. The Horticulture and Special Exhibits Divisions were staged at Bamboo Brook. Forties music played and a 1931 Model A Ford



helped transport twenty accredited NGC Judges. Docents wore period hats and shawls. This was a first time visit to WW and BB by many of the GC members.

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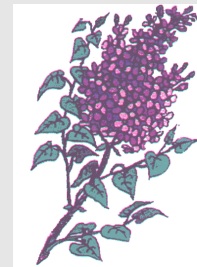
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Many thanks again to all of you for your support!

Save the Date!



The "Lilac Party"

Sunday,
May 20, 2012

4:30 pm

Wine Tasting by
Master of Wine,
Chris Cree

a cappella music by
"The Ten"

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Silent Auction

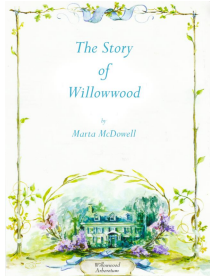
Unusual Plants

Hors d'oeuvres by
Ross and Owren

Tickets and reservations:

908 234 1815

Email: WWFoundation
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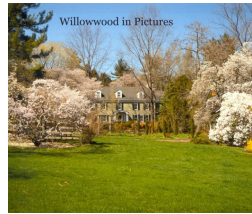


The Story of Willowwood, by Marta McDowell and Willowwood in Pictures, are NOW Available!

The Story of Willowwood—Marta McDowell, noted botanical author and landscape historian, has written the complete history of the Tubbs' brothers, Willowwood and its gardens and collections. Many photos from the archives. \$10. plus S&H.

Willowwood in Pictures—Over 2500 photos were submitted by local photographers—all in beautiful, seasonal color. The gardens,

the buildings and artistic objects are featured in this pictorial walk. A hardcover edition was adapted by Ray Rogers, Garden Book author and winner of top awards at the Philadelphia International Flower Show, and designed by fellow Trustees Dan Will and Leslie Allain. \$40. + S&H. To order call 908-234-1815 or email: wwfoundation@willowwoodfoundation.com.



Permanent Plant Labels for your Garden:

Purchase customized tags for *your home garden* by contacting the Willowwood Foundation at 908-234-1815 or email your order to: wwfoundation@willowwoodfoundation.com

Tags can feature each plant's botanical and common name and planting date or whatever other information you may want to include to personalize your tags.

Label size: 1 3/4 x 3 1/2 inches with 5 lines of customized type. Copper colored tags.

Pan's Garden Renovation: Tucked behind the Tubbs' house, Pan's Garden is undergoing a loving renovation to not only improve drainage but also redesign the plant material. Early in 2011, critical plants were bare rooted, carefully washed and saved. The remaining plantings were removed from the two center panels and the small semi-circular bed in front of Pan and the beds treated with herbicide. During the summer, various sized grit was spread and rototilled into the beds of heavy clay improving drainage and then rototilled again before replanting began in early August by the Willowwood Foundation funded interns Stephanie Anderson, Anthony Paglinco, Matt Whelan and Falon Watson who learned first hand how to renovate a garden. The bluestone edging was lifted to grade, aligned, and reset to emphasize the forced perspective. The new theme of the garden is a "Tapestry in White". New plants included *Anemone xhybrida* 'Honorine Jobert', *Astilbe* 'Deutschland', *Boltonia japonica*, *Iris tectorum* 'Alba', *Lobelia siphilitica* 'Alba', *Phlox paniculata* 'David', and *Tricyrtis hirta* 'Alba'. In the *Story of Willowwood* by Marta McDowell, Lois Poinier remembers visiting WW with her mother, a friend of Hal Tubbs. "The garden was enchanting for a child, with its statue of Pan. It was so silver." The cool floral palette and silver plantings glowed in the twilight. Pam Wilson, Plant Curator, said Pan's Garden was much sunnier then and could support lots of flowers and the silvery lamb's ears edging the beds. The garden is more shady now. The white plants will pop against the greenery. The project will continue this summer and next as the remaining beds are renovated.



Jay Jordan Retires

A luncheon was held in November to honor Jay Jordan who retired as MCPC Superintendent of Horticulture. 27 years ago, Jay began work at Flanders Valley but moved to WW 5 years later. Jay is truly a garden craftsman who had a keen understanding of the garden aesthetic of the Tubbs' and Martha Hutcheson. Marta McDowell noted that Jay taught her how to prune. "He knew every rock, tree, plant and bush at WW as well as on neighboring lands". Jay was known to happily answer questions and share their histories with entranced visitors.

In the last few years he worked diligently at Bamboo Brook to make certain the restored coffee terrace and waterworks were perfect. Lilac Party Chairs, Mary Bartow and Anne Peterson, considered Jay a "can do" savior—always finding a solution to a rain deluge weather or party challenge. Katie Porter, WW Fdn. Trustee and former M.C. Park Commissioner, considered Jay an icon at WW. "I hate to see him leave" but all hope he will have "many years of wonderful gardening on his own property." We all echo that sentiment!



Like Pretty Posies? Wanna Play in the Dirt?

Enthusiastic amateurs and friendly master gardeners play, learn and work together in three short messy & magical hours in our beautiful gardens. Dedicated teams and nimble fingers are needed to maintain the eye appealing gardens at the Willowwood Arboretum and Bamboo Brook. The hands on program - *GardenWorks* - teaches volunteers at the gardens one weekday morning to assist our horticulture staff. Call Kate Gutierrez at 973.326.7629 or kgutierrez@morrisparks.net

Party'ers Wanted!

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. A few dates available in 2012 but now booking 2013 and 2014. Contact MCPC Event Specialist Chris Knox at 973-326-7619 cknox@morrisparks.net

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Save the Dates...

Willowwood's Magnolias by John Beirne —Saturday, April 21

Mother's Day at Willowwood.....Sunday, May 13

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Sunday, May 20 * "The *Lilac* Party"

56 degree Wine tasting, Silent Auction of Unusual Plants plus "The Ten"

Wish List for the Willowwood Arboretum

An opportunity to fund one of our special requests for the Willowwood Arboretum: Be a Benefactor: we would be so happy to have one or two teak Adirondeck chairs. Or be a Patron: Pan's Garden is undergoing restoration and adding two Tuteurs as accent pieces would be wonderful. Or be a Garden Sponsor and add magnolias and flowering cherries to our collections. As a fellow gardener or as one who simply treasures our incredible living museum, please contact the Willowwood Foundation at 908-234-1815 or via email wwfoundation@willowwoodfoundation.com if you would like to support the arboretum through one of these opportunities.

YES! I want to help the Willowwood Foundation continue the work of the Tubb's and Dr. Ben Blackburn

Please add me to your mailing list____. Email_____

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Directions to Willowwood Arboretum: 300 Longview Road. Follow Rt. 206 to turn at Pottersville Rd. (Rt. 512). Proceed 1/2 mile to right on Lisk Hill Rd. Follow signs to Willowwood.