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A note from President, Brace Krag:

Spring came quickly this year and we all hit the ground running, rallying to accomplish many things in a very short time period. In terms of our mission of horticultural education, in May we hosted Bennett Saunders of the multigenerational Saunders Brothers Nursery, Piney River, Virginia, to discuss the many nuances of growing successful Boxwood. This is a topic near and dear to many of us and very relevant given the numerous challenges facing boxwood in our area. We hosted a sellout crowd in the stone barn and kept Mr. Saunders answering questions for an extended period. He graciously provided us with this written resource as guidance:

http://saundersbrothers.com/_ccLib/attachments/pages/Saunders+Brothers+Catalog-.pdf

The Tubbs Lecture for Spring, 2017 is now being discussed and the list of potential speakers and topics will undoubtedly result in another acclaimed horticultural lecture.

Our Mother's Day Open House was graciously embraced by Mother Nature with both picture perfect weather and resplendent Dogwood, Redbud, Lathyrus, Wood Poppy, Trillium and Viburnum. And lots of lilacs were in bloom for all the visitors.

Following Mother's Day, the *Lilac Party* was what I would describe as "epic" in many ways: near record attendance, huge volunteer participation and weather that can only be described as unseasonable. I think we actually saw all four seasons in a matter of four hours. In the end, Mother Nature once again smiled upon us with a rainbow that won't soon be forgotten.

The Foundation looks forward to partnership with The Morris County Park System in the "Willowwood Entrance Experience" initiative, in process now. This translates into both improved aesthetics upon entering Willowwood as well as more fitting and comprehensive signage throughout the Arboretum. Many will notice the repairs made to the cattle guard upon entering as a cursory step in the evolution of these improvements. And when visiting this summer, look for the three Willowwood Foundation funded interns currently studying Horticulture and working in the Willowwood Gardens and say Hello!

Finally, the Foundation welcomes Mark Inzano to the Morris County Park System as Manager of Horticulture, collaborating with John Morse and his talented Horticulture team at Willowwood and Judy Schaible and her team at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum. Mark comes to the MCPC via the Somerset County Park Commission and his background in both the public and private horticulture sectors will be a great asset to Willowwood.

As you are very aware, the mission of Willowwood Foundation is carried out by your contributions. We are grateful to the many donors, volunteers, Foundation Trustees and MCPC Horticulture staff and park employees who make the Willowwood Arboretum possible.

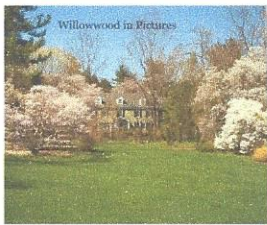
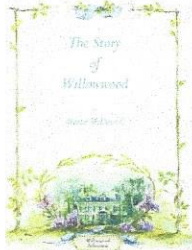
Warm regards, Brace



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GIFT Books Now Available for the Holiday Season:

The Willowwood Foundation is pleased to announce that signed 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.

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

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Directions, photos, contest and wedding and party event info, history, bloom reports, garden information and maps and our store —

All included in a user friendly format.

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Special Open House Event:

Sunday, September 18, 2016 Noon to 4 pm

The annual Autumn Open House at Willowwood is a perfect pick for a fall afternoon outing! The gardens are still in full bloom, the meadow trails are just gorgeous to hike through, view the flora and fauna and enjoy the day.

Enjoy autumn's splendor at Willowwood Arboretum. Take a guided tour of the gardens or meadows, or stroll the grounds using your cell phone to guide you. The Tubbs house will be open for a rare peek at the home life of botanizing brothers, Henry and Robert Tubbs. Talks about some of the decorative arts in the house, such as the fine collection of Willowware will be given throughout the day. Horticultural staff share tips on how to properly put your garden to bed and which trees, shrubs and flower are fall-performers. Light refreshments will be provided by the Willowwood Foundation. *Noon to 4 pm: \$5. car fee*



Arboretum News

Garden Club Grants: The MCPC and the Willowwood Foundation are so grateful to the Garden Club of Somerset Hills and the Garden Club of Morristown who have provided grants for two very important 2016 projects:

The WW Horticulture staff was delighted to receive a grant from the GCSH to purchase 100+ plants to renovate a portion of the Cottage Garden at the Willowwood Arboretum. The Cottage Garden is prominently located in front of the Tubbs House and is one of the most popular gardens at Willowwood. The garden is a three-season flower garden that features colorful annuals, perennials, tropicals, shrubs, vines, and flowering trees.

In 2014, the GCSH and the Chester Garden Club provided grants to purchase plants to expand the Cottage Garden by 447 additional square feet. This new area performed tremendously well in 2015. In 2016, the Willowwood staff has continued to upgrade the Cottage Garden by renovating several of the older planting beds. Renovation will consist of removing the existing plants, controlling weeds, amending the soil, and then replanting with a fresh design.

The Garden Club of Morristown recently provided a grant for a new program to purchase 400+ native plants that will benefit butterflies as well as attract a wide variety of pollinators. These plants will be installed in the meadows at the Willowwood Arboretum and will augment and diversify the pollinator plants that grow there currently in full sun and partial shade. The Willowwood meadows cover 48 acres, offer a wide range of conditions and are an important naturalistic component of the arboretum. With extensive pathways for easy access, they provide visitors with a useful contrast to the horticulturally developed gardens and plant collections and are managed to benefit native plants and animals.

Planting etc. or both projects will be performed by Willowwood staff gardeners, horticulture interns and volunteers in late summer.

Speaking of garden restoration, soil amending and planting, the Willowwood Foundation funded three interns this season who have worked on both projects: **Hayden Coakley** (a 2015 intern as well) has returned again this summer after completing his sophomore year in the Forestry program at the Univ of VT. **Patrick Mallon** earned BS in Plant Science from Rutgers and has worked as an Intern at Greenwood Gardens in Short Hills and as a Research Assistant at Rutgers Gardens. **Craig Hart** got his start last summer at Plant Detectives (a Lilac Party Plant Auction Donor) and just finished his first year in the Horticulture program at CCM. Hope to see you again next Summer!



Congratulations to Brian Ensminger who has been promoted to Assistant Gardener. Well Deserved!

And finally, a bittersweet good by to Sara Perzley, Plant Records Specialist and Propagator, who arrived late this winter to WW from the UK and was hands on immediately with Spring plant propagation initiatives, Lilac Party plant auction organization and her lovely bloom reports and photos. Her career has now returned her to England. All of us at WW will miss her greatly and appreciate her considerable contributions.

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22nd Annual Lilac Party, Sunday, May 21, 2017

Wish List for the Willowwood Arboretum

Help us continue the dreams of Henry and Robert Tubbs by funding a Willowwood initiative at the Arboretum. Each year the Foundation funds horticulture interns as well as garden plantings. It is the Willowwood Foundation mission to insure Willowwood remains as the very special treasure it is. Or please volunteer a few hours each week in our gardens in the *GardenWorks* Program.

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