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PLANT SCIENCE  
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ABOUT NATIVE  
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## *The Lilac Party A May Tradition Sunday, May 16*



Put on your best bib and tucker and reserve your ticket now for the traditional May “Lilac Party”. Walk in the fragrant flowering Lilac gardens, nibble on cheeses provided by Artisan of Chester, taste a variety of light Spring and Summer wines chosen by Christopher Cree, Master of Wine and owner of “56 Degrees” in Bernardsville, and enjoy the wonderful music of “The Ten” of the University Glee Club while you bid on that very special *Silent Auction* item for your home and garden. Tickets available by Reservation only. RSVP by May 10th to 908-234-1815.



### *Wine Tasting hosted by Christopher Cree, M.W.*

For over 20 years, Christopher Cree, one of only 19 Americans to pass the demanding Master of Wine examination, has reveled in his passion for the beauty and wonder of wine. Founder of Wine Experts LLC, Chris specializes in wine education and lecturing to a wide array of corporate and private clients and is the proprietor of Clinton Wine and Gourmet and “56 Degrees” in Bernardsville.

### *“Focus on China: Gardens of the Middle Kingdom”...*

This May, the Morris County Park Commission will present a month long event highlighting Chinese gardens, culture and plants. China’s plant life is extraordinarily rich—over 30,000 plant species are native to China—the most diverse flora in the world. Mainland China and the eastern half of the United States share a similar climate and the horticultural facilities of the Morris County Park Commission, including the wonderful gardens at the Willowwood Arboretum, showcase many of the wonderful plants native to China.

The Willowwood Arboretum has an extensive collection of Chinese plants, many planted 50 to 90 years ago. John Morse, Manager of Horticulture, will lead a tour focusing on these diverse plantings. A refreshment tea featuring a variety of fragrant Chinese teas will follow the tour.

The tour starts at 10:30 am til noon on Saturday, May 22, 2004. For more information or to register, call 973-326-7603. Registration fee \$8.00.

### Planning a Party?

A wedding? Engagement Party, Shower? Or...Just for Fun!? Celebrate at The Willowwood Arboretum. The Stone Barn, surrounded by gardens with twinkling lights in the trees or a glittering tent can be an elegant setting for a very special event. Call Chris Knox at the MCPC for more details: 973-326-7619.

### Willowwood Trail Walks:

A 45 minute walk through the Arboretum will take you past formal gardens, woodland paths, rock gardens, the lilac collection and in summer, colorful flowering meadows. A Willowwood Trail Guide is available at the park entrance, filled with history and plant information. The Arboretum features over 3500 kinds of native and exotic plants and most are permanently tagged for quick identification. Enjoy!

### Horticultural Memorial Tributes:



Remember a loved one, celebrate the birth of a grandchild or commemorate a special birthday! Or as just a unique and thoughtful gift for the special gardener in your life. Choose from a variety of plantings or garden accessories placed at the Willowwood Arboretum. All gifts are tax deductible. For details, contact John Morse 908-234-0992

### Permanent Plant Labels for *your* Garden:

Are you tired of looking at those ugly plastic labels on your plants or worse yet, not remembering exactly what this wondrous plant is? The Willowwood Foundation has the answer. We can provide permanent aluminum arboretum style tags customized for you and your garden. Blending into the landscape, unobtrusive yet an enduring record of gifts of love and beauty, these labels can be shipped within 10-15 days. Label size: 1 3/4 x 3 1/2 inches with 4 lines of customized type. Cost: \$20.00 for a minimum order of 10 labels including shipping. Call: 908-234-1815



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### The 2nd Annual Willowwood Work Day Saturday, April 3rd

Join the Trustees and Willowwood Volunteers from 10 AM to 2 PM to celebrate the opening of the Spring Gardens! Unearth those tender green plants to bask in the warm rays of the sun and start another flowering season! Wear Gardening clothes, bring gloves and a lunch! Call Kate Gutierrez at 973- to sign up!



*To prove Spring really is on its way, the Willowwood volunteers have filled the propagation shed with bedding plants just ready to pop with color!*



### Willowwood Mapping Project Complete:

In the early 90's, the Arboretum was manually surveyed but our 2003 Summer intern finally continued their work and completed this long awaited mapping project. Identifying, tagging and locating all the plants and trees was just part of this painstaking job. Each bit of plant data was entered into a database. Exact measurements of exactly where each plant was located was verified and then this data was merged into a GIS mapping program allowing the botanical staff to create custom maps based on plant names, donors or specific sources and then using the maps physically locate the plants on the grounds.

Practical application of this information enabled production of a "Guide to the Lilac Collection at the Willowwood Arboretum" describing all the Lilac specimens and creating a map to find them. Guides will be available for the "Lilac Party" and walking tours in May.

### Willowwood Botanical Report: 2003

*Willowwood Flower Peak:*

*Lilacs:*

**The Willowwood Foundation**

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*Save the Dates...*

2nd Annual Willowwood Spring Work Day.....Saturday, April 3, 2004

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“The *Lilac Party*” .....Sunday, May 16, 2004  
*Wine tasting, Silent auction and “The Ten”*

**Wish List for the Willowwood Arboretum**

Help us to maintain the horticultural legacy of Henry and Robert Tubbs by funding one of the following much-needed items for the Willowwood Arboretum. Please contact the Willowwood Foundation at 908-234-1815 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 Dr. Ben Blackburn and Russ Meyers.**

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.)

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