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THE LIVING SCULPTURE

A Seward Johnson Exhibition

- At Willowwood Arboretum -



On display
July 1 through
November 15,
2023

Open from 10 am
to 4 pm daily.

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Welcome to The Living Sculpture

Seward Johnson, artist and philanthropist, devoted his artistic career to crafting sculptures of people pursuing ordinary day to day activities. He hoped visitors would experience joy by discovering his lifelike sculptures placed unexpectedly, yet harmoniously in the landscape.

Mr. Johnson's artwork is not the only sculpture at Willowood Arboretum. Trees, shrubs and flowers in the landscape and gardens can all be considered living sculptures. It was Seward Johnson's desire for his sculptures to delight and stimulate our senses, while enhancing nature.

With this in mind, we invite you to explore the beauty and wonder of all that awaits you at Willowood Arboretum.



About the Artist

*Seward
Johnson*

(1930- 2020)

was born in New Jersey and following an early career as a painter, turned his talents to the medium of sculpture. Since then, more than 450 of Johnson's



realistic, life-sized and/or large-scale bronze sculptures have been featured in public and private locations around the world, bringing a unique voice to the world of art in public spaces. Seward Johnson's impact on the world of sculpture has not been limited to his personal artwork, and includes the founding of The Johnson Atelier and the Grounds For Sculpture, in Hamilton, NJ. The Atelier continues his legacy, producing and preserving works of art and design, while creating cultural experiences and expanding artistic possibility.

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Willowwood Arboretum

The gardens at Willowwood Arboretum offer a peaceful retreat for visitors to discover formal and informal gardens, meadows and beautiful vistas.

Pause and inhale some of the scents of the four seasons; the romantic roses of summer, the sweet smell of lilacs in the spring, the crisp conifer-laced air in the autumn and in winter, fragrant witch hazels.

Numerous plant species provide a spectacle of color during each month of the year.

“Study nature’s way”
Hal Tubbles, 1969



Calendar of Events

The Living Sculpture with Bruce Crawford
July 8 - Adults.

Arboreta in a Changing Climate
July 11 - Adults.

The Living Sculpture Tour
July 12, 22, August 12, 26, September 20, 30,
October 18, 28, November 4, 15 - Adults.

Opening Reception
July 13 - Adults.

Garden Tales in the Rosarie
July 20, 25, August 16, 29, September 5,
October 3 - Ages 2 - 5 with an adult.

Native Trees for the Homeowner
August 8 - Adults.

Floating Flowers
August 24 - Adults.

Perennials for the Deer Resistant Garden
August 31 - Adults.

Sounds For Sculpture: "The Awakening"
ft. The Christian Tamburr Quintet
September 10 - Adults.

Meadows Big and Small
September 13 - Adults.

Birding at Willowood
September 15 and 23 - Adults.

History Inspiring Art Walk & Talk
September 28 and October 7 - Adults.

Nature Through the Senses
October 5 - Adults.

Plants Through Time
October 19 - Adults.

The World of French Impressionism
November 11 - All ages.

Directions

300 Longview Road,
Chester Township, New Jersey 07931

From the Morristown Area

Travel South on Route 287 to Exit 22, Route 206 North. Travel 4.8 miles to Pottersville Road (Somerset County Route 512). Turn LEFT onto Pottersville Road toward Pottersville for 0.5 miles. Turn RIGHT onto Lisk Hill Road and continue for 0.1 miles and come to a "T." Turn RIGHT and continue for 0.3 miles. You will come to a "Y." Turn LEFT at the "Y" onto Longview Road. The entrance to Willowood Arboretum will be a 0.5 miles from the "Y" intersection on the left side of the road.

From the Long Valley/Chester Area:

Take Route 24 to Route 206 South. Travel 4.7 miles to Pottersville Road (Somerset County Route 512). Turn RIGHT onto Pottersville Road and follow directions from above.

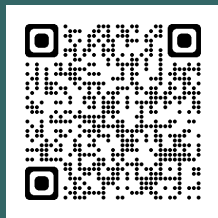
From Points South

Travel North on Route 287 to Exit 22B, Route 206 North. Travel 4.8 miles to Pottersville Road (Somerset County Route 512). The first Pottersville Road is in Morris County. Turn LEFT onto Pottersville Road and follow directions from above.

From Route 80

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