

# George Landis Arboretum

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## *A Successful Evening - Mary D'Alessandro*



**The Landis Arboretum's 1996 Spring Benefit** brought together 80 members and friends of the arboretum at the Fort Orange Club in Albany on April 27. New York State Assemblyman Paul Tonko, Master of Ceremonies (left), thoughtfully saluted the arboretum's goals and purposes and introduced celebrity guest Robert J. Lurtsema (right), host of "Morning Pro Musica" heard on WAMC. After his reading of selected poetry and narration of "The Man Who Planted Trees," accompanied by a slide presentation created by Trustee Frank Gilmore, Mr. Lurtsema hosted an auction of 78 horticulturally related items for benefit of the arboretum. Ticket sales and auctioned items brought \$4,500 to the arboretum. We are deeply appreciative of the support of our members and friends. *Photo by Sonja Javarone.*

## *News from the Garden*

*Gloria Van Dujne*

The visit from Steve Scoville and Channel 13 pleased us all very much. The segment, which aired on the 6 o'clock news on June 8, focused on interesting and unusual trees here at the arboretum. Trustees Frank Gilmore and Anne Jaster related arboretum history and guided the cameraman through the beauties of the grounds. Weeders Molly Kelly, Cindy King and Carol Loucks were caught on the tape also. Ed Dague's comments were "outdoor paradise" and "terrific!" - to which we say, "You bet!" **Thank you Channel 13!**

**And more special thanks:** To the **Elfun Society Computer Rehab Lab** for their donation of a refurbished computer with "Windows"; and to **Kay Vosburg** and **Nancy Boericke** for their donations of picnic tables - in response to our never-ending Wish List.

The visitor's log recorded **462 visitors so far this year** through June 9. Some groups visiting the arboretum and using the grounds and collection for their own activities include: The 4-H Program of Schoharie County, the Schoharie and Montgomery County Master Gardeners, a plant sciences class from Cobleskill, the Empire State Capital District Volks Walkers, and several garden clubs on self-guided tours.

**Congratulations to the winners of the Landis Arboretum Essay and Poster Contest!** We received more entries this year than ever before with 469 posters and 346 essays thanks to the efforts of George Steele, the arboretum's Science Educator,

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*"For a human character to reveal truly exceptional qualities, one must have the good fortune to be able to observe its performance over many years. If this performance is devoid of all egoism, if its guiding motive is unparalleled generosity, if it is absolutely certain that there is no thought of recompense and that, in addition, it has left its visible mark upon the earth, then there can be no mistake." - Jean Giono, "The Man Who Planted Trees"*

## From the Board of Trustees - Carol Wock

The board of a not-for-profit organization renews itself regularly by establishing term limits for its members. Each year a few members finish their terms and new members take their places on the board and its committees. These changes take place at the annual meeting.

This year our annual meeting took place on May 22 following dinner together. Leaving the board were Anne Jaster and John Abbuhl. Both have had a long association with the arboretum and have been generous with their time and talents. (Previous to the annual meeting, trustee Pieter Kien found it necessary to leave the board.)

As we said good-bye to Anne, John and Pieter, we welcome the following new trustees to the board.

**Nancy Boericke** is a certified teacher, a horticulturist and freelance writer. Her professional career has included teaching, administration and bookkeeping. She currently participates in the Master Gardener program of the Cooperative Extension Association of Schenectady County and writes a monthly column, "Research Digest," for their newsletter. As a volunteer, Nancy has served on the Board of Directors of the Junior League of Philadelphia, the Board of the Schuylkill Valley Nature Center (serving the Philadelphia area), the Board of the Junior League of Schenectady and the Board of GIRLS, Inc. of Schenectady. Nancy and her husband live in Glenville; they have three grown children.

**Wanda Burch**, who lives in the Town of Glen, has a particular interest in history. After receiving a BA degree from Memphis State, she obtained her MA from the Cooperstown Graduate Program affiliated with SUNY Oneonta. Her professional career began at the Arkansas Territorial Restoration where she was curator. She also worked as registrar of the Arkansas Art Center. For the last 22 years, Wanda has been Site Manager of Johnson Hall, the 18th Century home of Sir William Johnson. Wanda enjoys writing and has published articles in professional journals. Currently she is on the Glen Town Planning Board and a member of the Tourism Committee of the Fulton County Regional Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

**Mary Ann Tomlinson** is also a teacher and taught elementary education in the Gloversville schools for twelve years. Mary Ann volunteers at St. Mary's Hospital where she is a member of the auxiliary. She currently serves on several boards including the Board of Area Community Concerts and the Board of Montgomery County Transitional Services. Mary Ann and her husband have two children, ages 12 and 5. They live in Amsterdam.

**Herman Finkbeiner**, a longtime Landis Arboretum member, has been a collector of trees and shrubs since the early 1960s. Since his 1993 retirement from the General Electric Research and Development Center where he was a research manager in chemistry and the biological sciences and in personnel and planning, he is actively adding specimens to his plant collection, particularly dwarf conifers. A resident of Clifton Park, Herm has served on the Clifton Park Town Planning Board, the Saratoga County Planning Board, the Clifton Park Priorities Committee and Clifton Park Water Study Committee. He and his wife Fran (editor of this newsletter) are active members of the Northeastern Woodworkers Association of which Herm is a founder and past president. They live on Riverview Road, Rexford.

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and to the teachers who responded. The poster winners were: First, Desiray Cisar, Schoharie Central/Mr. Burton, teacher; Second, Julius Donisan, Gilboa-Conesville/Mr. Catania; Third, Sherri Gage, Bacon Elementary/Mrs. Sollecito-Pritchard. Essay winners: First, Vanessa Porter, Schoharie Central/Mrs. Schaffer; Second, Allison Cogen, Glenclyff/Mrs. Quinn; Third,

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To recap some recent activities: Only the earliest wildflowers - early saxifrage, coltsfoot and shadbush - were in bloom for the rainy May 11 trip in search of Waterfalls and Wildflowers. Trip leaders and members Laura Lehtonen and Steve Young noted that water levels were higher and the rush of water noisier than usual thanks to the rainy spring. In addition to views of the loveliest water falls in the Schoharie Valley - many private - Laura and Steve provided basic geological and historical information relating to the formation and previous uses of the falls.

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Guests on the May 23 bus trip to Cricket Hill and Hillside Gardens in Connecticut were especially w<sup>it</sup>hased to find many tree peonies in bloom.

Thirty four species were identified on the May 25 bird walk including cedar waxwing, northern oriole, rose-breasted grosbeak, red-eyed vireo, prairie warbler, and yellow-bellied flycatcher plus the swallows, house wrens and bluebirds currently nesting in boxes near the meeting house and greenhouse.

The Free Family Programs have had 13 to 21 guests. Rain, snow and sleet on Mother's Day failed to deter a hawk ecology program. Red efts (the juvenile stage of the spotted newt, for the uninitiated) were so plentiful in one location on the trail during the June 8 Herpetology hike that it was suggested that a "RED EFT CROSSING" sign be posted.

On June 20 members of the Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors held one of their monthly meetings at the arboretum.



## Plant Sale - Gloria Van Duyne

Lightning and thunder, rain and mud on Saturday; heat and humidity on Sunday.....*not* conditions conducive to a successful plant sale. Yet customers were not deterred - they simply dressed for the occasion and came in search of treasures for their gardens. By the close of the sale, very few plants remained.

Net income from plants and related items totaled \$4,600.

The success of the sale was the result of many volunteer hours spent by arboretum members - and we thank them - each and every one. Many were volunteers in the truest sense of the word. They called - or just came - and asked what they could do to help. The list is long: **Rich Downs, Ron Neadle, Florence Grimm, Anne Jaster, Lucinda Willemain, Janet Tissiere, Fran and Herm Finkbeiner, Ellen Redling, Emily Bigelow, Phil Tripp, Viktoria Serafin, Carol Loucks, Dianne Armstrong, Ann Daley, Arlene and Pieter Kien, Ken Wock, Mary D'Alesandro, Janet Vinyard, Claudia McLaughlin, Judith Lott, Sonja Javarone, Ed Mintiens and John Heimke.** Special thanks go to **Peter Rumora**; his help with all phases of the sale was a major reason for its success.

We also thank **John Abbuhl, Janet Vinyard and Peter Rumora** for their generous donations of plants for the sale.

Reminder: Our Fall Plant Sale is scheduled for September 14 and 15.

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## People at the Arboretum - Gloria Van Duyne

In January we began working with consultant Mary D'Alessandro (above, left) to increase public awareness of the arboretum and its programs. Through her efforts the Spring Benefit format was reorganized to broaden its appeal and reach a broader audience; a full page article about the Landis Arboretum appeared on page one of the Living Section in the TROY RECORD newspaper in April; Channel 13 carried a feature about the arboretum on its June 8 six-o'clock news; a watercolor workshop with individualized instruction by Guy <sup>as of</sup> **Chrones**, master watercolorist, has been rescheduled for September; a "Summer Garden Parties" program and luncheon featuring Michael **Chrones**, internationally recognized flower arranger, is scheduled for later this month; and many more events are under way.

Before working with the arboretum, Mary was Vice-President of Public Relations for Pele International, Inc., a marketing consultant for the Carl Banks mens' clothing line and, locally, Director of Marketing for Capital Hill Condominiums.



## *Gardens to Visit - Lucinda Willemain*

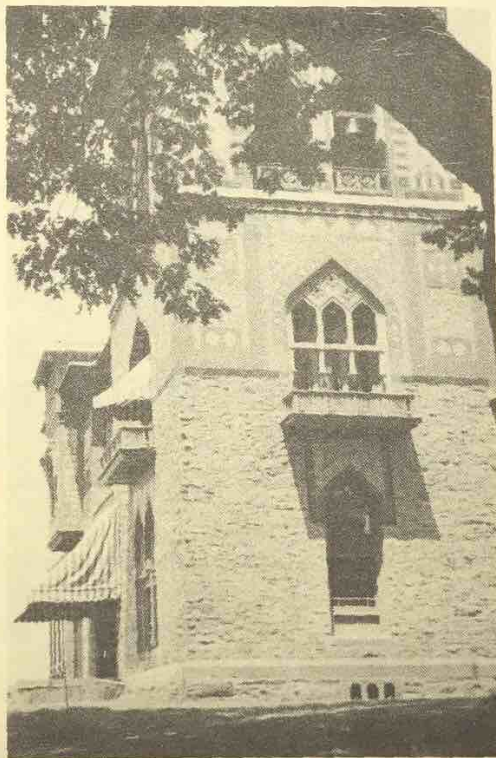
*Photos by Lucinda Willemain*

Olana is a national tourist destination located to the south of Albany in Hudson, New York. The unique house was built by landscape painter Frederic Edwin Church on a 250 acre site chosen by him for its spectacular view of the Hudson River. Frederic Church was a member of the Hudson River School landscape painting movement. As an example of the Romantic style of gardening, the grounds alone are worth a visit.

The approach drive is almost a textbook example of how to plan a dramatic approach. A road takes the visitor from the foot of Church's Hill to the very top, passing through dark woods and bright meadows along the way. The tower portion of the house winks through the trees at the crest of the hill, leading you onward. As the road comes out of the forest, a long meadow full of wildflowers slopes up to the house. It is dotted here and there with pines in natural-looking groups. This property was once a working farm and grazing cattle were a part of the painterly composition. The road enters the woods again and here the modern visitor must turn aside to park the car and rejoin the approach drive for a short distance on foot. Aside from considerations of preservation of the roadway, it would not do to arrive too quickly and spoil the suspense.

Here you see how, in an ideal world, every house and its site should work together. The

artist chose colors for the house that echo the autumn woods in the Catskills and the sunset over the Hudson River. Building materials were quarried on the site and suit it beautifully. A warm brick color on the interior walls blends with the oriental rugs and contrasts with the bluish views of sky and distant hills, which can be seen from doors, windows, porches and the veranda. Siting the house at the crest of the hill takes advantage of the best views.



Church once wrote of his house and grounds (work continued almost his whole life from his 20s onward), "I can make more and better landscapes in this way than by tampering with canvas and paint in the studio." In Church's hands, the 250 acre estate was the frame for an even grander composition. The Hudson River and the scenery on its banks, distant mountains and hills rolling in mist, the vastness of the sky in all its various moods - including terrific storms approaching from the west - are all part of this garden. The vista framed by foreground trees and middle-ground trees (all planted by Church) looks like a great painter's canvas. The viewer standing at the porch or inside looking out sees the most sublime view of all: a tremendous distant shining sheet of water where the river opens out somewhere to the west. Church dug a pond in his middle-ground to echo the shape of this piece of river and bring it nearer in the composition. Because the Hudson is only part of this landscape composition in the view and not in actuality, the pond also provides a convenient place on the grounds for picnics. Even up close, the pond looks like a natural riverbank, wooded on one side so the visitor cannot see that it does not in fact join the Hudson anywhere.

The new and historic can be reconciled without cheapening the experience. Nowadays instead of being the personal guests

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# Coming Attractions: Calendar of Events for The George Landis Arboretum

## Saturday Adult Workshops & Classes

Unless otherwise noted, classes begin at the Meeting House at 10 am, and end at noon, with fees of \$5 for Arboretum members and \$8 for non-members; please refer to individual class descriptions for exceptions. Most Saturday workshops and classes do not require pre-registration, but those marked with a single asterisk (\*) require registration in advance, and those marked with a double asterisk (\*\*) require both registration and payment in advance. Checks should be made payable to George Landis Arboretum; please include the name of the class(es) and class date(s) with your payment. In general, classes are held rain or shine, but if in doubt, call the Arboretum at 875-6935.

**Culinary Herbs with Luncheon.** \*\* Saturday, July 13. Herbalist Shawn Schultz, owner of Apothecary Rose Shed in Pattersonville, will present a program on growing and enjoying herbs, focusing on their use in cooking. An herbal luncheon cooked and served by Arboretum volunteers will be served following the talk. Herb plants will be available for sale. Cost for this program is \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members.

**Naming the Plants.** Saturday, July 20. Knowing plant names is the key to finding vital information for gardeners. While common names are full of colorful history, romance, and whimsy, Latin names are sometimes baffling. Arboretum volunteers Lucinda Willemain and Anne Jaster provide a guide for the origin and meaning of plant names. Class meets at the Library.

**Preserving the American Chestnut.** Saturday, July 27. In colonial times, the hardwood forests of eastern North America were filled with American Chestnut trees. They have been decimated by blight, but their story is not over. Linda Armour, a member of the American Chestnut Society, will explain the Society's efforts to restore these beautiful trees.

**Designing with Nature.** \* Saturday, August 3. Paul Steinkamp, owner of Helderledge Farm, will present an illustrated talk on garden design. The program will focus on preserving the natural landscape as part of the garden, taking advantage of natural communities of plants, and using nature as the inspiration for design.

**Bonsai.** Saturday, August 10. In this hands-on workshop, students will learn the essentials of bonsai. Guided by instructor Pauline Muth, Past President of the Mohawk-Hudson Bonsai society, participants will plant a miniature tree to take home. Special containers will be available for sale, or students may bring their own.

**Seed Collecting Walk.** Saturday, August 24. In a walking tour of the Arboretum collections, participants will be able to gather seed of those plants that are ready. How to store collected seed and propagate it will be discussed. Class will meet in the lower parking lot.

**Trees of the Arboretum.** Saturday, September 7. A guided walk around the Arboretum to see some of the exotic tree species planted here. Participants will learn how to identify trees commonly planted in this area, as well as something about their cultural requirements and uses in the garden landscape.

**Mushroom Walk.** Saturday, September 21. Hike the grounds of the Arboretum searching for mushrooms and other fungi. Basics of mushroom identification, and common native mushrooms will be discussed.

**Using the Herbarium.** Saturday, September 28. An introduction to the Arboretum herbarium, including how and why scientific plant specimens are made. Use of the herbarium will be demonstrated. Class meets in the Library.



**Don't Miss  
the  
Fall Plant  
Sale!**

**Coming  
September 14 & 15**

## **Summer Garden Parties: A Design Performance by Michael Polychrones**

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Stroll through the gardens, enjoy a Victorian-style buffet luncheon created by *Culinary Capers*, followed by a performance by internationally known flower arranger Michael Polychrones in the theme of *Summer Garden Parties*. The event will begin at 12:30 pm on Saturday July 27. Polychrones is most well-known locally for his appearance at *New York in Bloom*, but has received international attention as a principal designer at flower shows in Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Canada, Finland, Panama, and Great Britain. He has also assisted in floral design and decoration of the White House during the Nixon, Ford, and Carter administrations. The cost for this very special afternoon is \$35, and reservations may be made by sending payment to the Arboretum.

## **Adult Art Workshops**

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The class described below requires pre-registration and pre-payment. Please send your check, payable to George Landis Arboretum, and please register early to avoid disappointment, since class size is limited.

**Autumn Landscape Photography.** Saturday, October 5, 8 am to noon; instructor: Frank Knight. This outdoor workshop, led by Knight, a well known landscape photographer, will be held rain or shine. Instruction will be adapted to the needs of participants. Beginners are welcome. Non-members \$22, members \$20. Meeting House.

## **Star Parties**

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The Albany Area Amateur Astronomers meet regularly at the George Landis Arboretum for its dark skies and good horizons for star-gazing. These free programs feature telescopic viewing (telescopes provided by the club), an introductory program, and sky tour. Star parties meet at the meeting house, but are cancelled when skies are mostly cloudy. Participants should bring a blanket to sit or lie on. These events begin in April, and continue through December; see calendar listing for dates and times.

## **Watercolor Weekend with Guy Corriero**

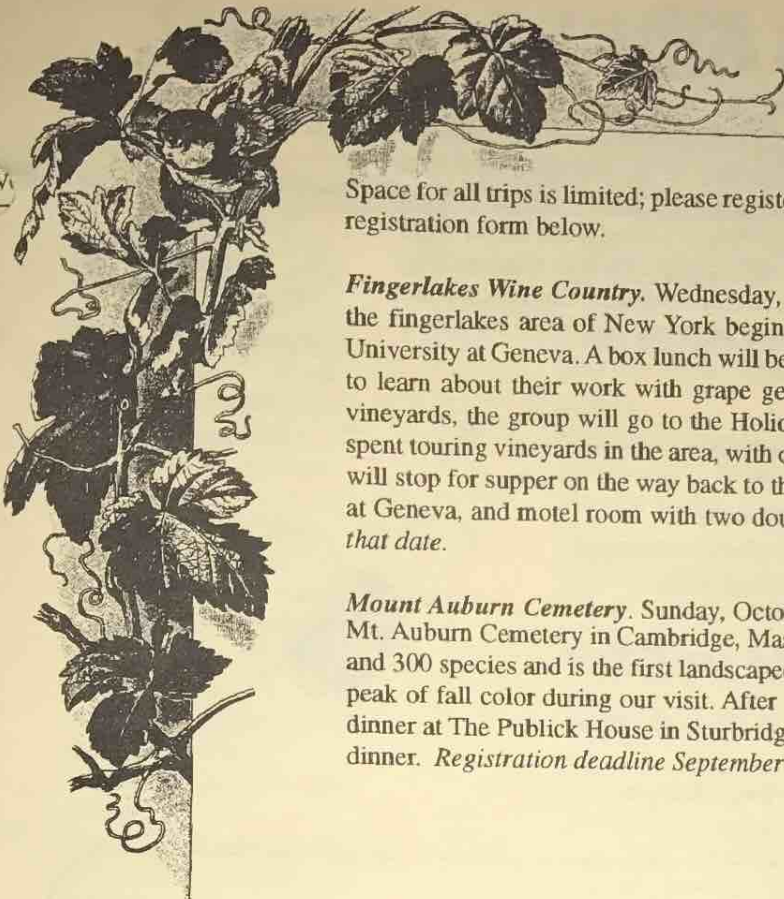
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Due to scheduling difficulties, the special three-day workshop of exciting demonstrations and individual instruction with Guy Corriero was postponed, and will be rescheduled in September. Corriero's extraordinary technique offers a unique opportunity to share a special vision of the world, interpreted through the medium of watercolor. Participants of all levels of skill and experience are welcome. Workshop size is *very* limited, and early registration is recommended, since Corriero's workshops elsewhere fill very rapidly. Cost for this three-day program is \$150. Call the Arboretum office at 875-6935 for definite dates and registration information.



## Trips and Tours

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Space for all trips is limited; please register early or you may be disappointed. Trip prices are listed on the registration form below.

**Fingerlakes Wine Country.** Wednesday, September 18 and Thursday, September 19. A two-day trip to the fingerlakes area of New York begins with a visit to the Plant Genetic Resources Unit of Cornell University at Geneva. A box lunch will be served while we are at this stop. After a tour of the laboratories to learn about their work with grape genetics, we will tour the vineyards. Following the visit to the vineyards, the group will go to the Holiday Inn, and dinner will be on your own. The next day will be spent touring vineyards in the area, with opportunities for wine tasting and making purchases. The group will stop for supper on the way back to the Capital District. Cost includes round trip bus fare, box lunch at Geneva, and motel room with two double beds. *Registration deadline is August 12, no refunds after that date.*

**Mount Auburn Cemetery.** Sunday, October 20. Enjoy the autumn foliage along the way on this trip to Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The cemetery contains 4000 trees of 600 varieties and 300 species and is the first landscaped garden cemetery in the United States. Trees should be at their peak of fall color during our visit. After a tour and time to explore on our own, the group will stop for dinner at The Publick House in Sturbridge for dinner. Cost includes round trip bus fare, guided tour and dinner. *Registration deadline September 15, no refunds after that date.*

### Registration for Trips and Tours

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_

Trip/Tour	Number in party	Cost per person	Total cost for trip
<b>Fingerlakes Wine Country</b> \$150/\$160 (Please indicate lunch choices for members of your group)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Caeser salad with Grilled chicken breast, dinner roll & beverage	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chef salad, dinner roll & beverage	
<b>Mt. Auburn Cemetery;</b> \$70/\$80	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Prices are listed as member prices/non-member prices TOTAL OF ABOVE \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please make checks payable to George Landis Arboretum, and mail to P.O. Box 186, Lape Road, Esperance NY 12066

### George Landis Arboretum MEMBERSHIP FORM

Yes! I would like to become a member

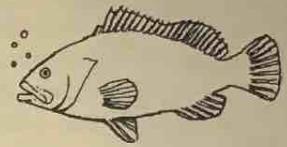
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$25  | <input type="checkbox"/> Supporter \$75                   | Make your check payable to<br>George Landis Arboretum,<br>and mail to:<br>George Landis Arboretum<br>PO Box 186<br>Esperance, NY 12066 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family \$35      | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron \$125                     |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contributor \$50 | <input type="checkbox"/> Betty Corning Benefactor \$500   |  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Fred Lape Founders Circle \$1000 |  |

Membership amounts in excess of \$15 are tax-deductible

# Arboretum Adventures for Kids

New this year, a nature program just for kids ages 5 to 10! Nature educator George Steele and The Scotia-Glenville Children's Museum will provide hands-on learning in the morning, then after lunch brought from home, kids will try nature games, crafts, and activities. Topics will range from backyard bugs to wildflowers. Cost is \$10 per child for the first child in a family, and \$8 per child for additional children from the same family. Any child who attends the first five sessions may come to the sixth session at half price. Parents are *welcome* to remain with their children, but are not required to remain. Registration and payment in advance are required; Send the form below with payment to the Arboretum. Dates and topics are as follows:



July 10 *Mammals*

July 17 *Wildflowers*

July 24 *Backyard Bugs*

July 31 *Pond & Field Habitats*

August 7 *Look Up to the Trees*

August 14 *Animal Homes*



## Arboretum Adventures for Kids Registration Form

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Child #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of sessions (1 - 5) @ \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ Session 6 @ \$5 \_\_\_\_\_ Total cost \_\_\_\_\_

Child #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of sessions (1 - 5) @ \$8 \_\_\_\_\_ Session 6 @ \$4 \_\_\_\_\_ Total cost \_\_\_\_\_

Child #3 \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of sessions (1 - 5) @ \$8 \_\_\_\_\_ Session 6 @ \$4 \_\_\_\_\_ Total cost \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the sessions which each child will attend



Child #1	Child #2	Child #3	
_____	_____	_____	July 10/ <i>Mammals</i>
_____	_____	_____	July 17/ <i>Wildflowers</i>
_____	_____	_____	July 24/ <i>Backyard Bugs</i>
_____	_____	_____	July 31/ <i>Pond &amp; Field Habitats</i>
_____	_____	_____	August 7/ <i>Look Up to the Trees</i>
_____	_____	_____	August 14/ <i>Animal Homes</i>

Please indicate below the name and phone number of someone to contact in case of emergency; this person should be available during the 10 am to 1:30 pm time period on each of the session days.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_



# George Landis Arboretum Calendar of Events

Events marked with \* require pre registration; events marked with\*\* require pre-registration and pre-payment.

## July

- 10 •Arboretum Adventures for Kids: Mammals,\*\* 10 am - 1:30 pm, Meeting House
- 11 •Pen & Ink Botanical Art,\*\* (Part 3 of 6), 6 - 8:30 pm, Library
- 13 •Saturday Class: Culinary Herbs Program and Luncheon,\*\* 11 am, Meeting House  
•Free Family Workshop: Wiggly Water Wonders, 10 - 11:30 am, Meeting House
- 17 •Arboretum Adventures for Kids: Wildflowers,\*\* 10 am - 1:30 pm, Meeting House
- 18 •Pen & Ink Botanical Art,\*\* (Part 4 of 6), 6 - 8:30 pm, Library
- 20 •Saturday Class: Naming the Plants, 10 am, Library  
•Volunteer Work Day
- 24 •Arboretum Adventures for Kids: Backyard Bugs,\*\* 10 am - 1:30 pm, Meeting House
- 25 •Pen & Ink Botanical Art,\*\* (Part 5 of 6), 6 - 8:30 pm, Library
- 27 •Saturday Class: Preserving the American Chestnut, 10 am, Meeting House  
•Design Performance: Summer Garden Parties\*\* by Michael Polychrones, 12:30 pm.
- 30 •Free Family Workshop: Full Moon Campfire Sing Along, 8- 9:30 pm, Meeting House
- 31 •Arboretum Adventures for Kids: Pond & Field Habitats,\*\* 10 am-1:30 pm, Meeting House



## August

- 1 •Pen & Ink Botanical Art,\*\* (Part 6 of 6), 6 - 8:30 pm, Library
- 3 •Saturday Class: Designing with Nature,\* 10 am, Meeting House
- 7 •Arboretum Adventures for Kids: Look Up to the Trees,\*\* 10 am - 1:30 pm, Meeting House
- 10 •Volunteer Work Day  
•Saturday Class: Bonsai, 10 am, Meeting House  
•Free Family Workshop: A Puzzle of Tree Parts, 2 - 3:30 pm, Meeting House
- 11 •Star Party: Perseid Meteors, 9:30 pm, Meeting House
- 14 •Arboretum Adventures for Kids: Animal Homes,\*\* 10 am - 1:30 pm, Meeting House
- 16 •Star Party, 9 pm, Meeting House
- 17 •Star Party, 9 pm, Meeting House
- 24 •Saturday Class: Seed Collecting Walk, 10 am, Lower Parking Lot.  
•Free Family Workshop: The Arthropod Squad, 10 - 11:30 am, Meeting House  
•Concert: Sun Mountain Fiddler, 7:30 pm, Meeting House

## September

- 7 •Saturday Class: Trees of the Arboretum, 10 am, Meeting House  
•Free Family Workshop: Owl Ecology, 7 - 8:30 pm, Meeting House
- 14 •Fall Plant Sale, 11 am - 4 pm, Farmhouse
- 15 •Fall Plant Sale, 11 am - 4 pm, Farmhouse
- 18-19 •Bus Tour: The Fingerlakes Wine Country\*\*

- 21 •Saturday Class: Mushroom Walk, 10 am Meeting House  
•Free Family Workshop: Fall Foliage Tree Identification Walk, 2 - 3:30 pm, Meeting House
- 28 •Saturday Class: Using the Herbarium, 10 am, Library  
•Saturday Class: Nature Writing for Children,\*\* time, location to be announced
- September date to be announced:  
Concert by L'Ensemble

## October

- 4 •Star Party, 7:30 pm, Meeting House
- 5 •Saturday Class: Autumn Landscape Photography,\*\* 8 am - noon, Meeting House  
•Free Family Workshop: Animal Homes, 2 - 3:30 pm, Meeting House  
•Star Party, 7:30 pm, Meeting House
- 18 •Free Family Workshop: Autumn Night Walk, 6:30 - 8 pm, Meeting House
- 19 •Volunteer Work Day  
•Star Party, 7:30 pm, Meeting House
- 20 •Bus Tour: Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, MA\*\*

## November

- 2 •Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast: \*Time to be announced.

## December

- 6 •Star Party, 7:30 pm, Meeting House
- 7 •Star Party, 7:30 pm, Meeting House

Early December dates to be announced: Holiday Workshops

## Free Family Workshops

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This very popular series developed and taught by nature educator George Steele which began on Mother's Day, continues through the fall. Classes begin at the Meeting House, days and times vary; please check class descriptions for specifics. Classes are held rain or shine, please dress accordingly. These programs are free to everyone; non-members are encouraged to make a donation to the Arboretum to help defray the cost of the series.



**Wiggly Water Wonders.** Saturday, July 13, 10 to 11:30 am. The ponds at the Arboretum are exciting places to look for living things. From the larger amphibians to the smaller insects, there'll be plenty to get your hands on while learning about freshwater ecosystems.

**Full Moon Campfire Sing Along.** Tuesday, July 30, 8 - 9:30 pm. An evening of nature tunes and tales as the full moon rises over the campfire. Participants are invited to arrive early with a picnic dinner, then enjoy the evening with songs, stories, and a variety of nature activities.

**A Puzzle of Tree Parts.** Saturday, August 10, 2 - 3:30 pm. By putting together a real tree puzzle, participants will discover what parts of a tree grow and how, as well as how to tell the age of a tree.

**The Arthropod Squad.** Saturday, August 24, 10 - 11:30 am. Insects, spiders, pill bugs, mites, and centipedes are among the arthropods which may be encountered in this search for members of this most numerous group of animals.

**Owl Ecology.** Saturday, September 7, 7 - 8:30 pm. The evening will begin with participants learning about the owls of our area, then dissecting owl pellets to see what they eat, and learning about their calls. A short walk in the woods listening for owls will complete the program.

**Fall Foliage Tree Identification Walk.** Saturday, September 21, 2 - 3:30 pm. This is a chance to enjoy the fall foliage, while walking the Woodland Trail and learning how to identify the native trees of the Arboretum.

**Animal Homes.** Saturday, October 5, 2 - 3:30 pm. Join this program and learn about many of the animals that live at the Arboretum. Participants will also learn how to make "home improvements" to lend a helping hand to the creatures that may inhabit their backyards.

**Autumn Night Walk.** Friday, October 18, 6 - 8:30 pm. A last chance to listen to the sounds of the night before nature silences the crickets, katydids, and other nighttime insects with the first heavy frost of the fall. An owl or migrating birds may even join the chorus!

## Volunteer Opportunities

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We appreciate our volunteers—they are an indispensable part of the Arboretum staff. Some volunteers work on a regular basis in the office, in the greenhouse, or on the grounds. Others prefer to help out once in a while. We love both kinds! We have three special **Volunteer Work Days** coming up, and we welcome *your* help. On **Saturday, July 20, Saturday August 10, and Saturday October 19** you can join the fun! A variety of tasks will be tackled, with Arboretum staff and Board directing the efforts, as well as helping with the work. Bring a friend and spend an hour or a day enjoying and preserving the beauty of the Arboretum while you also enjoy each other's company. We'll be having a Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on November 2 as a token of our thanks to everyone who volunteers at the Arboretum—come to a work day and receive an invitation to the breakfast.

## MEMBER'S FALL BULB ORDER - BULB PRICES

	Each	3	6	12	25	50	100	Number of bulbs @ cost per quantity
<b>Chionodoxa</b>								
<i>gigantea</i>				4.00	7.00	10.00	19.00	
<i>luciliae</i> 'Pink Giant'				4.00	7.00	10.00	19.00	
<b>Eranthis</b>								
<i>hyemalis</i>				5.50	10.00	17.50	25.00	
<b>Galanthus</b>								
<i>nivalis</i>				8.00	15.00	29.00	55.00	
<b>Fritillaria</b>								
<i>imperialis</i>								
'Rubra Maxima'	\$ 6	15.00	27.00					
<i>meleagris</i>		1.00	1.75	2.40				
<b>Colchicum</b>								
<i>autumnale</i> 'Album'	\$ 8	21.00	36.00					
'Giant'	\$ 7	18.00	30.00					
<i>luteum</i>	\$ 10	27.00	48.00					
<i>speciosum</i>	\$ 7	18.00	30.00					
<b>Early Daffodils</b>								
Monal		4.25	7.50	14.00	27.00	50.00		
St. Keverne		2.75	5.00	9.00	17.00	32.00		
Birna		3.00	5.40	11.00	20.00	38.00		
February Gold		3.00	5.50	10.00	19.00	36.00		
<b>Late Daffodils</b>								
Camelot		3.75	7.00	13.00	25.00			
White Plume		5.40	10.00	19.00	35.00			
Sinopel		9.00	17.00	33.00	60.00			
<b>Miniature Daffodils</b>								
Baby Moon		2.00	3.50	6.00	11.00	20.00		
Hawera		2.50	4.75	8.50	16.00	30.00		
Little Beauty		3.00	5.40	11.00	20.00	38.00		
Sun Disc		2.75	5.40	10.00	19.00	36.00		

TOTAL \$

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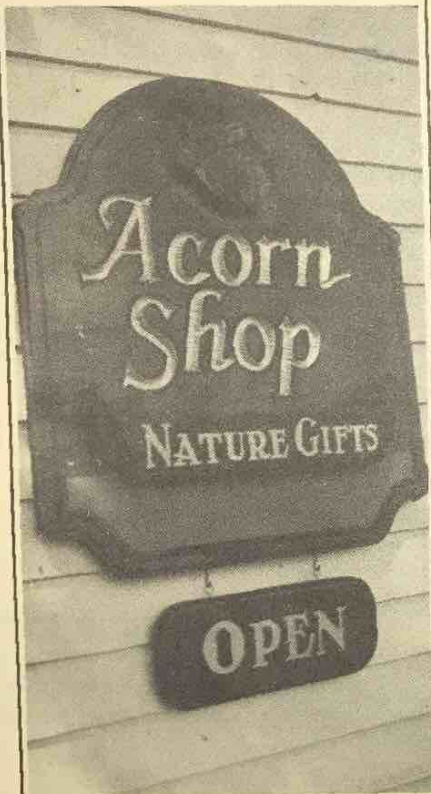
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## Special Gifts -

*Gloria Van Duyne*

Recently we received notification that the George Landis Arboretum was named a beneficiary in the will of a woman who had been a member during the 1980s and early 1990s. Her generous two thousand dollar gift to our endowment fund was greatly appreciated; her gift will provide ongoing support to the arboretum. *But we never had a chance to thank her for her generosity, to let her know how special her gift is to us.*

Undoubtedly the donor understood the importance of her gift because she planned for it. A contribution to the endowment, whether it is an annual donation, a bequest or a gift of property, securities or life insurance, is the gift that keeps on giving. The endowment earns interest and provides ongoing operating support; endowments are essential to arboreta and botanical gardens for financial stability.

There are many ways that friends can plan for future and ongoing support of the Landis Arboretum. Your financial planner

is the best person to discuss the options, benefits and your own best method of planned giving. If you have included the Landis Arboretum in your will or if you have made any sort of planned gift, please let us know so we may thank you.

## Underwriting Support -

*Gloria Van Duyne*

A special Thank You to Executive Security Systems, Inc., 243 State Street, Schenectady, NY 12305, 518-374-4555 for underwriting the May 25 Bird Walk. We appreciate their support of the arboretum and its programs.

If YOU would like to, or know someone else who would like to support the arboretum by underwriting the costs of an educational program, special event, or operating expenses, contact our office at 875-6935. This kind of support is important to us because it helps keep the costs of public programs down and it allows us to continue to provide a variety of educational and cultural services to the community. We will be happy to discuss with you the many ways you can support the arboretum.

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