



# George Landis Arboretum NEWSLETTER

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## RARE PLANT SALE - May 2, 1987

It would be impossible in our limited space to describe all the interesting plants we will have on May 2 for our Rare Plant Sale. Perhaps some of the ones below will interest you.

Halesia carolina - (Carolina Silverbell) This is a very interesting slow growing tree. It is covered with many white bell shaped flowers in May and fascinating large straw colored seed pods in the fall. You can see a mature specimen at the upper entrance to the arboretum (across from the road to the meeting house).

Viburnum Juddii - This is a hybrid of Carlesii (Koreanspice). It has excellent foliage and lovely pinkish flowers which give off a delightful fragrance.

Viburnum acerifolium - (Mapleleaf Viburnum) The foliage on this shrub turns to reddish purple in the fall. It is extremely shade tolerant and usually used for naturalizing.

Clethra alnifolia - (Summersweet) These very desirable medium growing shrubs have a lovely spicy fragrance in bloom. It will be available in either its white or pink (rosea) flowered form.

Chionanthus virginicus - (White Fringetree, Old-man's beard) This slow growing small tree or large shrub produces in May-June many tassel-like white flowers which have a pleasing scent. Later it has blue-black fruits which are relished by birds.

Spiraea japonica alpina - (Daphne spirea) This dainty dwarf shrub has rose pink flowers in summer. It should not grow above 2 1/2 feet (in 15 years) and is excellent for rock garden use or as a ground cover.

Hibiscus syriacus Diana - (Rose-of-Sharon) This shrub is available for the first time this year due to several requests. The cultivar 'Diana' is a new triploid hybrid which bears huge pure white flowers all summer long.



Oxydendrum arboreum - (Sourwood) This slow-growing small tree (to 15' in 15 years) produces many small flowers on 4-10" panicles which literally smother the foliage in summer. The leaves turn brilliant colors in the fall.

Franklinia alatamaha - (Franklin Tree) This is a small tree with large (3" across) white cup-shaped flowers which appear in August and September. The glossy green foliage changes to orange or red in fall.

Crataegus phaenopyrum - (Washington Hawthorn) This small tree (30') grows into a rounded dense thorny tree which has cluster of white flowers in June and bright red fruit in the fall.

Cladrastis lutea - (American yellowwood) This beautiful flowering tree (30-50') produces long (8-14") panicles in spring. It's bright yellowish green foliage in spring contrasts with the darker green of more common shade trees, but its fall color is rarely spectacular.

Euonymus europaeus - (Spindle Tree) This is a small fast-growing tree (12-30') which are valued primarily for their bright pink fruit in the fall. It does not make a good specimen tree but the spectacular fall display makes it excellent for a background tree.

In addition to the items described, we are trying an experiment this year and have ordered a number of very small plants. If these are not large enough to be offered at the rare plant sale, they will be grown for a few years until they are of respectable size. We hope, however, that many of them will be available this year. We also should have some small unusual trees and of course, the dwarf conifers described in the last newsletter. Be sure to mark May 2 on your calendar.

### Clematis

Most of our readers know what delightful flowers are produced on the Betty Corning Clematis - beautiful blue bell-shaped flowers which bloom in profusion on the established vine. We are offering, also by pre-order, two others this year - Dutchess of Albany and Tangutica. Dutchess of Albany (*Clematis texensis*) is described as having lily shaped blooms of deep pink with a red band on each petal and creamy white stamens. They are about 1 to 2 inches in size and appear from July through October. *Clematis tangutica* (Golden clematis) are like glowing yellow lanterns with brown stamens. They are sometimes called Russia Virgin's Bower. They grow vigorously, sometimes to 20 feet and bloom from July to October. Their thick petals last well in bouquets. Each of these Clematis cost \$12.50 and must be pre-ordered but picked up on May 2. To reserve any of these plants from our very limited supply, call Margaret Law at 463-5256.



We are changing our old format of an early Saturday morning program to a different day and time. Please note dates of these upcoming events. We have tried for some new, as well as old favorite topics and speakers, to make this an interesting season.

May 2 (Sat) 11:30 Members\* Rare Plant Sale  
12:30 Public

\* Bring your membership card. Lunch will be served by the Friends committee.

May 3 (Sun) 2 p.m. Spring Walk Anita Sanchez

May 17 (Sun) 7 a.m. & Bird Walk John Bousman  
10 a.m.

May 30 (Sat) 2 p.m. Traditional Flower Arranging Evelyn Sturdevan

June 14 (Sun) 2 p.m. Conifer Walk Dr. John Abbuhl

June 28 (Sun) 2 p.m. Slide Program : Mrs. E. Corning II  
Garland of Generations and the Amazon

July 12 (Sun) 2 p.m. Thoreau's Birthday Party

Come and celebrate Thoreau's birthday with us - The Director or the Supervisor of Education at N.Y. State Museum will present the program.

July 26 (Sun) 2 p.m. Beekeeping Chuck Weed  
Tom Swan  
Ed Baker

Aug 9 (Sun) 2 p.m. Insects Jerry Dievendorf

Aug 23 (Sun) 2 p.m. Plant propagation James Bates

Sept 12 (Sat) 2 p.m. Flowershow

Sept 18 (Fri) 8 p.m.\* Stargazing & Calling Anita Sanchez  
Owls George Steele

Oct 11 (Sun) 2 p.m. Fall Foliage Walk Peter Kaskeski

\* Check with your local newspaper for conformation of hour - it may not be dark enough by 8 p.m.

Perhaps we have neglected to mention that we would be happy to try to answer any questions about growing things (if possible!) We are also open to suggestions at all times for programs you would like presented and would welcome comments on the Arboretum or the newsletter. Please give us your name and phone number so we can reach you.

Friends of the George Landis Arboretum

VOLUNTEER DAY

4 April 1987

Sat 1:00 p.m

(or come early - bring your lunch)

This is a day of organization for help to the Arboretum in the season of 1987.

- Come if you are interesting in weeding
- Come if you are interested in mowing
- Come if you would like to prune
- Come if you would like to mulch
- Come if you would like to fence
- Come if you can work 1 afternoon a week
- Come if you can work 1 day a month
- Come if you would help a growing tree.....

Team leaders will coordinate activities within their area:

_____	Lawns	_____	Conifers
_____	Trails	_____	Rhododendrons
_____	Gardens	_____	Lilacs
_____	Vines	_____	Crabapples
_____	Walls	_____	Roses
_____	Ponds	_____	Maples
_____	Parking	_____	Birches
_____	Signs	_____	Beeches
_____	Labeling	_____	Oaks
_____	Fencing	_____	Ashes
_____	Buildings	_____	Name your own

Mark your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices of greatest interest - or mark the area where you would like to learn the most with professional direction.

A Plea: For once we are not asking you for money but for something even more difficult to give - time and work. Labeling, clearing paths, weeding, pruning, etc. are all simple maintenance jobs that can be done by volunteers. We have designated April 4th as a Volunteer Day to bring people together to try to organize work forces throughout the summer. We need people with some experience and enthusiasm to help direct and guide those volunteers who hesitate to work alone. With all of us working together, we can keep the Arboretum alive and beautiful. Ed.



Friends

Plan what you would like to do  
Be it big or small  
The trees are there, and gardens bare  
All need a helping hand.

A day or two, by those like you  
May not seem like much.  
But growing things don't shout and scream  
They just wait their time.

And when you all have come to help  
So each can have their space  
Time will work its wondrous ways  
And give us each a place to praise.

Come if you believe you can  
Do any thing at all  
And be surprised with all of us  
By what does come by Fall.

John Abbuhl -Horticulture Chairman

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Friend \$10-25  
Sponsor \$25-50  
Supporting \$50-100  
Patron \$100+

GEORGE LANDIS ARBORETUM

Membership Application

Please support the  
extensive work of  
the arboretum and  
make a tax deduct-  
ible contribution.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] Renewal  
\_\_\_\_\_

THANK YOU

Amount [ ] New  
Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Member

Members receive a quarterly newsletter, free admission to the lec-  
ture series and early admission to the annual rare plant sale. Make  
your checks payable to:

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Mail to:

Esperance, NY 12066

The Officers of the Friends Committee were nominated at the last meeting. Vote by checking box or writing in your candidate.

Chairman	1_1	Chuck Weed	_____
Chairman elect	1_1	Janet Riley	_____
Recording Secretary	1_1	Nancy Rexford	_____
Treasurer	1_1	Don Rexford	_____
Director: Promotion	1_1	Irene Keeney	_____
Director: Ways & Means	1_1	Anne B'Rells	_____
Director: Education	1_1	Anita Sanchez	_____
Director: Newsletter	1_1	Margaret Law / Betty Bloom	_____
Director: Volunteers	1_1	Ann Jaster / Kathie Lippitt	_____

Please mail ballot to Kathie Lippitt, 6 Glen Terrace, Scotia, N/Y.  
12302

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We are looking forward to your second annual photo contest. We had many fine entries last year and hope for a similar response this year. To remind you of the rules:

- All photos must be taken at the Arboretum
- All entries must be received by Sept 1, 1987
- All entries become the property of George Landis Arboretum

More details in our next newsletter.

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