The New Jersey Historical Garden Foundation was established under the auspices of Mr. James Spiniello. Its board is composed of volunteers interested in the preservation, maintenance, and development of public, historical gardens. The Foundation is working with, but not funded by, the National Park Service, U. S. Department of Interior, to preserve the Cross Estate Gardens.

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Talk & Tea
Thursday, October 27, from 1-3 p.m.
at the First Presbyterian Church of New Vernon
2 Lee’s Hill Road, New Vernon

Our speaker will be The New York Times bestselling author Marta McDowell, who lives, writes and gardens in Chatham, NJ. Marta will share with us anecdotes from her latest book, All the Presidents’ Gardens: Madison’s Cabbages to Kennedy’s Roses — How the White House Grounds Have Grown with America. Copies of her new book will be available for purchase. Following her talk, the volunteers of the Cross Estate Gardens will serve our superb tea, featuring savories, sweets and tea or cider.

Registration is $25 for New Jersey Historical Garden Foundation members and $30 for non-members. Registration checks, payable to NJHGF, may be sent to New Jersey Historical Garden Foundation, PO Box 712, Bernardsville, NJ 07924.

Marta McDowell
Photo by Marco Ricca
Volunteers in the gardens...

Volunteers weeding the border by the stone wall.

Carolyn Lydon teaching volunteers how to propagate shrubs from woody plant cuttings.

Volunteers Nancy and Hollace weeding outside the stone wall.

Volunteers Steve and Ron digging post holes for Grace’s Garden deer fencing.
Volunteers in the gardens...

New gate for the back of Grace’s Garden built by Steve Fogle.

Volunteer Ethan pruning the wisteria on the pergola.

Volunteers Caroline and Marta in the Native Garden.

Volunteers Karen, Carolyn and Mary in the Walled Garden.
The NJHGF is always looking for new members to support its all-volunteer work in the Cross Estate Gardens. Every dollar donated goes into the gardens. Please become a member today, if you’re not already a supporter. Membership rates are as follows:

- Individual  $25
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Join our Volunteers

From early April through the middle of November, our hearty group of men and women volunteers meets every Wednesday morning from 9 a.m. to noon to work in the various gardens at the Cross Estate. Refreshments are provided during our 10:30 a.m. coffee break under the pergola. Please join us every Wednesday morning or whenever your schedule allows. All levels of expertise are welcome. For more information, please call Janet DiMauro at (908) 223-1622 or Joan Ryder at (201) 240-5898, or email info@crossestategardens.org.

Tours of the Cross Estate Gardens

Tours of the gardens are available every Wednesday at 10 a.m., from mid-April through October. Tours take approximately one-half hour. If your group would like to schedule a tour of the gardens on another day or time, please contact Joan Ryder at (201) 240-5898. There is a suggested donation of $5 per person for group tours.

Visit Us Online

Be sure to check out the Cross Estate Gardens website at www.CrossEstateGardens.org. You can also visit us on Facebook—search for Cross Estate Gardens or go to www.facebook.com/pages/Cross-Estate-Gardens/146692902063110.

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