



The Cross Estate Gardens

New Jersey Historical Garden Foundation

NEWSLETTER

Spring 2018

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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Cross Estate Gardens Plant Sale

Saturday, May 5, 2018, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

We have plants for the bare spots in your garden!

If you're like most—dare I say all?— gardeners, as the new growing season arrives, you find yourself with at least a few bare spots in your beds.

DO NOT DESPAIR OF THE BARE! The Cross Estate Gardens Plant Sale is right around the corner with a wide selection of plants: native and non-native; sun-loving and shade-loving; evergreen, semi-evergreen, woody, and herbaceous.

As it has been since the first Plant Sale 2005, the proceeds are used for improvements to the Estate's gardens. We raised \$350 at that first Plant Sale and we were thrilled! Since then our Plant Sales have been getting bigger and better. Please join us again on May 5, 2018.



The Cross Estate Gardens Plant Sale: Then and Now

From the *The Cross Estate Gardens Newsletter*, Spring 2005

Helen Mageau and Ann Bragg decided it was time to divide some plants in the Cross Gardens, so the volunteers will be potting up over-abundant plants from the formal and native gardens. We'd like to offer them to our members for a small donation on Saturday, June 4 from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (rain date June 5 from 1:00-4:00 p.m.).

In addition to some unusual plants donated by our volunteers from their own gardens, we will be offering the following:

From the native area: *Senecio aureus* (Golden Ragwort), *Anemone canadensis* (Canadian Anemone), *Coreopsis verticillata* (Threadleaf Coreopsis), *Caltha palustris* (Marsh Marigold).

From the formal garden: *Echinops ritro* (Globe Thistle), *Hemerocallis* hybrids (Daylily), *Rudbeckia fulgida* (Black-eyed Susan).

Bring your friends and help us raise extra funds for the garden.

NJHGF Board: Hello, Hello, Goodbye

At its Annual Board Meeting on November 15, 2017, the New Jersey Historical Garden Foundation welcomed two new board members while saying goodbye to a third.

Hello, Beverly Saadeh, Membership Chair



Beverly came to gardening late in life. “I tended to kill plants,” she says. Then her husband celebrated semi-retirement by putting in a meadow and went back to work full-time, leaving Beverly in charge.

Finding tending her own garden to be lonely work, Beverly decided to volunteer at the Cross Estate Gardens. “I could feel a part of a community, I could learn the names of plants and how not to kill them, and I could focus on my specialty: pulling weeds. (And, there’s always a yummy snack at the coffee break.) I love my time at the Gardens and am happy to help in any capacity that does not involve planting. I am the one with a hat, a dog, and dirt down my shirt.”

Hello, Ron Herold, Board Member



Ron retired from AT&T in 1998 after years working as a product manager within the financial services sector. He continued working until 2012 as a consultant for various industrial corporations. Today, he works part-time for Morristown Medical Center.

Ron has always enjoyed his vacations and free time in the outdoors, which includes gardening. His enjoyment of the outdoors and desire to find volunteer work suited to his abilities and interests led him to join the Volunteers of Cross Estate. Here he can satisfy his creativity while benefiting nature.

Goodbye, Hollace Bowers



Hollace joined the NJHGF Board in 2005. At that time and in the years since, she welcomed the opportunity to serve as Membership Chair and to see the NJHGF membership grow and evolve, just as the Gardens have done. “To be a member of the NJHGF Board was a privilege. To meet fellow volunteers who share a passion for the Gardens was a wonderful experience.”

We heartily thank Hollace for her friendship and years of devoted service and wish her all the best in her new home in South Carolina.

Looking ahead...Save the (tentative) Date!

Talk & Tea

Thursday, September 27, 1-3 p.m.

in the Library at the Cross Estate

Please verify date, time, and location at our website, www.crossestategardens.org

In Memory of Jean Pope (1931-2017)

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Jean Pope, Founder of Volunteers of the Cross Estate Gardens and Honorary Board Member of the New Jersey Historical Garden Foundation.



Visiting the Gardens in May 1989.

In 1975, when the National Park Service acquired the Cross Estate, the walled formal garden was (as reported by Marian H. Mundy in the Spring 2003 issue of *New Jersey Countryside Magazine*) “a combination romantic wreck and deer snack bar.”

It is thanks to Jean’s horticultural knowledge, careful research, organizational skills, and diligent efforts that the Cross Estate Gardens were able to be renovated and restored. She developed plans based on surviving records, gave talks to expand interest, collected plants, organized volunteers, and lovingly tilled and tended the Gardens.

Jean was a wonderful gardener and a dear friend who will be sorely missed.



Tending the Gardens in the early days.

Jean S. Pope of Tunkhannock died at Tyler Memorial Hospital in Tunkhannock on Sunday, Nov. 19, 2017, after a long battle with cancer.

Jean was born in Clifton Springs, N.Y., on May 30, 1931, daughter of Raymond and Edna (Fisher) Wright of Newark, N.J.

She was a 1953 graduate of Cornell University where she earned a Bachelor of Science from the College of Agriculture where she majored in horticulture.

Jean was then a successful homemaker in Chester, N.J., for many years. She maintained her horticultural interests as a member of the National Herb Society, volunteering in the Tempe Wick gardens in Morristown Historical Park, our country’s first National Historic Park. She then was able to share all her floricultural and organizational talents as the Founder of Volunteers at The Cross Estate Gardens in Bernardsville, N.J. The Gardens are a project of the New Jersey Historical Garden Foundation. After moving to Pennsylvania in 1996, she has continued to be involved in the activities of the Foundation as an honorary member of the Board.

She is survived by Daniel, her husband of nearly 65 years; and her daughters: Susan Balentine (Jeffrey) and their son Reed of Annapolis, Md., Amy Arnold (Ricky) and their son Seth of Ridgeway, Va., and Emily Maseeh (George) and their children Jeffrey and Michelle of Tucson, Ariz.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Cross Estate Gardens, P.O. Box 712, Bernardsville, NJ 07924 or to the charity of your choice.

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**Join our fantastic group of volunteers!
Learn from our experts, work in the gardens,
and enjoy a social, mid-morning break.**

Wednesday mornings from April to November, between 9 and noon.



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Post Office Box 712, Bernardsville, NJ 07924

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. 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.



Become a Member

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	Family	\$50
Friend	\$100	Sponsor	\$250
Patron	\$500		

Please mail your check, payable to NJHGF, to NJ Historical Garden Foundation, PO Box 712, Bernardsville, NJ 07924-0712. Thank you.