



The Cross Estate Gardens

New Jersey Historical Garden Foundation

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NEWSLETTER

Spring 2020

PLEASE NOTE: The Cross Estate Gardens is part of the Morristown National Historical Park (MNHP) of the National Park Service (NPS).

Before visiting, please check the NPS website for current park status:

<https://www.nps.gov/morr/index.htm>.



Cross Estate Gardens Plant Sale

Saturday, June 27, 2020

9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Plant Sale Rescheduled

I'm sure many of you, like me, look forward to the Plant Sale every year as an opportunity to visit the Gardens and find some new treasures for your own gardens. This year, we'll have to wait a little bit longer.

As of the time of printing, the Morristown NHP "is temporarily closed until the Executive order is lifted for the safety of staff and visitors. This includes all buildings, grounds, trails and parking lots." As a result, the Annual Plant Sale is tentatively rescheduled for June 27th.

Hopefully, we'll be able to see you soon for a visit and on June 27th for the Plant Sale.



This photo from last year's Plant Sale. On these tables are: hosta, dwarf hosta, hellebore, Solomon's seal, epimedium, celandine poppy, Virginia bluebells, astilbe, bleeding heart, bloodroot, pulmonaria, and others in the distance that are too blurry to identify.

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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NJHGF Board: Terms of Board Members Extended

Steve Fogle, Fred Aufschlager, Janet DiMauro, and Carolyn Lydon will remain on the NJHGF Board for another term.



Steve Fogle and **Fred Aufshlager** had both been long-term volunteers at the Cross Estate Gardens when they joined the Board in November 2013.

Steve acts as the “facility manager” and recently repaired the solar panel that powers the wall fountain in the Walled Garden. In the coming months Steve and fellow volunteer and Board member Ron Bailey will supervise the renovation of the 115 year old storage shed behind the mansion.

Fred’s forestry, landscape architecture, and city planning education is put to good use at the Cross Estate Gardens, where he supervises the correct pruning of the 100 year-old wisteria and, with fellow volunteer and Board member Ethan Hogan, is co-crew boss on the historic Mountain Laurel Allee improvement project.

Janet DiMauro has been a Board Member since 2007 and Volunteers Chair since 2009.

Janet’s Board position involves coordinating the volunteers and providing the Morristown National Historical Park (MNHP) with our volunteer hours, which affects funding of MNHP. Her tireless work organizing the annual Talk & Tea contributes to its being a rousing success.

On Wednesdays, Janet is usually in the Natural Garden.

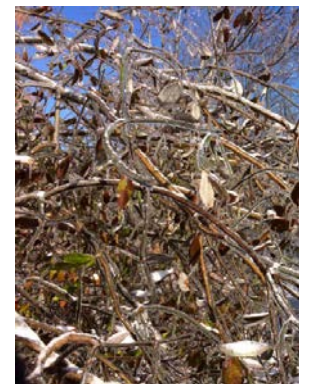
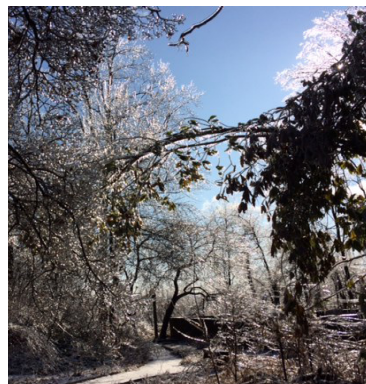
Carolyn Lydon has been on the Board since 2007.

In that year, she retired after 15 years as the first Director of Horticulture of Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit and became Horticultural Advisor to the NJHGF Board.

You can find Carolyn on Wednesday mornings weeding, tending, and planting in the Walled Garden.

December 17, 2019, Ice Storm @ the Cross Estate Gardens

Following a New Year’s Day report from one of our dedicated volunteers about damage to the Gardens caused by the December 17th ice storm, several volunteers met on January 6th to cut back branches that were blocking the path and bundle up the debris.



photos by Linda Nixon

SAVE the DATE

Thursday, September 24, 2020, 1-3 p.m.

Cross Estate Gardens Annual Talk & Tea:

Jane Hurwitz

on

Butterfly Gardening and the Cross Estate



Save the date for our annual talk, featuring Jane Hurwitz, author of *Butterfly Gardening: The North American Butterfly Association Guide*. With a special focus on the butterflies of Cross Estates Gardens, Jane Hurwitz will present a flower-filled slide show that will provide ideas on how to create a haven for butterflies in your yard.

Light refreshments, lovingly prepared by the volunteers of the Cross Estate Gardens, will be served. You'll be able to enjoy tea sandwiches and cookies, coffee and tea, in addition to a lively and informative talk.

Last year, I spent some time following and photographing pollinators through the Gardens. Aren't they something!

~Linda O'Gorman

In the Walled Garden



In the Natural Garden



In Grace's Garden





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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. 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) 455-2907 or Joan Ryder at (201) 240-5898, or email info@crossestategardens.org.

Tours of the Cross Estate Gardens

From mid-April through October, if the MNHP is open, tours of the Gardens are available Wednesdays at 10 a.m. 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.

Please note: tours will be limited to 6 visitors.

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.