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THE PENNSYLVANIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



1983 Philadelphia Flower Show Follows the Sun

You can have the sun in the morning and the afternoon too, no matter how cloudy it is outside, simply by taking a walk through this year's Flower Show.

Visitors will immediately be transported from winter's harsh cold doldrums to a warm sunny clime by the sight of flower-strewn sailboats bobbing in the water of a languid marina. A charming mid-Victorian Brighton Pavilion will attract the visitor as well as the sounds of boat bells, fog horns and sea gulls as onlookers stroll through this peaceful flowering scene.

After leaving the Pavilion you enter "Winterthur In Bloom," an exhibit, featuring a boggy area filled with primroses at the edge of a lush bank, from **Winterthur Museum and Gardens**, Delaware.

The finale of this trip through the seasons ends with "Sunset on Mountain Pond," by **Judd's Hollylan Nurseries**, Pitman, NJ. A winter ice skating pond complete with skaters in mid-morning, mid-afternoon and early evening, is surrounded by a rocky mountainside covered with native plants and bordered with a snow-covered cedar swamp about to burst into spring bloom.

This is just the main Show aisle, next month we will whet your appetite for spring with descriptions of additional Show highlights.

Flower Show Tickets

Advance Sale tickets are now available at PHS for the March 6 — 13 Show. Price: Adults; \$4.75 (available until March 4, minimum mail order: 10 Adult Tickets). Children under 12 \$2.75.

Members' Preview

Follow The Sun to the Flower Show Members' Preview on Saturday, March 5 from 12:30 to 3:30 pm.

Here's your chance, as a PHS member, to enjoy the Show at its freshest before it opens to the public on Sunday, March 6 at 10:00 am.

This Saturday afternoon preview is for PHS members and their guests. Each individual member will receive one ticket. Family and contributing members will receive three single admission tickets. Life members will receive a weekly pass as well as one members ticket.

If you wish to bring a guest to the preview the charge is \$20.00 per adult, \$5.00 per child under 12. Guest tickets may be purchased in advance or at the Show box office on March 5.

Your membership tickets will be mailed to arrive in late January.

Horticultur Highlights

The various horticultural and arrangement classes will be combined again this year to give the visitor greater variety, visibility and to allow better traffic movement. Niches and pedestal classes, miniature rooms and window boxes and the long expanses of container grown plants will be split up and integrated. The Bonsai exhibit, always one of the biggest stars of the Show, will form the central hub for this new arrangement.

Arrangement Entries Arriving for '83 Show

In the Arrangement Classes many niches have been filled. A few spaces are still available. Call Marjorie Meer for details at 625-8292.

Susie Wilmerding, chair of this year's Horticultural Classes, has worked with her committee over the summer to revise the entry system to make things easier and speedier for all entrants.

Flower Show Volunteers Needed

Captain and Mrs. Noah, stars of WPVI-TV, have helped the Society's membership committee develop our annual Flower Show membership drive. Our goals are more ambitious than ever and now **Frannie Cullen**, chair of the Members' Committee asks for your help as a PHS member in spreading the word about Society membership to our Show visitors.

The membership booths will be in operation from 10 am to 6 pm on Sundays, and from 10 am to 9:30 pm Monday through Saturday so there's a chance for almost every member to participate. In return for each three-hour stint in the booth we will provide you with one complimentary Show ticket.

If you would like to help us, please check the appropriate box on page 3 in the Reservation coupon and return it to PHS. In late January we will be in touch with you, inviting you to sign up for specific time slots.

Flower Show Preview Dinner

Invitations for this year's dinner were mailed before Thanksgiving. Seating is limited, so please try to send in your response as early as possible. If you have not received an invitation or would like an additional one please contact Ellen Wheeler at the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, 625-8255.

The Preview Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 5 at 6 pm.

Flower Show Poster

Help spread the word about the 1983 Show — bright and colorful posters sporting our Flower Show logo are available by stopping at PHS or calling the publicity office at 625-8266. Share them with your local library and stores to let everyone know that spring arrives at the Civic Center on March 6.

New in the Library

The Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Mushrooms, Gary H. Lincoff, Alfred A. Knopf, N.Y., 1981.

Bulbs: How to Select, Grow and Enjoy, George Harmon Scott, HP Books, Tucson, (AZ), 1982.

Cacti and Succulents for the Amateur, Charles Glass and Robert Foster, Abbey Garden Press, Alhambra, (CA), 1976.

Colour Encyclopedia of Succulents, Japanese Succulent Society, Seibundo Shinkosha Pub. Co., Ltd., 1981.

The Complete Guide to Water Plants, a Reference Book, Helmut Muhlberg, translated from the German by Ilse Lindsay, revised by Colin D. Roe, EP Publishing, 1982.

Fiddleheads and Mustard Blossoms: A Guide to Edible Plants of the Forest and Meadow, Catherine Derevitzky, Morrill, (ME), 1977. (Children)

Floral Art: Modern and Abstract Design, Betty Stockwell, Frederick Warne, London, 1978.

Fruits and Berries, American Horticultural Society, Mount Vernon, (VA), 1982. (The American Horticultural Society Illustrated Encyclopedia of Gardening Series)

Garden Beauty of South Africa, Sima Elovson, Macmillan South Africa, Johannesburg, S. Africa, 1979.

Gardens of a Golden Afternoon, the Story of a Partnership: Edwin Lutyens and Gertrude Jekyll, Jane Brown, Van Nostrand Reinhold, N.Y., 1982.

Heavenly Caves: Reflections on the Garden Grotto, Naomi Miller, Braziller, N.Y., 1982.

The Lore and Legends of Flowers, Robert L. Crowell, Thomas Y. Crowell, N.Y., 1982.

Modern Flower Arranging, Edith Brack, B.T. Batsford LTD, London, 1982.

Plants of Big Basin Redwoods State Park and the Coastal Mountains of Northern California, Mary Beth Cooney-Lazaneo and Kathleen Lyons, Mountain Press Publishing Co., Missoula, (MT).

Shrubs, Trees, and Climbers, Sima Elovson, Macmillan South Africa, Johannesburg, S. Africa, 1981.

Wildflowers of Tidewater Virginia, Oscar W. Gupton and Fred C. Swope, University Press of Virginia, Charlottesville, 1982.

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Activities

January-February Lectures, Meetings

(Open without charge to all)
KEYSTONE CHAPTER, AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY

Wednesday, January 12, 7:30 pm

Chapter president **Jim Klawitter** will talk about selecting plants for show, disbudding and grooming.

Wednesday, February 9, 7:30 pm

Tom Seiler: arrangements using African violets.

PENNSYLVANIA BONSAI SOCIETY

Friday, January 21, 7:30 pm

Don Lem will discuss Chinese scrolls and their interaction with bonsai.

Special Event

EDIBLES FROM THE SEA

Friday, January 14, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Here it is! Your long awaited invitation to attend the fourth collaborative 'Edibles', a biennial event produced by PHS, the Academy of Natural Sciences and the World Affairs Council, to take place at the Academy, 19th and the Parkway.

Be adventurous — come to a cocktail party featuring exotic gourmet tidbits from the deep: octopus, seaweed, sevicehe, gravlax, smoked fish and more prepared by local chefs — persons who will part with their recipes of Scandinavian, Oriental, Mediterranean and American origin.

Reservations are limited, so if you are "urchin" to come register now. \$12.50 per person includes open bar, fishy appetizers, and a very heady algae punch.

Registration Events

PHOTOGRAPHY SEMINAR

Saturday, January 22, 9 am - 3 pm

Dick Keen, Longwood Gardens staff photographer, will repeat last year's excellent one day seminar covering these aspects of photography: camera selection and operation, lenses, films, lighting, exposure, composition, special effects, slide showmanship and a new section, portraits and close-ups. His teaching aid is a multi-image nine projector set-up.

Registration is limited. Bring lunch or order one for \$6.00, coffee and tea provided. Fee: \$35.00 members and guests.

Snow date: Saturday, January 29. MEMBERS EVENING

Tuesday, January 25, 6 pm

Lucinda Winn of J and L Orchids, Easton, CT will talk about 'Orchid

Selections for Windowsills and Light Gardens'. She will have slides and plants from J and L's greenhouses to illustrate her talk for orchid lovers — especially those who do not have greenhouses and would like to grow orchids inside the house. She will also bring orchid plants to sell.

Cocktails 6 pm (donation bar), buffet dinner 6:45 pm, program 7:45 pm. Fee: \$10.00 members and guests.

PROPOGATION WORKSHOPS: DWARF CONIFERS

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Alan Slack, an expert gardener whose rock garden features an extensive collection of dwarf evergreen trees, will conduct two workshops for a limited number of members. Registrants will take home three containers with many planted cuttings of dwarf conifers from the Morris and Barnes Arboretums and the Scott Foundation of Swarthmore College, choice slow-growing varieties not easily found in nurseries. This is an excellent way to acquire dwarf plants for small spaces and container gardening.

All materials will be provided. Evening registrants should bring a sandwich; coffee and cookies are on PHS.

Fee: \$15.00 members and guests.

Field Trips

STATE FARM SHOW AND CAPITOL
Wednesday, January 12, 8 am - 6 pm

This will be PHS's third bus trip to Harrisburg to see the State Farm Show (held in mid-winter when farmers are not busy with planting, births or harvests) and the Capitol. Pennsylvania's Capitol, considered to be the most beautiful capitol building in the U.S., will be the first stop. Featured are murals by Violet Oakley and Edwin Austin Abbey and tile mosaics in the rotunda floor made by the Mercer tile works. A tour given by chief Capitol guide Sara Kugler will be a delight for all.

Box lunch will be eaten on the bus; then we go to the largest indoor farm show in the country to see hundreds of exhibits including beautifully groomed percherons, just-hatched chicks, and continuous competition in the arenas.

Fee of \$25.00 includes am and pm bus food and drink. Bring a box lunch or order one with hot chestnut soup for \$6.00. Directions for bus pick-up from Center City and Bala Cynwyd will be mailed to registrants.

DUKE GARDENS AND PRINCETON ART MUSEUM

Thursday, February 17, 9 am - 6 pm

Never-never land in February. PHS has an appointment at the Duke Gardens Foundation in Somerville, NJ where 11 perfect gardens under glass recreate the horticultural tastes of 11 countries and areas.

En route charter bus will go to the Princeton University Art Museum to see the permanent collections and a special photography exhibit. We will eat at Lahier's restaurant in Princeton.

Details of bus pick-up in Bala Cynwyd and Center City will be mailed to registrants.

Fee: \$22.00 members and guests includes bus transportation, guide fees & return trip bus refreshments (lunch not included).

Last Chance to Sign Up For Membership

We had a terrific response to our membership solicitation this fall and Linda Davis, membership secretary, reminds those few who still owe us their dues that she cannot mail your Flower Show tickets to you until she receives your payment for 1983. If you mislaid your contribution envelope give Linda a call at 625-8265. An in-

dividual membership costs \$25.00; family membership, which includes three Flower Show tickets is \$35.00 — quite a bargain when you consider your Flower Show tickets are worth a total of \$16.50, in addition to which you get six issues of *Green Scene*, 11 issues of the *News* and three Harvest Show tickets.

Garden Writers Visit Philadelphia

The Society played host to more than 100 members of the Garden Writers Association of America in mid-November.

The garden writers were in town for their 34th Annual Meeting held in the Philadelphia area with visits to Longwood Gardens and Winterthur Museum and Gardens.

After two days of meetings and lectures, the GWAA members were treated to "The Diversity of A Horticultural Society", a humorous interpretation of the variety of activities that make up The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. Actors included PHS members **Richard Both, Louise Harrity, J. Liddon Pennock, Jr., Jane Ward** and PHS staff. All writers enjoyed lunch at PHS before visiting The Philadelphia Zoo.



Orchids and Art Exhibit at PHS

"Joint Adventure — Orchids and Watercolors" will be on exhibit at 325 Walnut Street from January 5 through February 10.

PHS members **Margot Brinton** and **Stephen Bowen** of Philadelphia, will display their respective collections of watercolor paintings and orchid plants.

Margot, a scientist at Wistar Institute, has been painting since the age of 11. She is a member of the Pennsylvania Society of Watercolor Painters and has entered juried shows in New York and Harrisburg. Fourteen of her brilliant paintings of orchids will be shown. All of her works are for sale.

Stephen, an epidemiologist, has been collecting orchids on his travels to Mexico, Guatemala, French Guiana and Peru for the past eight years. He will display many of the plants from his collection.

Seeds Available to Members

Charles Cresson, PHS member with a passion for saving seed of excellent varieties of desirable plants, has generously offered to share his summer harvest with PHS members.

Seeds of the following are available and can be ordered by checking the appropriate box on this page in the Reservation coupon:
Onopordon arabicum — a large spiny biennial thistle, (8-10 ft.) grown primarily for the striking white or grey foliage. Native to the Mediterranean; this strain of great white thistle comes from the White Garden at Sissinghurst, Vita Sackville's West's garden in Kent, England.

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Reservations: Clip and mail reservations to:
 PHS, 325 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19106
 Reservations by mail only; include full payment. **Please use this blank;** it speeds processing. Confirmations are not mailed to members. Unless you are notified otherwise, we will expect you.

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STATE FARM SHOW Fee: \$25.00 _____ Box lunch: \$6.00 _____	JANUARY MEMBERS EVENING Fee: \$10.00 _____ Lecture Only _____ (No Fee)
EDIBLES FROM THE SEA Urchin to Come _____ Fee: \$12.50 _____	PROPOGATION WORKSHOPS 10 am _____ 6 pm _____
PHOTOGRAPHY COURSE Fee: \$35.00 _____ Lunch: \$6.00 _____	Fee: \$15.00 _____ DUKE GARDENS-PRINCETON MUSEUM Fee: \$22.00 _____

Please send:

- Onopordon arabicum* seeds
- Eryngium giganteum* seeds
- Lilium formosanum* seeds
- I would like to volunteer at the Flower Show Membership Booth.

Please send information about times to work.

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Pepperpot

Fifty seven percent of our members rate themselves as "dedicated" gardeners; 53% have been members for more than 5 years, and 65% attended the 1982 Philadelphia Flower Show.

Last spring's membership survey (a green document you received in June) reaped a bumper response that astounded statisticians at the University of Delaware. **Greg Nace**, a student in the Longwood Graduate Program at the University of Delaware, who designed the survey with help from statistician **Sarah Tung**, was delighted and to our respondents we say many thanks. We appreciate the time you took to let us know how you perceive PHS.

Additional highlights from the survey evaluation are as follows: in an activity traditionally considered "feminine", one quarter of the Society's membership are males. The average age of our members is 54. Garden visits/field trips and shows are the activities that appeal to most members; only 11% of the respondents desire more activities.

Your suggestions for activities will take a while to analyze because we could not process this information by computer. In the meantime, if you come up with additional ideas, please be sure to let me know so I can pass these on to the Members Committee. Our publications apparently appeal to a wide audience: 46% of the survey respondents listed the *Green Scene* as a reason for becoming a PHS member; 73% are either "extremely" or "very" happy with the publication.

As we go forward we wish to attract a wider urban membership and young members whose vim and vigor will make great things happen at PHS in combination with the wisdom of our older members.

In November we received word that the **Pew Memorial Trust** has awarded the Society a grant of \$96,000, spread over a period of 3 years, for the Philadelphia Green program. Our first Philadelphia Green grant from the Pew Memorial Trust was in 1976 and it's terrific to know that the Trust plans to continue supporting our community outreach horticultural program.

Jane G. Pepper

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Executive Director

Junior Flower Show Winners

Over 2,000 children from all over the Delaware Valley came to visit and participate in the Junior Flower Show held in November. Zoological Garden Revue was the theme for over 300 crafty creatures, zoo friends, 12 special exhibits and over 1100 artistic and horticultural entries.

Top Winners of the Show were:
BEST OF SHOW — SPECIAL EXHIBIT
Penn Valley Elementary School of Narberth, PA

BEST OF SHOW ARTISTIC
Jose Escalero, S.A. Douglas School, Philadelphia

BEST OF SHOW HORTICULTURAL
Pam Dudas, Middle Bucks A.V.T.S., Jamison, PA

CLASS RECEIVING THE MOST ENTRIES AWARD
Masterman School, Spring Garden St., Philadelphia

123 entries
STUDENT RECEIVING MOST ENTRIES AWARD
Jackie Flores, Warren G. Harding Jr. High School, Philadelphia

11 entries
STUDENT RECEIVING THE MOST BLUE RIBBONS
Loretta Mestishen, D.D.H. Lengel Middle School, Pottsville
6 blue ribbons

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Eryngium giganteum — a smaller biennial herb (3 ft.). Excellent for dried arrangements. This seed also collected from Sissinghurst.

Lilium formosanum — seed collected

from plants grown from seed collected by **Paul Meyer** of the Morris Arboretum in Taiwan in 1979 on rocky scree at an elevation of 2900 meters. Plants about 12 inches tall with large single fragrant flowers.

Seed supplies are limited so we will operate on a first-come first-serve basis and will mail seeds in February. If you do not hear from us you will know we ran out of seed before we received your request.



Philadelphia Green Garden Assistants Awarded

In early December, the Philadelphia Green garden assistants were presented with Special Award Certificates for their participation in a one year training program sponsored by Philadelphia Green.

The program consists of an eight week training course conducted by Philadelphia Green staff member Patricia Schreiber. On the job training includes year round visits to new and old garden sights, answering gardeners' questions and assisting in planting projects.

Schreiber noted that the garden assistants had enabled Philadelphia Green to touch base with over 300 community groups during the summer.

This year's class included **Antonio Bonaparte, Charles Bryant, Linda Daniels, Loretta Fern, Jo Ann Fishburn, Victoria Greene, Mildred Heckstall, Marian Jones, Tareena McGill, Patricia Respass** and **Lydia Wilkins**.

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'83 Flower Show Exhibitors

Some of our exhibitors will be taking us on quite a journey at this year's Show.

For your hiking pleasure, **Vick's Wildgardens, Inc. of Gladwyne** has created an Appalachian Trail complete with native plants, a stream and waterfalls.

After coming down from the mountain, you may be ready for some summer relaxation. A "Cape Cod Summer" by **Snipes Farm and Nursery, Morrisville** will make you feel as if it is a sunny day with sand dunes, seashells and blooming plants set around a weathered beach house.

When it comes to relaxing and taking in some rays, **Fox Chase Cancer Center, Philadelphia** reminds us to have "Sun Sense." The Center's exhibit focuses on the do's and don'ts of summer sunlight.

NEW EXHIBITORS

In addition to forty-two other major exhibitors there will be five new players on stage this year.

Harris M. Bieberfeld of Green Lane with his design called "The Family Room" will give visitors a glimpse of a multi-unit outdoor room that can be used for sunning, sauna, dining or just plain taking it easy.

Browse Nursery of Norristown joins the cast with "Summer Breeze," a patio garden filled with flowering plants and foliage.

PHS' own **Philadelphia Green** invites you to take a walk down "Philadelphia Green Street," a city block complete with trees, window boxes, curbside planters and a community vegetable garden. The exhibit will be staged by Philadelphia Green Volunteers and staff.

Grant Leighton Associates of Blue Bell will take us on a "Flight of Fancy"

presenting the creative and functional use of living foliage in a commercial interior and finally, "Winterthur In Bloom," an exhibit by **Winterthur Museum and Gardens of Delaware**.

The display features the favorite plants of Henry Francis du Pont with combinations of bulb plants, native and exotic shrubs and newer as well as older and forgotten "antique cultivars."



Competitive Class Highlights

Carolyn Waite, chair of the Arrangement Classes, tells us that a special "Gallery Visit" is planned for the niche classes on Wednesday, March 9. Small, medium and large niche entrants will each be given a print of a painting to incorporate into their arrangement.

Carolyn recently took a "Best of Show" award at the Garden Club of America Zone V Flower Show — Congratulations.

New this year is the Balcony Class. **Louise Harrity**, chair of competitive classes, says "there's going to be some strong competition in this class." The class was immediately oversubscribed and has a waiting list for next year. The theme is "You Cannot Shut Out The Windows of the Sky" and allows the exhibitors their choice of growing location and growing season. The four garden clubs entered are **Four Counties Garden Club, The Outdoor Gardeners, Norristown Garden Club, and The Garden Club of Wilmington**.

Competing in the major garden class, "Good Day Sunshine" are **The Garden Workers, Rose Tree Gardeners, The Weeders and The Gardeners**.

Princess Grace Memorial Garden

This year's Flower Show is dedicated to Her Serene Highness Princess Grace of Monaco. A memorial garden has been designed in her honor and will be on display throughout the week of the Show. The display, a small colorful garden complete with a fountain will be seen through a series of palladian windows, offering the viewer a focus for quiet reflection.

Princess Grace was an avid gardener and honorary PHS member. One of her many talents included designing pressed plant pictures and she last visited the Flower Show in 1976 as a judge in the pressed plant section.

Horticultural Demonstrations at the Flower Show

Visit PHS's Horticultural Hall at the Show. The auditorium near the International Cafe will offer free gardening demonstrations by PHS staff daily, Monday through Saturday, 2:30 pm, 5 pm and 7:30 pm, and on Sunday, March 6 11 am and 2 pm.

Flower arranging demonstrations will be given each day by Allied Florists at 10:30 am, 1:00, 3:30 and 6 pm and on Sundays at 12 noon and 3 pm. Florists will offer practical tips on "How to Use Flowers in the Home," "Keeping Flowers," "Plant Care," "Your Own Arrangements," and "How Your Professional Florist Can Serve You."

This year visitors can have their plant questions answered at the Lucky You information centers located throughout the Show.

New in the Library

Cacti as House Plants: Flowers of the Desert in your Home, W.E. Shewell-Cooper and T.C. Rochford, Blandford Press, Dorset (England), 1979.

Colour Encyclopedia of Cacti, Hiroshi Hirao, Seibundo Shinkosha, 1979.

Dried Flowers for All Seasons, Betty Wiita, Van Nostrand Reinhold Co., N.Y., 1982.

The Encyclopedia of Judging and Exhibiting Floriculture and Flora-Artistry, 5th ed. rev., Esther Veramae Hamel, Ponderosa Publishers, St. Ignatius (Mont.), 1982.

A Field Guide to the Common and Interesting Plants of Baja California, Jeanette Coyle & Norman C. Roberts, Natural History Publishing Company, La Jolla (CA), 1975.

Flora of Madagascar, H. Perrier De La Bathie, Steven D. Beckman, Lodi (CA), 1981. (non-circulating)

Garden Ornament, Gertrude Jekyll, Antique Collectors' Club Ltd., Suffolk (England), 1982. (reprint of 1918 edition)

The Gardens of Gertrude Jekyll in Northern England, Michael & Rosanna Tooley, Witton-le-Wear, Co., Durham (England), 1982.

Houses and Gardens by E.L. Lutyens, Lawrence Weaver, Antique Collectors' Club Ltd., Suffolk (England), 1981. (reprint of 1913 edition)

Orchidaceae Brasilienses, Vols. 1 & 2, G.F.J. Pabst & F. Dungs, Kurt Schmersow, Hiddesheim (Germany), 1975-77. (non-circulating)

The Organic Gardener's Complete Guide to Vegetables and Fruits, Editors of Rodale Press, Emmaus (PA), 1982.

The Rhododendron Species, Vol 1, Lepidotes, H.H. Davidion, Timber Press, Portland (OR), 1982. (non-circulating)

The Seed-Starters Handbook, Nancy Bubel, Rodale Press, Emmaus (PA), 1978.

Urban Insect Pest Management for Deciduous Trees, Shrubs & Fruit, John A. Quist, Pioneer Science Publications, Greeley (CO), 1982.

The Vegetable Garden Displayed, rev. ed., Royal Horticultural Society, London, 1981.

Wood and Garden, Gertrude Jekyll, Antique Collectors' Club Ltd., Suffolk (England), 1981. (reprint of 1899 edition)

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Panel discussion: insects and diseases of African violets.

MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGIONAL LILY GROUP

Saturday, February 12, 1 pm

Speaker: Peter S. Strilko.
Lily growing in the Netherlands.

Special Events

EXHIBIT OPENING:

BOTANICAL INTERPRETATIONS

Friday, February 11, 5-7 pm

Michael J. McCloskey's watercolor paintings of plants and flowers will be on display from Feb. 11 to March 25.

A wine and cheese reception honoring Mr. McCloskey will be held from 5-7 pm on opening day. Members and guests are most welcome.

MEMBERS EVENING AT THE FLOWER SHOW

Tuesday, March 8, 5-7 pm

The Members Lounge, a tented area behind the horticultural classes' will be staffed to dispense cocktails (donation bar), cheese, crackers and coffee on this evening. It's an annual happening during a less crowded time to see the show.

The Members Lounge, open to members all during the Flower Show, is staffed by volunteers who serve coffee from 12 noon to 4 pm Sunday, March 7 through Saturday, March 13.

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Other Events

Longwood Graduate Program Spring Seminar Series

Beyond the Berm: Are Public Gardens Conscious of Their Communities? is the title of the series to be held from February 10 to May 19 at Longwood Gardens. Free to the public. For more information contact the Longwood Graduate Program, 153 Agricultural Hall, University of Delaware, Newark, DE 19711 (302) 738-2517.

37th Williamsburg Garden Symposium April 17-23

Four days of horticultural programs and visits. Speakers include John Elsley, director of plant purchasing, George W. Park Seed Company; August De Herdt, head, department of horticultural science, North Carolina State University; James van Sweden and Wolfgang Oehme, landscape architects, Washington, DC.; and Jane Pepper from PHS. For full program write Trudy S. Moyles, PO Drawer C, Williamsburg, VA 23187.

**GOT A SICK PLANT
IN YOUR HOUSE?
CALL THE HOTLINE
922-8043
FOR HELP**

Members' Flower Show Tickets Mailed

Watch the mailbox for your complimentary Flower Show tickets. They were mailed at the end of January. Life members will receive a weekly pass and one members' ticket. Annual members receive one ticket each, family and contributing members, three tickets. Those families with more than three members living under one roof (children under the age of 21) who want additional tickets should apply in writing, enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope, to Jane G. Pepper, executive director, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, 325 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106 stating the names and ages of all family members and the number of additional tickets needed.

Members' tickets are good throughout the Flower Show but we urge you to come to the special Members' Preview on Saturday, March 5 from 12:30 to 3:30 pm. Members who wish to bring guests to the Preview may purchase additional tickets (\$20.00 per person) in advance or at the Civic Center.

Thirty-seven Ticketron outlets in Greater Philadelphia (many of which are located in area Sears and Gimbels stores) will again carry Flower Show tickets. Ticketron advance sale: \$5.60; during the Show: \$6.35; Children (under 12): \$3.60.

Advance Sale tickets are now available at PHS reception desk: \$4.75 for adults (\$5.50 at Show), \$2.75 children under 12, advance sale or at the Civic Center. The minimum mail order is 10 adult tickets. Order before February 25th to allow for timely delivery.

Botanical Interpretations at PHS

Recently featured in the January issue of *American Artist*, **Michael J. McCloskey** will exhibit his watercolor paintings at 325 Walnut Street from February 11 through March 25.

→ McCloskey, a former art teacher at the Shipley School and a member of the American Horticultural Society, grows many of the plants shown in his paintings. He says that "all of the paintings have an oriental feeling in their delicacy and although somewhat abstract, the subject is recognizable." Paintings on exhibit are for sale.

A wine and cheese opening is planned for February 11. See "Activities" for more information.

Wisters Give Cheston Memorial Book

A generous gift from John and Gertrude Wister has been used to purchase one of the earliest books published about agriculture in the Delaware Valley. This book John Spurrier's the PRACTICAL FARMER, was published in 1793 in Wilmington, Delaware. Spurrier, who described himself as "an old experienced farmer, late of the County of Herts, in Great-Britain and now of Brandywine hundred, County of New Castle," gives "directions for sowing, transplanting and managing flowers, herbs and vegetables in the garden." The Wister gift is a most appropriate memorial to booklover Emily R. Cheston who, with her husband Edward, sowed, transplanted and managed Hayfield Farm, Upper Dublin Township for fifty years.

New PHS Staff Member

Celia A. Segal of Holland, PA joined the staff in January as Administrative Assistant and Harvest Show Secretary. With a Bachelor of Science Degree in Recreation and Parks from Pennsylvania State University, Celia has worked as a Community Living Arrangement Resident Advisor for Residential Service Systems in Wayne and for the past couple of years in the Special Events Department at Strawbridge and Clothier.

Philadelphia Green Training Program Underway

In mid-January, the new Philadelphia Green Garden Assistants began their one-year training program with an eight-session course in urban horticulture. Patricia Schreiber, program coordinator says, "the Garden Assistants Training Program actually provides one more avenue for directing horticultural information back into Philadelphia's neighborhoods."

Topics to be covered this winter include basic botany, soils, container gardening, and pest and disease controls.

The new garden assistants, many of whom were referred by the Philadelphia Green Advisory Board members, were chosen for their previous community involvement, interest in plants, and willingness to share what they will learn with their neighborhoods.

Following the conclusion of the winter classes, and as they begin working with staff in the communities, the garden assistants will attend a series of monthly horticultural workshops which will provide them with more detailed information to supplement their winter studies.

The new garden assistants are: **Beverly Agard, Ida Council, Gladys Davis, Ted Faigle, Charles Hurt, Annie McGee, Craig Robinson** and **Blanche Smith**, all of West Philadelphia, **Martha Holman** and **Louis Soto** of North Philadelphia and **Juanita Wooten** of Germantown.

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6 pm _____

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Committee chairs: PHS has a small staff — just 25 in all — who work in cooperation with a terrific team of volunteers who guide, back up and support every Society activity. Each committee is headed by a chair and PHS President **Henry H. Reichner, Jr.** announces the following committee heads for the coming year: Awards — **Sandra C. Ward**; Community Activities — **Willie Mae Bullock**; Finance — **Harold C. Wessel**; Harvest Show — **Ann Marlar**; Library — **Joan Brinton**; Members — **Frances Cullen**; Nominating — **Anne B. Putnam**; Publications — **Adele Greenfield**; Public Information — **James N. Nutt, Jr.**; Salary and Compensation — **Russell O. Jones**. Our three Flower Show committees are vital to the Society and we are most grateful to the following who will guide us through the upcoming Show: Flower Show Executive Committee — **J. Liddon Pennock, Jr.**; Preview Dinner — **Mary C. Disston** and Competitive Classes — **Louise Harrity**.

Flower Show Program: we are trying a new look this year, incorporating color photographs in the editorial section and adding a gardeners' green directory for advertisements — a section we hope you will save as a shopping guide for the coming year.

Editor Jean Byrne is eager for you to see the bright colorful program cover designed specially for the Show by **Sam Maitin**, one of Philadelphia's best known artists. Sam is a painter whose work has been collected by the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Tate Gallery in London and many other international museums. He was head of the Graphics Communications Lab at the Annenberg School at the University of Pennsylvania and has taught print making at several Philadelphia art schools. Maitin has designed and illustrated many books, magazine covers and posters. A couple of years ago the poster he designed for the Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance brightened many of the city's bus shelters. Postcards with Sam's "Follow the Sun" design will be for sale at the Show in the membership booth.

The Society lost a good friend with the death of **Louise Allinson** in December. As Ernesta Ballard, former PHS president said, "Mrs. Allinson was a vital member of the Society's Council for almost 30 years and served in many

key roles including that of secretary and vice president. Mrs. Allinson was deeply interested in conservation and was a founding member of the Brandywine Conservancy.

Jane G. Pepper

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Executive Director

John C. Wister dies aged 95

His enthusiasm was infectious, the depth and breadth of his horticultural knowledge were unsurpassed and there's hardly a horticulturist in this country who has not been touched in some way by **John Wister**.

During the 1930s and '40s John Wister was a driving force within the Society, serving as secretary under president C. Frederick C. Stout for 21 years. Under the aggressive Stout/Wister regime the Society's membership doubled to more than 4,000 in 1941. When he was secretary Wister ran many of the Society's programs and initiated garden visits.

Wister was trained in landscape architecture at Harvard University and later used these talents in combination with his extensive horticultural interests in the development of the Arthur Hoyt Scott Horticultural Foundation at Swarthmore College. In addition to being an author, editor and lecturer, Wister was well-known for his breeding and hybridizing, principally of daffodils, peonies and daylilies, and for establishing large collections of both woody and

herbaceous plants especially lilacs, magnolias and Glendale azaleas on the campus at Swarthmore College.

The Society benefitted from John Wister's talents and knowledge for more than a half-century; his death is a loss to gardeners of all ages.

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Flower Show — At Last!

Flower Show talk has been buzzing for some time and at last the Show is here. The largest indoor flower show of its kind in the world, the Philadelphia Flower Show will open its doors from March 6-13 to visitors from around the nation. But before all the fanfare begins, the Show will have gone through its metamorphosis in greenhouses, garages, basements and barns all over the Delaware Valley.

On Friday, February 25 the initial Flower Shows crew will enter the Civic Center. Over the weekend Show designer, Ed Lindemann will chalk out each exhibitor's carefully measured space and a crew from **Vick's Wildgardens** will hang six miles of smilax.

By Monday afternoon the hall will be filled with piles of mulch and many large trees ready for planting. The sounds of chain saws and bulldozers fill the air as tractor trailers empty their cargo of bricks and staging materials.

The sailboats for the Show feature arrive on Wednesday, March 2. Five of them with brightly colored sails are on loan from **Thomas Sailing Center, Berlin, NJ**.

As we get closer to opening day mountains, streams and tropical islands take shape. Visitors will stroll along the deck of a marina and take in the sweet smell of summer blossoms as seagulls fly overhead. The nation's greatest Flower Show is in full bloom.

Back Stage At The Flower Show

The all important maintenance crew at this year's Show will be easily identified in bright yellow T-shirts with an orange Flower Show emblem. As part of the team that makes the Show run smoothly each year, this crew of high

school students from the Saul High School of Agricultural Sciences, Roxborough will work with Joe Kerwin, floor manager, to guarantee that each day the public enjoys a safe and orderly Show. Assisting Kerwin will be **Lance Mason** of Philadelphia Green's staff, **Bob Romans**, **David Baker** and **Edwin Heitman**, a nine year Flower Show crew veteran.

The students are selected for this work-study program by **Robert J. Hunter**, agricultural coordinator at Saul High School. Hunter selects a cross section of freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors with good academic standing who are willing to make up missed class work after the Show.

Before the Show the students help unload vans full of staging materials. During the set-up week, each of the 16 students: **William Barrett**, **Ellen Bebenour**, **Ray Delaney**, **Mike Esposito**, **Anne Gallagher**, **Mark Green**, **Nanette Jorge**, **Laura Leckey**, **Tak Lee**, **Sherry Malinich**, **Cheryl Phillips**, **Frank Phillips**, **Tom Podulka**, **Tim Regan**, **Lisa Sciandria** and **Audrey Smolinski** works at least 40 hours painting, assisting the carpenters, erecting the Horticult and planting hundreds of bulbs. During the Show they rotate their duties — supervising the play area, mopping sudden spills and leaks and helping to improve the traffic flow. After the public has come and gone they spend three days "breaking down" the Horticult, disassembling the Show and organizing the inventory so that next year's production will run smoothly. These students make a valuable contribution to all Show exhibitors.

Annual Meeting of Styer Award Evaluators

They meet once a year and huddle in the PHS boardroom studying color slides, plant descriptions and entry forms. Long discussions ensue among these experts on leaf shapes, plant textures, flower colors — and above all,

how the entries stack up against readily available plants in the same group.

The Styer Award program, initiated in 1980, was the brainchild of J. Franklin Styer, nurseryman and plant researcher who had long been interested in promoting the development of high quality plants suitable for gardens in the Mid-Atlantic States.

Two years ago evaluators **Darrel Apps**, **Jared Berd**, **James E. Cross**, **Tom Dilatash**, **William Heyser**, **William H. Frederick, Jr.**, **Steve Hutton**, **Paul Meyer**, **Philip Normandy**, **Sally Reath**, **Quentin Schlieder**, **Bradshaw Snipes** and **J. Franklin Styer** met under the leadership of chair, **Richard W. Lighty** to consider the first entries for the Certificate of Preliminary Commendation.

Those plants selected for this certificate, and an additional group of plants chosen in 1982, are currently under test in gardens and arboreta throughout the Mid-Atlantic States. Each year, when the evaluators meet in January, they discuss the progress of these entries. Within a few years the first entries will be eligible for consideration for the final J. Franklin Styer Award of Garden Merit.

This January the evaluators considered nine new entries and selected the following for testing by awarding each plant a Certificate of Preliminary Commendation. The name in brackets following each plant is that of the introducer.

1983

Ilex serrata x verticillata 'Autumn Gold'

Ilex serrata x verticillata 'Harvest Red'

Rhus chinensis 'September Beauty'

(Elwin R. Orton, Jr. Cook College, Rutgers University.)

Pieris japonica 'Crystal'

(Gerald H. Verkade New London, Conn.)

Viburnum x 'Eskimo'

(Donald R. Ego U.S. National Arboretum)

Cornus kousa 'Square Dance'

(Polly Hill Wilmington, Delaware)

New In The Library

Children and Gardens, Gertrude Jekyll, Woodbridge, Suffolk, Eng., Antique Collectors' Club, 1982 (Reprint of 1908 edition)

The Classical Gardens of China, Yang Hongxun, New York, Van Nostrand Reinhold, 1982.

Ferns and Allied Plants, Rolla M. Tryon and Alice F. Tryon, New York, Springer-Verlag, 1982.

Flora of Baja California, Ira L. Wiggins, Stanford, Stanford University Press, 1980.

Flower Decoration in the House, Gertrude Jekyll, Woodbridge, Suffolk, Eng., Antique Collectors' Club, 1982. (Reprint of 1907 edition)

Flowering Plants in the Landscape, Mildred E. Mathias, Berkeley, University of California Press, 1982.

Gardens in Small Spaces, American Horticultural Society, Mount Vernon, AHS, 1982.

Gardening under Glass and Lights, American Horticultural Society, Mount Vernon, AHS, 1982.

Handbook on Judging and Exhibition, 7th ed., American Orchid Society, n.p., AOS, 1982.

Herbs and Spices, American Horticultural Society, Mount Vernon, AHS, 1982.

Ikenobo School of Japanese Floral Art, Tsutomu Nishimura, Kyoto, Ikenobo Floral Art Institute, 1951.

Mrs. Delany, Her Life and Her Flowers, Ruth Hayden, London, Colonnade, 1980.

Pruning, American Horticultural Society, Mount Vernon, AHS, 1982.

Quality Stream Cattleyas, Japan Orchid Growers Association, Japan, Jusekisha, 198?

The Vegetable Garden Displayed, Royal Horticultural Society, London, RHS, 1981.

What Can I Grow in the Shade, Suzanne Warner Pierot, New York, Liveright, 1977.

Wild Flowers of the Pacific Northwest, Lewis J. Clark, Sidney, British Columbia, Gray, 1976.

Peggy Devine, New Library Assistant

Peggy Devine graduated in 1982 from Delaware Valley College of Science and Agriculture with a degree in ornamental horticulture. She specialized in college in floriculture and was employed at Suburban Gardens, Wynwood before joining the PHS staff.

Activities

March-April

Lectures, Meetings

(Open without charge to all)

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY

Wednesday, March 16, 7:30 pm

Panel discussion: insects and diseases of African violets.

Wednesday, April 13, 7:30 pm

Tom Seiler: terrariums and bottle gardens.

Special Event

MEMBERS EVENING AT THE FLOWER SHOW

Tuesday, March 8, 5-7 pm

The Members Lounge, a tented area behind the horticultural classes will be staffed to dispense cocktails (donation bar), cheese, crackers and coffee on this evening. It's an annual happening during a less crowded time to see the Show.

The Members Lounge, open to members all during the Flower Show, is staffed by volunteers who serve coffee from 12 noon to 4 pm Sunday, March 7 through Saturday, March 13.

Registration Events

WORKSHOP: TRAINING PLANTS

Tuesday, April 5, 10 am

A slide program followed by a workshop on training plants will be given by **Sally Reath**, whose handsome best-in-show standard myrtles and rosemaries have fascinated flower show patrons for many years.

Registrants will take home a 5" pot with a plant started as a standard and a pot with a plant started on a spiral frame. Plants to be used, ivy, myrtle and rosemary, are not winter hardy here; all prefer cool indoor night temperatures.

All materials will be provided; bring shears. Fee: \$15.00 members only.

PLANNING A PERENNIAL GARDEN

Wednesday, April 6, 13, 20, 10 am

Three 2-hour sessions on planning and planting a perennial garden will be conducted by **Jane Reed Lennon**, whose horticultural background includes a lengthy training at Hillier's in England.

Each participant will learn how to make a drawing for a perennial bed or border in his or her garden.

To be covered: selection of compatible plants for sunny and shady locations, soil and feeding, propagation and low maintenance plants.

All materials will be provided. Limited registration for members only. Fee: \$35.00

MEMBERS EVENING

Thursday, April 7, 6 pm

Elvin McDonald, well-known horticultural communicator and syndicated columnist for King Features, who has written best sellers about house plants, will show slides of 'Container Gardens, Inside and Out'. He will emphasize container plants as "decorative space makers" and tell how to get hours of pleasure from minutes of gardening in containers. Featured will be fragrant plants, useful herbs, plants to attract butterflies and humming birds and water plants.

Cocktails 6 pm, buffet dinner 6:45 pm, program 7:45 pm. Fee: \$10.00 members and guests.

WORKSHOP: CONTAINER GARDENING

Friday, April 8, 10 am — 2 pm

Elvin McDonald (see Members Evening) will give a lecture-demonstration on all facets of container gardening — how to choose and ready containers for planting, growing mediums, cleanliness, nutrition, reduced watering techniques, staking and pruning, French intensive planting and more.

Participants will take home a container garden planted in a 10" pot with unusual cultivars of fragrant and culinary herbs and a small leaved geranium.

Bring a sandwich; coffee and cookies provided by PHS. Fee: \$15.00, members only. Limited registration.

PROPAGATION WORKSHOP: GROWING FROM SEEDS

Wednesday, April 13, 7 pm

Thursday, April 14, 10 am

Learn basic easy techniques for growing your own plants from seeds from expert **Roxie Gevjan** whose blue ribbon entries in the Philadelphia Flower Show are nearly all grown from seeds, including her bulb entries. She achieves a high rate of germination, the result of trial and error and using techniques learned from others.

After a lecture demonstration participants will plant 3 containers of seeds from the Denver Botanic Gardens, American Rock Garden Society and private sources.

All materials provided.

Limited registration for members only. Fee: \$10.00

Field Trips

ELEUTHERIAN MILLS & WINTERHUR IN SPRING

Thursday, April 21, 8:30 am — 6 pm

A chance to see masses of spring bulbs along the Brandywine at the Hag-

ley Museum where Eleutherian Mills, Eleuthere Irene duPonts' house above the original duPont powder works and restored garden, cultivated by him from 1803-34, are located. After a tour of the house and garden, we will go to Winterthur for lunch in the Garden Pavilion, followed by an orientation talk on the gardens, and a walking tour of the gardens led by **Philip Correll**, head of the Education Department. Then you will have time to see sixteen main museum rooms open in spring and do the American Sample. Tour in the Washington Wing and/or the Winterthur shops on your own.

Fee: \$27.00, members and guests, includes bus transportation, all entrance and guide fees, return trip refreshments. Lunch is not included.

GEORGETOWN GARDEN TOUR
Saturday, April 23, 7:45 am — 7 pm

Bus to Washington, then go on a walking tour of Georgetown to see 11 traditional and innovative gardens including Captain and Mrs. Peter Belin's "Everymay", Dumbarton Oaks and 9 more private 'outdoor rooms' on a smaller, more intimate scale. This annual tour is organized by and is for the benefit of the Georgetown Children's House.

Details of bus pick-up in Bala Cynwyd and Center City will be mailed to registrants with a list of suggested Georgetown area restaurants for lunch on your own.

The fee includes transportation, tour ticket, tea at Children's House following the tour and return trip nourishment, altogether comprising a wonderful day.

Fee: \$35.00 members and guests.
NORTHERN NEW JERSEY GARDENS
Thursday, May 5, 8 am — 6 pm

A full day trip: First to Far Hills, New Jersey to see the Leonard Buck Garden, now part of the Somerset County Park System then to Morristown for a box lunch and tour of Bamboo Brook's garden. Finally a walk through Rutgers University's Willowood Arboretum.

Chief Horticulturist **Carl Suk** will greet us at the remarkable 400 acre Buck Garden, featuring rock garden plants, rock out croppings — and hilly paths. **Quentin Schleider**, Director of Horticulture for Morris County Parks, will join us at Bamboo Brook, and **John Trexler** will be our guide at Willowood.

Fee of \$27.00, members and guest, includes bus transportation, entrance fees & return home refreshments. Bring or order a box lunch, \$6.00. Directions for bus pick up will be mailed to registrants.

Other Events

Pennsylvania Environmental Council Seminar

Monday, March 7, 10 am — 4 pm
 "Acid Rain: A Biting Issue", is the title of a seminar to be held in the auditorium of the Philadelphia Museum of Art. For more information contact:

Patricia Schoettle, Conference Director, at (215) 735-0966.

37th Williamsburg Garden Symposium
April 17-23

Four days of horticultural programs and visits. Speakers include John Elsley, director of plant purchasing, George W. Park Seed Company; August De Hertogh, head, department of horticultural science, North Carolina State University; James van Sweden and Wolfgang Oehme, landscape architects, Washington, DC.; and Jane Pepper from PHS. For full program write Trudy S. Moyles, PO Drawer C, Williamsburg VA. 23187.

FIFTH ANNUAL PHILADELPHIA OPEN HOUSE

April 29 — May 8

The Friends of Independence National Historical Park are sponsoring unusual tours to private houses and gardens in and around Philadelphia.

For more information about times and fees write the Friends at 313 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19106 or phone (215) 928-1188, (215) 928-1553.



Landscape Maintenance Awards Given

Winners of the 1982 Plants in the business Environment Contest were honored at the annual President's Luncheon of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce held on January 20 at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel.

Receiving awards were **Sun Company**, Radnor maintained by the **Plant Place**, Philadelphia; **Pennsylvania Hospital**, Philadelphia maintained by the **Philadelphia Committee of the Garden Club of America**; **Home Unity Savings and Loan Company**, Lafayette Hill maintained by **Heyser Landscaping, Inc.** of Norristown; and **Rosemont College** in Rosemont.

The contest is sponsored annually by the Society and the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce. For details on how to enter this year's contest call Lisa Stephano at 625-8266.

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Fee: \$10.00 _____

WORKSHOP: CONTAINER GARDENING

Fee: \$15.00 _____
 Members only

PROPAGATION WORKSHOPS: SEEDS

7 pm (13th) _____ (Wait List)
 10 am (14th) _____

Fee: \$10.00
 Members only

ELEUTHERIAN MILLS—WINTERTHUR

Fee: \$27.00 _____

GEORGETOWN GARDEN TOUR

Fee: \$35.00 _____

NORTH JERSEY GARDENS

Fee \$35.00 _____

Please send information on serving as a Judge for City Gardens Contest.

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When they assembled at PHS headquarters for their first meeting in the New Year, the Philadelphia Green advisory made an awesome gathering. The board is composed of 42 members, all leaders in their own communities, many on a city wide basis and all dedicated to the principle that Philadelphia is a city of gardeners. The Philadelphia Green Advisory Board meets together four times a year and its committees on Harvest Show, Junior Show, Recognition Dinner, Public Relations, educational outreach, and other topics meet more frequently during the year. This year we are pleased to welcome the following new board members: **James Dickerson, Rena Ennis, Lois Fernandez, Deborah Geisler, Natalie Kempner, Brenda Nealy, Delia Ortiz, Pearl Romans.**

The Flower Show has long been a city wide event. Every year, however there are those companies and individuals to whom we are especially grateful for the support they give us in publicizing the Show. **Matt Goukas**, is the announcer for the Eagles football games and Matt has been letting those fans know throughout the fall that once the football season is over they have to get in training for the Flower Show.

Bonwit Teller is another great supporter and during the two weeks preceding the Show their windows at 17th and Chestnut will be dressed with high Flower Show fashions. And on March 5, store models will give customers complimentary flowers with notes advertising the Show.

Southeast National Bank and Strawbridge & Clothier also have soft spots for us. For the third year, Southeast National has enclosed a Flower Show reminder in each customer's February statement, and Strawbridge & Clothier has been good enough to do the same for their 12,000 employees.

Jane G. Pepper

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Executive Director

Guide For Selecting Roses Available

"Handbook for Selecting Roses" is now available. To obtain a copy send a self-addressed stamped envelope with

\$.35 to the American Rose Society, P.O. Box 30,000, Dept. A.R., Shreveport, LA 71130.



Bieberfeld elected PNA President

The spotlight is on PHS member **Herb Bieberfeld** during 1983 as he serves a one-year term as president of the Pennsylvania Nurserymen's Association. Herb has been in the landscape nursery business for over 35 years and has exhibited in 18 Philadelphia Flower Shows starting with the first Show managed by PHS in the First City Troop Armory. Herb's wife Lorraine and son Jeff run Bieberfeld's County Line Nursery garden center in Harleysville and another son Mickey, a landscape contractor, exhibits in the Flower Show with his own company Harris M. Bieberfeld of Green Lane.

The PNA serves the nursery industry to further education and communication both within the professional community and the general public. Herb has been an officer of the local chapter and on the board of directors. Congratulations on your new appointment.

Help Wanted: Volunteers For The Gardens Of Independence National Historical Park

This is the job you've dreamed about; ideal location in historic Philadelphia, close to transportation and parking; maximum recompense guaranteed; pride in country and pleasure in serving it.

Special talents required: enthusiasm and commitment; 1 pair work gloves, 1 pair supple knees, no heavy lifting or mechanical work. Plain dirt gardeners, handy pruners, skilled weeders — all are welcome to apply.

Park horticulturist, Joanne McCullough will supervise all work, every Wednesday, at 9:30 A.M. starting March 23, 1983 for first spring pruning and cleanup. Is this the job for you? Call the Friends of INHP office at 597-7919.

The Park is host each year to four million visitors, most of them coming during the blooming season. Gardeners of Independence Park are concerned with 6.6 acres of cultivated beds, including the Rose Garden, Carpenter's Hall Garden and the planters surrounding the Liberty Bell Pavilion.

The 42 acres within the Park are maintained, year round, seven days a week, by a maintenance staff of nine, plus a few part time summer helpers. During the past two years, budget cuts have dramatically reduced this labor force.

We did promise four million visitors a Rose Garden: You can help!

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City Gardens Contest "Getting Ready"



On April 29th in the Point Breeze section of South Philadelphia area gardeners and students from the Smith School, 19th & Wharton Sts., will celebrate the opening of the 9th annual City Gardens Contest at the 'Garden of Eatin', 25th & Dickinson Sts.

It's a contest for all gardeners—if you live in Philadelphia you can enter your garden, window box, your city block and compete against the best in the metropolitan area.

If you are a suburban gardener come join city gardeners as a judge. Last year some 350 judges worked in teams, judging 500 entries throughout Philadelphia.

The City Gardens Contest is sponsored by PHS in cooperation with Penn State's Urban Gardening Program. This year honorary chair **Herb Clarke**, WCAU-TV, Channel 10 weatherman, is expecting a record number of entries and judges to participate.

Managing the contest will be Jean Byall, contest coordinator, who is ready to receive garden entries and your offer to serve as a judge.

Call PHS at 625-8267 to secure an application or sign up as a judge. Alternatively, check the appropriate box on the reservation blank on page 3 for judging information. Application deadline for garden entries is June 10.

When you contact PHS Jean will send you a copy of our handsome new City Gardens Contest brochure containing guidelines for both entrants and judges. We are most grateful to the **Sun Company, Inc.** for donating the printing of this brochure.

During spring, fall and winter Jean Byall is available to make a 30-minute presentation to area garden clubs on the City Gardens Contest and Philadel-

phia Green, our Community outreach horticulture program. Jean's fee for this presentation is greatly reduced if your club guarantees to provide at least six contest judges. Call Jean at 625-8267 to reserve her for your 1983-84 program.

Junior Horticulturist Awarded

Theresa Marie Lewis of Crum Lynne, has been selected by the Awards Committee as the 1983 PHS Junior Horticulturist. A senior at Ridley Senior High School, Terri is a member of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) and is enrolled in the Horticulture Program at the Delaware County Area Vo-Tech School in Folcroft. She has received awards by the FFA for the Interview Contest and Agriculture Sales in her Chapter of FFA. Following graduation Terri plans to attend Temple University. As Junior Horticulturist she received \$1,000.00.

Thaddeus F. Sinclair and **Brian W. Quigley** were given special runner-up awards for their presentations to the committee. Sinclair is a student at Morrisville Jr.-Sr. High School and is currently employed by Snipes Farm and Nursery. Ted plans to major in landscape design at college.

Quigley works part-time at the School Lane House of Flowers. He is a student at W.B. Saul High School of Agricultural Sciences and has won numerous awards in PHS's Harvest Shows, Junior Flower Shows and the State Farm Show in Harrisburg. After graduation Brian plans to major in horticulture at Delaware Valley College of Agriculture and Science. Sinclair and Quigley received awards of \$500 and \$250 respectively.

Semi-finalists were **Joseph G. Marano, Jr.** of Germantown Academy, Ft. Washington; **Cynthia Scott** of Abington High School, Abington and **Sandra Spiewk** of Council Rock High School, Newtown.

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W. Gerard Best, Senior Public Relations Representative, ARCO, was the bearer of good tidings in February when he announced the approval of a \$5,000 donation to the Society by the officers of the **Atlantic Richfield Foundation**. This generous grant will be used to further the goals of Philadelphia Green, the Society's community outreach horticultural program.

Pennsylvanians filing state income tax returns this year will have an opportunity to "Do Something Wild."

In line with the new Wild Resource Conservation Act signed by Governor Thornburgh last June, the Revenue Department has provided space on the 1982 Pennsylvania tax form where persons may contribute to the Wild Resource Conservation Fund: line 19c on long form PA 40 and line 10c on short form PA 40-A.

Because of Pennsylvania's unique tax structure, many taxpayers are not entitled to a refund. However, if you desire to help finance the program, you may contribute directly to the Fund. Simply draft a check or money order payable to the Wild Resource Conservation Fund and mail it to Comptroller, Box 2063, Harrisburg, PA 17120. Contributions are tax deductible (from 1983 taxes).

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An apology

to the Allinson family. In the February News we noted the death of Mrs. E. Page Allinson, Sr., erroneously calling her Louise Allinson. Mary M. P. Allinson died in December; Louise Allinson is Mrs. E. Page Allinson, Jr.

New in the Library

Artists from the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Gilbert S. Daniels, Pittsburgh, Pa., Hunt Institute, 1974.

The Art of Bonsai, Peter D. Adams, London, Ward Lock Limited, 1981.

Build it Yourself Solar Gardening Shed, Ray Wolfe, Emmaus, Pa. Rodale Press, 1982.

The Crocus, Brian Mathew, Portland, Oregon, Timber Press, 1982.

David Hicks Garden Design, David Hicks, London, Routledge & Keegan Paul, 1982.

Garden Way's Guide to Food Drying, Phyllis Hobson, Charlotte, Vermont, Garden Way, 1982.

Lois Burpee's Gardener's Companion & Cookbook, Lois Burpee, New York, Harper & Row, 1983.

Growing Orchids, Book two—The Cattleyas & Other Epiphytes, J.N. Rentoul, Portland, Oregon, Timber Press, 1982.

The History of the Modern Taste in Gardening, Horace Walpole, New York, Garland, 1982.

Horticultural Reviews, Vol. 4, Jules Janik, Westport, Connecticut, AVI, 1979.

How to Identify Flowering Plant Families, John Phillip Baumgardt, Portland, Oregon, Timber Press, 1982.

Seeds of Woody Plants in The United States, Forest Service of USDA, Washington, D.C., USDA, 1974.

Slipper Orchids, Digby & Robin Graham with Ronald Roy, Wellington, A.H. Reed, 1983.

Theme Gardens, Barbara Damrosch, New York, Workman, 1982.

Wild Flowers of the Adirondacks, Anne McGrath, Sylvan Beach, New York, Schocken Books, 1982.

Friends of Library to Preview Seed Catalogue Exhibit

Friends of the Library will be receiving invitations to a May 3rd buffet supper and preview of antique seed catalogues and artifacts relating to the seed industry in the Delaware Valley. Historian **Caroline Sloat** will present an illustrated talk on how seed catalogues have been used as guides for interpreting at Old Sturbridge Village in Massachusetts. The exhibit, titled SEED CATALOGUES: PURVEYORS OF DREAMS, will be open to the public from May 4—June 17. To become a Friend of the Library, contact Mary Lou Wolfe at 625-8268.

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April-May

Lectures, Meetings

(Open without charge to all)

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Wednesday, May 11, 7:30 pm

Gesneriads; talk by expert **Irwin Levy**.

Registration Events

WORKSHOP: TRAINING PLANTS

Tuesday, April 5, 10 am

A slide program followed by a workshop on training plants will be given by **Sally Reath**.

PLANNING A PERENNIAL GARDEN

Wednesdays, April 6, 13, 20, 10 am

Three 2-hour sessions on planning and planting a perennial garden will be conducted by **Jane Reed Lennon**.

MEMBERS EVENING

CONTAINER GARDENING

Thursday, April 7, 6 pm

Elvin McDonald, well-known horticultural communicator and syndicated columnist for King Features, who has written best sellers about house plants, will show slides of 'Container Gardens, Inside and Out'.

Cocktails 6 pm, buffet dinner 6:45 pm, program 7:45 pm. Fee: \$10.00 members and guests.

(Library open this evening until 6:30 pm)

WORKSHOP: CONTAINER GARDENING

Friday, April 8, 10 am - 2 pm

Elvin McDonald (see Members Evening) will give a lecture-demonstration on all facets of container gardening.

Participants will take home a container garden planted in a 10" pot with unusual cultivars of fragrant and culinary herbs and a small leaved geranium.

Bring a sandwich; coffee and cookies provided by PHS. Fee \$15.00 members only.

PROPAGATION WORKSHOPS:

GROWING FROM SEEDS

Wednesday, April 13, 7 pm

Thursday, April 14, 10 am

Learn basic easy techniques for growing your own plants from seeds from expert **Roxie Gevjan** whose blue ribbon entries in the Philadelphia Flower Show are nearly all grown from seeds, includ-

ing her bulb entries. She achieves a high rate of germination, the result of trial and error and using techniques learned from others.

After a lecture demonstration participants will plant 3 containers of seeds from the Denver Botanic Gardens, American Rock Garden Society and private sources.

All materials provided.

Limited registration for members only. Fee: \$10.00.

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GARDENS FOR VICTORIAN HOUSES

Thursday, May 19, 5:30 pm

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After her illustrated talk, May Bowl and cake. Fee: \$7.50, members and guests.

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Thursday, May 26, 5:30 pm

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Sherry and biscuits after the program when you can meet Colvin, publications editor and publicity coordinator at Longwood Gardens.

Fee: \$7.50 members and guests. (Library will be open until 5:30 pm)

Field Trips

ELEUTHERIAN MILLS & WINTERTHUR IN SPRING

Thursday, April 21, 8:30 am - 6 pm

A chance to see masses of spring bulbs along the Brandywine at the Hagley Museum where Eleutherian Mills, Eleuthere Irene duPont's house above the original duPont powder works, and the restored garden cultivated by him from 1803-34 are located. After a tour of the house and garden, we will go to Winterthur for lunch in the Garden Pavilion followed by an orientation talk on the gardens and a walking tour of the gardens led by **Philip Correll**, head of the Education Department. Then you will have time to see sixteen main

museum rooms open in spring and do the American Sampler Tour in the Washington Wing and/or the Winterthur shops on your own.

Fee: \$27.00, members and guests, includes bus transportation, all entrance and guide fees, return trip refreshments. Lunch is not included.

GEORGETOWN GARDEN TOUR

Saturday, April 23, 7:45 am - 7 pm

Bus to Washington, then go on a walking tour of Georgetown to see 11 traditional and innovative gardens including Captain and Mrs. Peter Belin's "Evermay", Dumbarton Oaks and 9 more private 'outdoor rooms' on a smaller, more intimate scale. This annual tour is organized by and is for the benefit of the Georgetown Children's House.

Details of bus pick-up in Bala Cynwyd and Center City will be mailed to registrants with a list of suggested Georgetown area restaurants for lunch on your own.

The fee includes transportation, tour ticket, tea at Children's House following the tour and return trip nourishment, altogether comprising a wonderful day.

Fee: \$35.00 members and guest

GARDEN VISITS

MAIN LINE AND CHESTNUT HILL

Sunday May 1, Sunday May 15, 2 - 5 pm

Five Main Line spring gardens and one greenhouse, a technical and electronic marvel, will be open to members and guests on May 1.

Three Chestnut Hill gardens will be open on May 15.

Maps and tags (one for individual and three for family members) will be mailed after April 18 to those registering by mail only.

Guest tags are \$5.00 each (Tags are free to members).

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY GARDENS

Thursday, May 5, 8 am - 6 pm

A full day trip: first to Far Hills, NJ to see the Leonard Buck Gardens, now part of the Somerset County Park System, then to Morristown for a box lunch and tour of Bamboo Brook's garden. Finally a walk through Rutgers University's Willowood Arboretum.

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Fee of \$27.00, members and guests, includes bus transportation, entrance fees & return home refreshments. Bring or order a box lunch, \$6.00. Directions for bus pick up will be mailed to registrants.

NEW YORK CITY GARDENS TOUR

Tuesday, May 10, 8:30 am - 7:30 pm

Each spring the City Gardens Club of New York sponsors a tour of eight high rise and ground level gardens in Manhattan to raise funds for the Audubon Society's summer ecology camps for city school teachers.

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Reservations:

Clip and mail reservations to:
PHS, 325 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19106

Reservations by mail only; include full payments. **Please use this blank;** it speeds processing. **Confirmations are not mailed to members.** Unless you are notified otherwise, we will expect you. All events are held at PHS unless otherwise stated.

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WORKSHOP: TRAINING PLANTS

Fee: \$15.00 _____
Members only. Wait list.

PERENNIAL COURSE

Fee: \$35.00 _____
Members only. Wait list.

MEMBERS EVENING—APRIL

Fee: \$10.00 _____

WORKSHOP: CONTAINER GARDENING

Fee: \$15.00 _____
Members only. Wait List

PROPAGATION WORKSHOPS: SEEDS

7 pm (13th) _____
10 am (14th) _____
Fee: \$10.00 _____
Members only

ELEUTHERIAN MILLS—WINTERTHUR

Fee: \$27.00 _____

GEORGETOWN GARDEN TOUR

Fee: \$35.00 _____

GARDENS—MAIN LINE

Tag(s) _____
1 individual, 3 family
Guests: \$5.00 _____

Please send information on serving as a Judge for City Gardens Contest.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

ZIP _____ TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

NORTH JERSEY GARDENS

Fee: \$27.00 _____
Box Lunch \$6.00 _____

NEW YORK CITY GARDENS

Fee: \$40.00 _____

BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN

Fee: \$29.00 _____
Box Lunch \$6.00 _____

PINE BARRENS

May, Fee: \$15.00 _____
June, Fee: \$15.00 _____

GARDENS—CHESTNUT HILL

Tag(s) _____
1 individual, 3 family
Guest tags \$5.00 _____

HENRY FOUNDATION

Fee: \$7.50 _____

GARDENS FOR VICTORIAN HOUSES

Fee: \$7.50 _____

LIVING WREATH WORKSHOP

Fee: \$15.00 _____
Members only

ENGLISH GARDENS

Fee: \$7.50 _____

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A 15 passenger van will take PHS members to New York and transport the group from place to place on the upper East Side.

Before lunch a visit to the Cooper-Hewitt Museum to see the exhibit 'Fabergé, Jeweler to Royalty', part of the Britain Salutes New York celebration and featuring Fabergé objects from the Queen's collection.

We will have lunch (not included in cost) at the Tavern-on-the-Green before the garden tour. Directions for van pick-up in Bala Cynwyd, Center City, and on Rt. 73 in NJ will be sent to registrants.

The fee of \$40.00 includes transportation, return trip refreshments and a \$15.00 tax-deductible tour ticket.

BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN Friday, May 13, 8:15 am - 6 pm

A trip to see the diverse plantings in a 50 acre urban oasis, The Brooklyn Botanic Garden. We will have a guided tour of the Ryoanji (Temple) Stone Garden, the Tallman Dwarf Plant Garden, the Japanese Hill and Pond Garden, the Conservatory collections (bonsai of note), the herb garden, childrens' gardens and more.

Bus transportation details will be mailed to registrants.

Carry or order a box lunch to eat in the BBG Members Room; coffee and tea provided.

Fee: \$29.00, members and guests includes transportation, fees, and refreshments en route home. Box lunch: \$6.00.

PINE BARRENS, NEW JERSEY Saturday, May 14, 10 am - 3 pm Saturday, June 11, 10 am - 3 pm

June Vail, authority on the plants and ecology of the Pine Barrens, will lead an auto caravan to many unique microclimates in this largest wild land tract on the Mid-Atlantic seaboard.

Directions to a meeting place in Marlton, NJ where doubling up in cars can take place will be mailed to registrants who must provide their own transportation and lunch.

Fee: \$15.00 members and guests.

HENRY FOUNDATION FOR BOTANICAL RESEARCH

Tuesday, May 17, 10 am - 2 pm

A wide range of native North American plants are naturalized on the 27 acres of steep rocky terrain and woodland area of the Henry Foundation in Gladwyne, PA. Director **Josephine de**

N. Henry will guide a tour of the plantings featuring a large collection of American rhododendrons and sun and shade loving flowers.

Lunch provided; Limited reservations. Directions will be mailed to registrants.

Fee: \$7.50, members and guests.

Trip

PHS TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY MEDITERRANEAN SPRING GARDENS AND ISLANDS May 19 - June 4, 1983

Members of PHS and the American Horticultural Society are eligible for this cruise on the yacht Argonaut.

New members may request a trip brochure from the Membership office.

Other Events

37th WILLIAMSBURG GARDEN SYMPOSIUM April 17-23

Four days of horticultural programs and visits. Speakers include **John Elsley**, director of plant purchasing, George W. Park Seed Company; **August De Her-togh**, head, department of horticultural science, North Carolina State University; **James van Sweden** and **Wolfgang Oehme**, landscape architects, Washington, DC; and **Jane Pepper** from PHS. For full program write Trudy S. Moyles, PO Drawer C, Williamsburg, VA 23187.

HORTICULTURAL THERAPY WORKSHOP ON GERIATRICS

Friday, May 6, 8:30 am - 4 pm

Sponsored by National Council for Therapy and Rehabilitation Through Horticulture, at Fair Acres Geriatric Center, Lima, Pa. Call **Lorie Foley** (215) 891-5868 for registration information.

Upcoming Shows

PENNSYLVANIA DAFFODIL SOCIETY SHOW

Tuesday, April 19, 2 - 5 pm

Wednesday, April 20, 10 am - 5 pm

At Horticultural Center, Fairmount Park, Philadelphia.

SPRINGFIELD AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY SHOW

Thursday, April 21, 3 - 9 pm

Friday, April 22, 10 am - 9 pm

Saturday, April 23, 10 am - 5 pm

At Strawbridge & Clothier, Baltimore Pike and Rt. 420, Springfield, PA.

DELAWARE DAFFODIL SHOW

Friday, April 22, 1:30 - 6:30 pm

At St. Albans Episcopal Church, 913 Wilson Rd., Wilmington, DE.

AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY OF PHILADELPHIA

Saturday, April 23, 1 - 9:30 pm

Sunday, April 24, 12 - 5 pm

At Plymouth Meeting Mall; show and plant sale.

RARE PLANT AUCTION OF THE WILMINGTON GARDEN CENTER Tuesday, April 19, 6 pm

At the Delaware Museum of Natural History. Cocktails and supper preceding the auction are included in \$15.00 reservation. Phone (302) 658-1913 to request invitation and plant catalog.

FIFTH ANNUAL PHILADELPHIA OPEN HOUSE

April 29 - May 8

Tours of houses and gardens sponsored by Friends of Independence National Historical Park. For information call (215) 928-1188 or (215) 928-1553.

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A Harvest Show In The Making

The 1983 Harvest Show will have a country 'flavor' all its own with a gaily festooned bandstand, ragtime music, harvest bounty of fruits and vegetables, canned goods, special arrangements, tradebooths and a restaurant all staged in greenhouses and under a brightly colored yellow and white striped tent.

And speaking of country flavor, be sure to leave a space in your garden for those overgrown veggies that you'll want to enter in the Top Tomato and Zuper Zucchini Contest. Varieties of tomatoes such as Delicious and Super Beefsteak and Burpee's Fordhook Zucchini are just a few to consider when planting for big results. The grand prize for the heaviest tomato or the longest zucchini is a Cuisinart food processor donated by the Cuisinart Company.

Ann Marlar, 1983 Show chair and vice-chair **Jan Darrington** say plans are well underway with the schedule, completed and ready for mailing to PHS members by mid-May. Ann reminds everyone to read over the schedule carefully, keeping in mind that the Show will once again be held at the Fairmount Park Horticulture Center.

Challenge Seeds Available

1983 Harvest Show challenge classes will be: Sweet Basil 'Green Bouquet', Pepper 'Sweet Pickle', Tomato 'Park's Whopper' VFNT Hybrid, Carrot 'Kundulus', and Tithonia 'Mexican Sunflower.'

If you want to participate in one of these classes, call Alexandra Basinski at 625-8285 and she will send you a package of seeds. Quantities are limited.

Harvest Show, New Classes for Pressed Plants

Henrietta Deubler, chair of the Pressed Plant Design Class for the 1983 Harvest show says, "Prepare now to enter your pressed plant designs in the Harvest Show." Four new classes in the pressed plant category are: Postage Stamp, Wrapping Paper, Floral Calendar and Porcelain Bell.

For more details on the above contact **Virginia Tanner** MU8-6293.

Seed Catalog Display

Seed Catalogs: Purveyors of Dreams will be exhibited at PHS from May 4 — June 17. From the first illustrated catalog, Robert Furber's *Twelve Months of Flowers 1730*, through catalogs distributed before World War I, visitors can see how dreams of perfect landscapes, ideal vegetables, sensational flowers and even dreams of financial success were marketed. The gift last year from the W. Atlee Burpee Company of thousands of their competitors' catalogs, inspired this exhibit and will include Burpee memorabilia, old photographs and articles relating to the seed industry, loaned for this exhibit. Members of the Library committee and volunteers who have produced this exhibit are **Frances Barnett, Joan Brinton, Gienevieve Coghlan, Elizabeth Farley, Lillian Greenberg, Kitty Lapp, Elizabeth McLean** and **Sandra Myers**.

Pepperpot

The paint had hardly dried on the boardwalk of the marina, and the ice was not yet frozen on the pond when the first of our 230,000 visitors stepped off the escalator to "Follow the Sun" through the 1983 Philadelphia Flower Show.

These last minute crises — leaking ponds, unfinished painting, are all part of staging a Flower Show, and because everyone involved gives that extra inch, we always manage to pull it off and open on time.

Among those who give not only an extra inch but a few extra yards are the team of carpenters led by foreman **James Wadsworth of Unkefer Brothers**. In charge of lighting is **Al Taddei of H.B. Frazer** who works with a crew to install thousands of extra [nonhorticultural] bulbs for our Show. **United Exposition Service Company** provides another such essential team, led by **James McCarvill Jr.**, son of retired, but still consulting Flower Show Manager **Jim McCarvill**. During set up the United Expo crew hang miles of drape, hundreds of signs and generally cover up rough spots for us.

Among the unsung heroes of the Flower Show I would also like to mention **Ed Resavage**, who has just completed his 12th year as a program seller at the Show. This year Ed outdid himself, selling his last program one and one half days before we closed.

To all who helped at the Flower Show — and there are hundreds, no thousands of you who are PHS members, all of us at PHS say many thanks.

Your work was seen nationwide on the NBC Today Show on March 15, as well as on CBS Morning News, and in newspapers all across the country. The Philadelphia Flower Show has fans worldwide — all because of your enthusiasm and cooperation.

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New in the Library

A Basket of Herbs, Tasha Tudor, Vermont, Stephen Greene Press, 1982.

Bonsai Culture, Leila Dhanda, New Delhi-Japan, Mohan Primlani, 1980.

Bonsai Techniques II, John Naka, California, Dennis Landman, 1982.

A Century of Gardeners, B. Massingham, London, Faber & Faber, 1982.

Climbers and Wall Plants, Peter Q. Rose, Dorset, Blandford Press, 1982.

The Collingridge Handbook of Bonsai, Anne Swinton, London, Collingridge, 1982.

Creating Patterns from Grasses, Seedheads & Cones, Maureen Foster, London, Pelham, 1982.

The Damp Garden, B. Chatto, London, J.M. Dent & Sons Ltd., 1982.

The Dobies Book of Greenhouses, Arthur Hellyer, London, Heinmann, 1981.

The Englishman's Garden, A. Lees-Milne & R. Verey, London, Allen Lane, 1982.

Garden Way's Joy of Gardening, Dick Raymond, Vermont, Garden Way, 1983.

Growing Orchids Book III Vandas, dendrobiums, and others, J.N. Rentoul, Oregon, Timber Press, 1982.

Guide to Indian Herbs, Raymond Stark, Washington, Hancock House, 1981.

Guide to Northeastern Wild Edibles, E.B. Kavasch, Washington, Hancock House, 1981.

Lilies and Related Flowers, Brian Mathew, Twickenham, England, Felix Gluck Press, 1982.

Orchid Biology, Joseph Arditti, New York, Cornell University Press, 1982.

The Pine Barrens, J. McPhee & B. Curtisinger, New York, Farrar-Strauss-Giroux, 1981.

Pruning, Robert L. Stebbins, Arizona, HP Books, 1983.

Roadside Wildflowers of the Northwest, J.E. Underhill, Washington, Hancock House, 1981.

William Robinson 1838 — 1935, Mea Allan, London, Faber & Faber, 1982.

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PRACTICAL GARDENING AT CHANTICLEER

Saturday, June 4, 10 am - 3 pm

Howard J. Holden, horticulturist and superintendent of 'Chanticleer', a private estate in Wayne, will lead an informal tour of the estate and give suggestions of how to plan, plant and maintain your garden.

Topics covered will include vegetable and flower gardening, pruning, woody plants, espalier techniques, lawn care, soil preparation, spraying and equipment maintenance.

Bring a brown bag lunch (iced tea provided). Travel directions will be mailed to registrants.

Fee \$15.00, 20 members only.
Rain date: Saturday, June 11.

BASIC LANDSCAPE DESIGN

Mondays, June 6, 13, 7-9:30 pm
Monday, June 20, 7-9 pm

A combined lecture and workshop course ending with a critique session. Simple drafting instructions will be given so participants can do a preliminary drawing of their own property using PHS drafting materials.

Areas to be developed must not exceed 150 by 200 ft. nor need drastic change of grade.

Instructors: Paul Wolfinger and Patricia Schrieber of Philadelphia Green. Fee: \$35.00; registration limited to 10 members.

HANGING BASKET WORKSHOP

Thursday, June 9, 10:30 am - 2:30 pm

This workshop will be given at Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, PA by **J. Liddon Pennock, Jr.**, proprietor, and **John W. Story**, manager-grower of the greenhouses.

After a lecture-demonstration participants will plant a 10" plastic basket, a 10" moss-lined wire basket and a 10" Belden hanging garden with appropriate plants.

Bring your lunch; beverages will be provided. A tour of the Pennock's garden will conclude the day.

Travel directions will be sent to registrants.

Fee: \$37.00, 15 members only.

11th ANNUAL MEMBERS EVENING AT THE PHILADELPHIA ZOO

Thursday, June 16, 6 pm

Charles W. Rogers, Jr., curator of horticulture at the Zoological Garden, will again be our articulate host for this event. Members and guests are asked to arrive promptly at 6 pm for a mono-rail ride to be followed by Chuck's walking tour of the Zoo's plantings including his topiary zoo and the hummingbird house. (All other Zoo buildings will be closed).

The tour will end at the donation bar and picnic area. Picnic supper will be served at 7:15 pm. After supper Chuck will show slides of 'Penn's Woodland Trail' and talk about native plantings at the Zoo.

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Carry or order a box lunch to eat in the BBG Members Room; coffee and tea provided.

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A wide range of native North American plants are naturalized on the

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GARDENS-MAIN LINE

Tag(s) _____

1 individual, 3 family

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NORTH JERSEY GARDENS

Fee: \$27.00 _____ (wait list)

Box lunch \$6.00 _____

NEW YORK CITY GARDENS

Fee: \$40.00 _____ (wait list)

BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN

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Box lunch \$6.00 _____

PINE BARRENS-MAY

Fee: \$15.00 _____

GARDENS-CHESTNUT HILL

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HENRY FOUNDATION

Fee: \$7.50 _____

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TOURS

FRIENDS HOSPITAL GARDEN DAYS

May 1, 7 - 8, May 14 - 15, 12 - 5 pm

Azaleas in bloom and exhibits, \$2.00 per carload. Roosevelt Blvd. at Adams Ave., Phila. Call (215)831-4772 for more information.

DELAWARE COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL GARDEN TOUR

Thursday, May 5, 10 am - 4 pm

For ticket information call (215)284-8600.

36th WILMINGTON GARDEN DAY

Saturday, May 7, 10 am - 5 pm

Tour includes 24 town, suburban and country estate gardens and homes. For ticket information call (302)656-6628.

PLANT SALES

Providence Garden Club Annual Plant Sale

Wednesday, May 4, 10 am - 3 pm

at the Tyler Arboretum, Painter and Forge Roads off Rt. 352, Lima, PA.

Morris Arboretum Spring Plant Festival

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, May 6, 7, 8, 10 am - 4 pm

Use Hillcrest Ave. entrance off Germantown Ave. in Chestnut Hill. \$1.00 admission for non-members of Arboretum.

Country Gardeners Annual Plant Sale

Saturday, May 7, 10 am - 3 pm

At the Tyler Arboretum, Lima, PA.

Brandywine Conservancy Wildflower Plant and Seed Sale
Saturday, May 7, 9:30 am - 2 pm
in courtyard of Brandywine River Museum, Chadds Ford, PA.
(Plants grown from seed, not collected)

Swarthmore Garden Club Herb Sale

Saturday, May 7, 10 am - 1 pm
at Swarthmore Boro Hall, Swarthmore, PA.

Plant Sale of Hill-Physick Keith House

Saturday, May 7 10 am - 6 pm

Sunday, May 8, 10 am - 6 pm
at 321 S. 4th St., Philadelphia

Herb Sale, Philadelphia Unit, Herb Society of America

Thursday, May 12, 10 am - 2 pm

at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Bryce Douglas, Pughtown Rd, Kimberton, Pa.

Rittenhouse Flower Market

Thursday, May 19, 8 am - 5 pm

Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia.

Delaware Valley Chrysanthemum Society Sale of Rooted Cuttings

Saturday and Sunday,

May 21 and 22, 10 am - 4 pm

at Tyler Arboretum, Lima, PA.

SHOWS

Philadelphia and Valley Forge Chapters American Rhododendron Society Cut Truss Show and Plant Sale

Saturday, May 14, 12:30 - 4:30 pm

Tyler Arboretum, Lima, PA.

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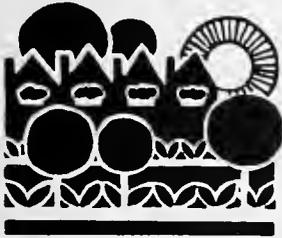


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THE PENNSYLVANIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



Point Breeze Neighborhoods Celebrate Flower Day

By sundown, May 21 hundreds of gardeners from 45 neighborhood blocks will have planted thousands of annuals in celebration of Flower Day.

The Point Breeze Neighborhoods of South Philadelphia created this day as part of the final phase of their greening efforts. Over a seven year period, residents and Philadelphia Green staff have developed the Society's second Greene Country Towne in this 88-block area. Street trees, community vegetable gardens, sitting parks and all around beautiful neighborhoods have evolved under the dynamic leadership of **Mamie Nichols**, president of the Point Breeze Federation, Inc. and **Haroldline Trower** of the Point Breeze Beautification Committee.

A grand finale celebration is planned for July 30 to celebrate the completion of this project.

Schools Selected for Green The School Grounds Program

Three Philadelphia public schools recently selected to participate in the Green the School Grounds Program this spring are **John Paul Jones Junior High School** (Port Richmond), **John S. Jenks Elementary School** (Chestnut Hill), and **Franklin Learning Center** (Spring Garden).

The Green the School Grounds Program encourages the introduction of horticulture into the school environment with curriculum development materials needed to establish a school

greening project with continued assistance in maintenance efforts.

This winter six public schools interested in beginning horticultural projects of their own submitted proposals including plans, photographs of the sites, and petitions showing support of the whole school community. Selection was to be made on the basis of these proposals and an on-site interview with each steering committee composed of the principal, teachers, parents and students.

According to Patricia Schrieber, coordinator of the Green the School Grounds Program, all six proposals were viable ones. Three above-mentioned schools will begin their work this spring with the other schools scheduled for next fall. These are **Saul Lankenau Motivation Center** (Roxborough), **High School for International Affairs** (Northern Liberties) and **Germanantown High School**.

Leave No Stone Unturned

Four hundred million years before we arrived they were here. *Lepidodendron* over 100 feet tall with scales; *Calamites* 50 feet tall thriving in shallow ponds and *Sigillaria*, three large cones atop a 100 foot columnar trunk.

These plants from the ancient past and their preservation in the earth's crust as fossils will be on display at the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society June 21 through August 31.

Hundreds of specimens from the collections of members of the Delaware Valley Paleontological Society will give visitors an insight into the Paleozoic Era 600,000,000 years ago. The fossils have been found in Pennsylvania and New Jersey and represent some of the finest plant fossil specimens in the area.

Come take a look into the past or what very well may be the key to the future.

Reminder—The Next PHS Newsletter—August



The 1983 City Gardens Contest Kick off—Politicians Dig In

Photographers, reporters and curious gardeners crowded in-between the rows of vegetables to get just the right view. They came on April 29 to catch a glimpse of the mayoral candidates and to celebrate the 1983 City Gardens Contest kick off.

The celebration took place in the block long community vegetable garden, "The Garden of Eatin'" at 25th & Dickinson Sts. Candidates **Anthony Bateman**, **Charles Dougherty**, **John Egan**, **Thomas Gola**, **W. Wilson Goode**, **Tom Leonard** and **Frank Rizzo** each planted a fruit tree with the energetic assistance of some children from the **Walter G. Smith School**. The trees were donated by **Robert Montgomery Landscape Nursery** in Chester Springs. Contest chair, **Herb Clarke**, was master of ceremonies for the event.

Jean Byall, Contest coordinator, says that the ninth annual City Gardens Contest is off to a good start with many new entries, she reminds all city gardeners that the deadline for entries is June 10. For an application call Jean at 625-8267. Jean will also need judges; give her a call and offer your expertise.

Summer Hours

When summer comes, members of PHS staff plan to make best use of the daylight hours by starting work at 8:30 a.m. From June 1 through Labor Day the offices, including the library, will close at 4:30 p.m.

New in the In Library

The Country Life Book of Orchids, Francis P. Hunt, London, Country Life Books, 1978.

The Garden Centre Manual, Ian Baldwin, Portland, Oregon, Timber Press, 1982.

Handbook on Mulches, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, Brooklyn, New York, BBG, 1980.

Hedera-Sorten, I. Heick, Heidelberg, Germany, Gartnerer Abtei Neuburg, 1980.

Hedges, Screens, & Espaliers, Susan Chamberlin, Tucson, Arizona, HP Books, 1983.

Lawns, American Horticultural Society, Mount Vernon, Virginia, AHS, 1982.

Liaison Conservation Directory for Endangered and Threatened Species, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C., USDA, 1980.

The Origins of Garden Plants, John Fisher, London, Constable and Company, 1982.

A Plan of Mr. Pope's Garden: Gardens at Richmond, Kew & Environs, John Serle, New York, Garland, 1983.

Plant Extinction: A Global Crisis, Dr. H. Koopowitz, Washington, D.C. Stone Wall Press, 1983.

Perennials, American Horticultural Society, Mount Vernon, Virginia, AHS, 1982.

Roses, American Horticultural Society, Mount Vernon, Virginia, AHS, 1982.

The Self-sufficient Gardener, Jeff Ball, Emmaus, Pennsylvania, Rodale Press, 1982.

Shrubs and Hedges, American Horticultural Society, Mount Vernon, Virginia, AHS, 1982.

Tomatoes, American Horticultural Society, Mount Vernon, Virginia, AHS, 1982.

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Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.,
9:30 - Noon
922-8043

APRONS FOR SALE

A new supply of bright green PHS aprons with dark blue design has arrived in the PHS shop. Price: \$9.50. Visit PHS to purchase; sorry no mail orders.

Activities

June Registration Events

PRACTICAL GARDENING AT CHANTICLEER

Saturday, June 4, 10 am - 3 pm

Howard J. Holden, horticulturist and superintendent of 'Chanticleer', a private estate in Wayne, will lead an informal tour of the estate and give suggestions of how to plan, plant and maintain your garden.

Topics covered will include vegetable and flower gardening, pruning, woody plants, espalier techniques, lawn care, soil preparation, spraying and equipment maintenance.

Bring a brown bag lunch (iced tea provided). Travel directions will be mailed to registrants.

Fee \$15.00, 20 members only. Rain date: Saturday, June 11.

BASIC LANDSCAPE DESIGN

Mondays, June 6, 13, 7 - 9:30 pm

Monday, June 20, 7 - 9 pm

A combined lecture and workshop course ending with a critique session. Simple drafting instructions will be given so participants can do a preliminary drawing of their own property using PHS drafting materials.

Areas to be developed must not exceed 150 by 200 ft. nor need drastic change of grade.

Instructors: **Paul Wolfinger** and **Patricia Schrieber** of Philadelphia Green. Fee: \$35.00; registration limited to 10 members.

HANGING BASKET WORKSHOP

Thursday, June 9, 10:30 - 2:30 pm

This workshop will be given at Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, PA by **J. Liddon Pennock, Jr.**, proprietor, and **John W. Story**, manager of the greenhouses.

After a lecture-demonstration participants will plant a 10" plastic basket, a 10" moss-lined wire basket and a 10" Belden hanging garden with appropriate plants.

Bring your lunch; beverages will be provided. A tour of the Pennock's garden will conclude the day.

Travel directions will be sent to registrants.

Fee: \$37.00, 15 members only.

11th ANNUAL MEMBERS EVENING AT THE PHILADELPHIA ZOO

Thursday, June 16, 6 pm

Charles W. Rogers, Jr., curator of horticulture at the Zoological Garden, will again be our articulate host for this event. Members and guests are asked to

arrive promptly at 6 pm for a mono-rail ride to be followed by Chuck's walking tour of the Zoo's plantings including his topiary zoo and the hummingbird house. (All other Zoo buildings will be closed).

The tour will end at the donation bar and picnic area. Picnic supper will be served at 7:15 pm. After supper Chuck will show slides of 'Penn's Woodland Trail' and talk about native plantings at the Zoo.

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Other Events

International Society of Arboriculture Regional Tree Jamboree

Saturday, June 25, from 9 am on, Swarthmore College campus, Swarthmore, PA

Tree climbing competition and more. Phone (215) 447-7025 for more information. Free to public.

TOURS

Spring Gardens of Germantown Tour

Saturday, June 4, 12 - 5 pm

Sponsored by Germantown YWCA. Tickets \$5.00 obtainable at Y, 5820 Germantown Ave.

SHOWS

Delaware Flower Show

Saturday, June 4, 10 am - 9 pm

Sunday, June 5, 12 - 5 pm

at the Hagley Soda House, off Buck Road, Greenville, DE. Call Wilmington Garden Center (302) 658-1913 for schedule and ticket information.

Keystone Chapter African Violet Society Show

Saturday, June 11, 10-5

Sunday, June 12, 10-5

at PHS, 325 Walnut Street

New Hope Flower Show

Saturday, June 11, 10 am - 7 pm

Sunday, June 12, 12 - 7 pm

Displays all over town, along the canal, on barges and in shop windows.

For more information call (215) 862-2842.

Del-Chester Rose Society Spring Show

Saturday, June 11, 1 - 10 pm

At Exton Square Mall, Rts. 30 and 100, Exton, PA. For schedule phone 215-692-5631.

Middle Atlantic Regional Lily Group Show at Fairmount Park Horticulture Center

Saturday, June 25, 2:30 - 5 pm

Sunday, June 26, 10 am - 4 pm

For information about schedule, entry tags and special programs to be presented both days write William Happich, 609 Linda Vista Ave. Jenkintown, PA 19046.

Plants in the Business Environment

Business and Not-for-Profit Organizations within a 50-mile radius of Philadelphia are encouraged to enter this contest. To be eligible plantings must have been in place for 2 years prior to June 15, 1983. For an application call Lisa Stephano at (215) 625-8266. Deadline for entry is June 15.

Judges Needed For City Gardens Contest

Entries are flooding in for the 1983 City Gardens Contest and Coordinator Jean Byall asks that any good PHS horticulturist who would like to spend a day visiting city gardens in July should give her a call at 625-8267. A judge's orientation day will be held at PHS on Thursday, June 23. Request additional information on reservation blank on this page.



Flower Show Arrangement Classes

The miniature arrangements which are a big success with both exhibitors and visitors will include three miniature arrangement classes next year. **Anne Letter**, chair of the artistic classes for the 1983 Show and her committee have decided on the following titles "A Trifle," "Petite Treasure,"—a mass arrangement and "Tranquility"—a design in the oriental mood. **Joly Stewart**, miniature advisor, indicated that all designs should be done with dried plant material and there will be a limit of six entries per class.

Theresa Phillips and **Jeanne Griffith**, in charge of pressed plant material classes, have come up with the following for next year. Class 141—"A Miniature Screen" a design for a folding screen, Class 142—"Mother Goose"—name your rhyme, Class 143—"A Williamsburg Arrangement" and Class 144—"Love is . . ." an interpretation.

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Her intention was to become a PHS member: now she also owns a cute little red Honda motorbike to help her get around the garden. **Rosario Fajardo**, a native of the Philippines and a chemist at SmithKline Beckman, was one of 542 visitors who joined PHS at the Flower Show, making her eligible for the grand prize drawing. **The "G" Boys**, Marlton, NJ, long-time trade booth exhibitors donated the bike, and **Betty Pryor** was responsible for signing up Rosario as a new member.

Frannie Cullen, chair of the PHS Members Committee welcomes our new members and encourages your participation in our programs.

Jane G. Pepper

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Executive Director

Flower Show Horticultural Classes



The schedule committee for the 1983 Flower Show, under the leadership of **Jane Ward**, competitive class chair, has already picked out the bulbs for 1984 and also a few new classes.

Two favorites will reappear this year. The balcony class will be set in a 12' w x 10' h area to simulate a high rise bal-

cony, with the title, "Terrace In The Sky." The window box class, open to organizations and individuals, will be entered on Friday, March 9 to be rejudged on Friday, March 16.

Two new classes, #300, A 20 Plant Solution will appeal to the problem solvers of the plant world; #400, A Light Garden, will allow indoor gardeners to show 10 or more plants in their collection.

The full bulb list for the 1984 Show is listed below:

201 Narcissus, Little Gem (miniature) 4" pot.

202 Narcissus, Unsurpassable (trumpet) 8" bulb pan.

203 Narcissus, Ice Follies (large cup) 8" bulb pan or azalea pot.

204 Narcissus, Cragford (tazetta) 8" bulb pan or azalea pot.

205 Hyacinthus, Delft Blue 8" bulb pan or azalea pot.

206 Tulipa, Red Emperor 8" bulb pan or azalea pot.

207 Amaryllis, Apple Blossom 6" pot.

208 Any named miniature narcissus not listed above.

209 Any named standard narcissus not listed above.

210 Any named hyacinthus not listed above.

211 Any named tulipa not listed above.

212 Any named muscari.

213 Any named crocus.

214 Any named iris.

215 Any other named hardy bulb, corm, rhizome or tuber.

216 Any other named non-hardy bulb, corm, rhizome or tuber; pot 6" or under.

217 Any other named non-hardy bulb, corm, rhizome or tuber; pot over 6".

Two challenge classes will be included in the 1984 Show. Orchid Phalaenopsis "First Lady's", is available for purchase from PHS for exhibit in both the 1984 and 1985 Shows. The other is impatiens New Guinea Hybrid, also available through PHS.

These challenge plants will be limited to 2 plants per exhibitor and can be picked up at PHS in September.

See below for Order Form.

Challenge Class Order Form

Clip and mail to:

PHS, 325 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Fill out coupon to reserve your plant(s).

Orchid Phalaenopsis "First Lady's"

\$8 per plant, # of plants _____

Limit two plants per person
amount enclosed _____

Impatiens New Guinea Hybrid

\$3 per plant, # of plants _____

Limit two plants per person
amount enclosed _____

Full amount enclosed _____

Name _____

Address _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

Club _____

For further information call
Marjorie Meer, 625-8292.

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Top Tomato and Zuper Zucchini Contest

Calling all backyard farmers, here's your chance to win a prize with your heaviest tomato or longest zucchini at the 1983 Harvest Show.

Bring your heaviest tomato or longest zucchini to the Harvest Show and enter it between 5 pm — 8 pm on September 22; 7:30 am — 10:30 am on the 23rd and 10 am — 3 pm on Saturday & Sunday, the 24th & 25th. Judging will take place on Sunday, September 25 at 4:30, but you do not have to be present to win. Winning vegetables will be selected on the basis of weight and length only — the heaviest tomato and the longest zucchini.

Cuisinart food processors generously donated by **Cuisinarts, Inc.** will be given to the top winner in each category and a family membership to PHS will be second prize.

Special events at this year's Show offer a treat for the whole family with jugglers, a children's activities tent, ragtime music and a marching band.

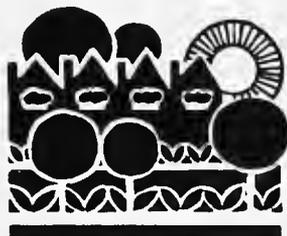
Afternoon horticultural demonstrations on topics such as canning, flower arranging and amaranth will take place, along with tree climbing demonstrations by members of **The International Society of Arboriculture.**

For all of you who will be concocting your own special brew for canning this summer, consider entering something in the preserved food classes at the Show. New categories to enter in this class are mustard, soaps, astringents, dried seasonings and dried potpourri. Call 625-8299 for an exhibitor's schedule.

Plant Giveaway at PHS

The annual plant giveaway will be held on September 20, 1983, 9 am to 7 pm.

Members can pick out a plant at PHS that has been grown and donated by other members. Different varieties of plants include those grown in greenhouses, houseplants, trees, shrubs and perennials. A complete listing of plants will appear in the September *PHS News*.



Point Breeze "Greene Countrie Towne"

After several years of planning and planting, the Point Breeze neighborhoods of South Philadelphia now have a "Greene Countrie Towne."

This 88 block community is the home of 13 community vegetable gardens, 11 sitting parks, 25 lot gardens, 18 street tree/planter blocks and 40 garden/flower blocks. Hundreds of residents in Point Breeze have been working with Philadelphia Green to develop the largest concentrated area of urban greening in the nation.

The Point Breeze Greene Countrie Towne was officially applauded with a celebration and dedication on July 29 in the neighborhoods' newly constructed Wedding Garden at 19th & Reed Sts.

PHS Goes Electronic

In the beginning, when the Society was founded, communication among members was easy: the gentlemen founders met once a month to discuss the notable events in the horticultural field. As the Society expanded, the challenge of keeping in touch with the members grew more complicated. First we used the quill pen, later the fountain pen, then a basic typewriter. When Ernesta Ballard became executive director in the early '60s she became well acquainted with the foibles and vagaries of the addressograph machine with messy metal plates. For the past few years we have used the Cheshire system to create your mailing labels and it has served us well.

This summer we took a big step and installed three personal computers to handle our membership and several other functions. The units look wonderful — and oh so modern in contrast to our eighteenth century building. Now the challenge begins as we convert from our old manual system and become acquainted with these modern machines.

These IBM personal computers are supposed to be "user friendly" but it's going to take us all a while before we are totally comfortable with them. If we overcharge you or scratch your name from our mailing list please don't treat us the way some people treat their bank or their insurance company in a similar situation. Give us a call and let us know what's wrong — rather than ignoring the situation. Linda Davis, membership secretary, will be in charge of the membership files and if there's a problem she will hope to hear from you on 625-8265.

**THE HARVEST SHOW
SEPTEMBER 24 & 25**

New in the Library

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August-September Lectures, meetings

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KEYSTONE CHAPTER, AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY

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First-time writers in *Green Scene* have subsequently had articles published elsewhere including the *New York Times* and the *Brooklyn*

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Other Events

Bartram 300th Anniversary Reunion August 19, 20, 21

Colonial botanist John Bartram's grandparents and father arrived in the New World from England in 1683.

Bartram family members and members of the John Bartram Association will celebrate this event at

Bartram's Garden (America's oldest botanic garden) 54th & Lindburgh Ave., Phila.

For membership information (\$15.00 per year) and for schedule of reunion activities call 215-729-5281.

American Horticultural Society 38th Annual Meeting

September 14 - 17

PHS Members are invited to join AHS members during their annual meeting in Philadelphia. All educational sessions are open to members free of charge. You are also welcome to attend the President's and Awards Banquet on Saturday, September 17 at the Franklin Plaza Hotel. **Stephen Sponberg** of the Arnold Arboretum will talk on the Horticultural Heritage of E.H. 'Chinese' Wilson. (Banquet — \$40.00)

For registration information please write Elizabeth Hume, American Horticultural Society, Box 0105, Mount Vernon, Va 22121 or call 703-768-5700.

"How Does Your School Garden Grow" Maintenance Contest

1983 is the first of what will be the annual maintenance contest for participants in The Green The School Grounds program, a Philadelphia Green project.

Each school in the program is presented with a flat of plants in April and judging takes place in early June. This year's winners are: 1st prize, (\$75) **Smedley School**, Bridge & Charles Sts.; 2nd prize, (\$50) **Meredith School**, 5th & Fitzwater Sts.; and 3rd prize (\$25) **Pepper Middle School**, 84th & Lyons Ave. A special award of merit was given to **Lincoln High School**, Ryan & Rowland Aves. and honorable mention went to **Mastermann School**, 17th & Spring Garden and **Smith School** 19th & Wharton.

An awards reception will be held for all Green The School Grounds participants in October.



"In The Spirit" — a chance to exhibit

This year's Holiday Show at PHS invites exhibitors to participate in the festivities. The theme is "In The Spirit" and exhibitors may participate by entering wreaths, tree ornaments, arrangements and container grown plants appropriate to the season. For a holiday show schedule check the appropriate box in the reservation blank on this page.

MAILINGS TO LOOK FOR

We are going to do it differently this year and you will receive your dues notice and Harvest Show tickets in two separate mailings. The tickets will be mailed in mid-August and the dues notices in late August. Both envelopes will be mailed third class so when you get them will depend on how speedily your local post office processes non-profit bulk rate mailings. The maximum time from mailing to receipt should be three weeks.

Reservations: Clip and mail reservations to:
PHS, 325 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19106
Reservations accepted by mail only; include full payment. Use form below to speed processing. All events are held at PHS unless otherwise stated. Confirmations for events at PHS are not mailed; unless you hear otherwise we will expect you. Field trip confirmations with important trip information are mailed. There is limited space for all activities (except garden visits). Each activity is listed in two consecutive issues of the *PHS News*.

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WRITING COURSE

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Members only

- Please send a 1983 Holiday Show Schedule
- Please send Washington DC trip information
- I would like to help at Harvest Show

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A Message From Your Local Nurseryman

Fall is For Planting — the message you will soon see in your local nursery — is one you should look into carefully. Fall is a terrific time to revamp the front yard, the back yard or even to plant the occasional tree or shrub.

Next spring you will be frantically trying to get the vegetable garden going and the shrubbery will suffer. Take advantage of the cooler weather and, we hope, ample rainfall to plant in late August, September, October and even into November.

J. Franklin Styer, Delaware County nurseryman with many years experience, points out that stem growth in most woody plants ceases in July as the stems enter a physiological phase called dormancy. The leaves remain on the tree and feed the roots, which do not become dormant. Dormancy will persist until there has been sufficient cold weather to change the chemical balance within the stems and to allow the new growth in the spring. During dormancy most plants can be moved successfully.

You may question the wisdom of planting in August when the weather tends to be hot and dry. Dr. Styer suggests you only plant in August if you are able to water at regular intervals. However, the sooner you can plant the more open weather there will be for root development — which is especially important for needled evergreens that need good root systems to move water into the foliage for winter.

In considering specific groups of plants, Styer has the following comments: azaleas and rhododendrons do not become dormant until cool weather, or even until frost. However, fall planting usually provides such evergreen plants with enough shock to induce early dormancy, which prevents an early freeze from killing half-dormant flower buds later. Deciduous shrubs and trees should be moved later in the fall, after leaf-drop. It is important to understand one peculiarity of many shade trees. If these are moved within two to three weeks before leaf fall, there is insufficient moisture to allow for the growth of the leaf scar tissue. Consequently, the leaves do not fall and the whole tree may die.

If you have questions on fall planting, be sure to call the PHS horticultural hotline at 922-8043.

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Saul High School Seeks Donations

As Henry Avenue travels northwest fringing Fairmount Park, it also crosses through a rural setting known as **W.B. Saul High School of Agricultural Sciences**, a part of the school district of Philadelphia. The school's service to its 670 students, its association with a craft/advisory committee, its participation in continuing agro-business education (at the adult level) and the "Food for America Program" has spread the word of the agricultural high school. Members and staff of PHS have benefitted greatly from Saul High School students' participation in the Junior Show, the Harvest Show and the Philadelphia Flower Show.

In an era of financial stress within the school district of Philadelphia, donations of equipment and materials have become increasingly important to the staff, students and administrators at Saul High School. In future years these needs will expand because Saul High School has become the program developer and administrator for a 115-acre farm on Pine Road, Philadelphia, known as Fox Chase Farm.

Donations to Saul have included young and fully developed beef cattle; farm tractors, seeders, harrows and cultivators; wildlife propagation (ducks, pheasants, quail); trees for Arbor Day and electric utility poles.

As a PHS member you may have a piece of equipment, animals or materials you would like to donate to W.B. Saul High School. Donations are tax deductible. For further information on donations please contact Robert J. Hunter, Coordinator, W.B. Saul High School, 7100 Henry Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19128 (215/483-2841).

Harvest Show Members' Preview

This year Preview hours will be 4 to 7:30 pm.

Members are welcome to bring guests to enjoy this early showing. The price of \$5.00 per guest ticket will include wine and other refreshments. Tickets will be available at the Show.

INFORMATION 800 — Hazardous Waste Hotline

The Pennsylvania Environmental Research Foundation has recently installed a toll free telephone number designed to provide the public with up-to-date information on hazardous waste and hazardous waste management. The number is 800-322-9124 and operates between 9 am — 5 pm, Monday through Friday.

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Horticultural Fun For Everyone At The Harvest Show — Sights, Sounds and Smells of Fall

What do a warm loaf of home-made bread, some barnyard animals and a giant tomato all have in common? The Harvest Show. A treat for the senses, this year's Show will delight visitors of all ages.

While harvesting your crops keep in mind that there are more than 200 competitive classes to enter at the Show, including 125 categories of vegetables and fruit, cut branches, ornamental grasses, floral and design classes, container grown plants, scarecrows, window boxes and more. Twenty major exhibits by local organizations and horticultural institutions will offer displays that include seven varieties of apples, a young girl's 18th century gardening pursuits and an exhibit of dwarf and cascading chrysanthemums.

Special Events

This year along with the bountiful Harvest Tables, Junior challenge classes and more than 1,000 individual entries there will also be a series of special events. They will take place on Saturday and Sunday, September 24 and 25 unless otherwise noted.

10 am — 12 pm

Traveling Zoo from the Philadelphia Zoo

10 am — 5 pm

Jack Eden, KYW Newsradio garden commentator, will answer gardening questions (Saturday only)

11 am — 4 pm

hourly bee beard demonstrations
by Robert Harvey of Harvey's
Honey

12 — 1 pm

tree climbing demonstrations by
The International Society of
Arboriculture
Neshaminy Junior High School
Marching Jazz Band

1 pm — 4 pm

ragtime music by The Atlantic
Brass Ensemble Children's Activities
Tent featuring pumpkin painting,
horticultural games, face painting
and a crafty creature making contest

2:30 pm — 4:30 pm

Give-And-Take Jugglers

Horticultural Demonstrations

Local experts on food preparation, wine making, horticulture and flower arranging invite you to attend their horticultural demonstrations throughout both days of the Show.

Saturday, September 24

1:00 pm The Camera as a
Gardening Tool
Joe Kerwin, PHS asst.
horticulturist

1:30 Wine Making
Almena Montiero, Phila-
delphia gardener

2:00 How To Dry Fruits
Mona Gold, director of
horticultural therapy,
Friends Hospital

2:30 Flower Arranging with
Baskets
Bernice Makin, pro-
fessional flower arranger

3:00 Carving Vegetables the
Chinese Way
Joseph K. K. Poon, Phila-
delphia restaurateur

3:30

Culinary Uses of
Amaranth
Hal Rosner, coordinator
Philadelphia Green

Sunday, September 25

12:30 Home Preserving (1 hr.)
Richard Bitner, Chair,
Preserved Products

1:30 Making and Decorating
Straw Wreaths
Rita Precopio and **Leah
Riband**, local workshop
leaders

2:00 Getting Houseplants
Ready for Winter
Helen Pettengill, horti-
culturist

2:30 Luminaria with Pressed
Flowers
Helen Knauff, lecturer

3:00 Baskets from Waysides
and Weeds
Jane Lennon, perennial
grower

3:30 Cusinart & Stir-Fry with
Vegetables
Rosemarie Vassalluzzo,
food columnist for *The
Advance of Bucks
County*.

Transportation to the Harvest Show

For those of you driving to the Show there is plenty of free parking at Horticulture Center.

Horticulture Center is located at the intersection of Belmont and Montgomery Avenues. A map is included in the exhibitor's schedule and on the back of each member's ticket. If you require additional information on reaching Horticulture Center by public transportation, please call PHS at 625-8250.

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New in the Library

The Audubon Society Book of Trees, Les Line, New York, Abrams, Inc., 1981.

The Butterfly Gardener, Miriam Rothschild, London, Michael Joseph, Ltd., 1983.

Classical Chinese Gardens, Qian Yun, Hong Kong, Joint Pub., Co., 1982. (non circulating)

The Country Journal Book of Vegetable Gardening, Nancy Bubel, Brattleboro, Vermont, Country Journal Publishing Co., 1983.

Dwarfed Fruit Trees, Harold Bradford Tukey, Ithaca, New York, Comstock, 1964.

The Fall of Freddie the Leaf, Leo Buscaglia, Thorofare, New Jersey, Charles B. Slack, 1982.

The Gardens & Grounds at Mount Vernon, Elizabeth deForest, Mt. Vernon, Va., The Mt. Vernon Ladies Assoc. of the Union, 1982.

The Lives of Plants, Doris M. Stone, New York, Charles Scribner's Sons, 1983.

Activities

September-October

Lectures, Meeting

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SYMPOSIUM: HORTICULTURAL CLASSES, PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

Monday, October 24, 10 am

Prospective and experienced Flower Show exhibitors take advantage of this annual opportunity to review the schedule of classes and rules for exhibiting.

This year's expert speakers will be exhibitor **John L. Leonard** on orchid growing in the home for exhibition, and **John W. Story** on creating standards from fast growing plants such as fuchsias, geraniums and lantanas.

Coordinator: **Susan P. Wilmerding**, chair of horticultural classes.

SYMPOSIUM: ARRANGEMENT CLASSES, PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

Monday, October 31, 10 am

Again questions about the schedule of classes and the rules for exhibiting will be answered.

Expert exhibitors contributing to the program will be **Robin Lippincott** — large niche and pedestals, **Joly Stewart** — miniatures, and **Carolyn Waite** and **Sally Humphreys**, arrangements suitable for room and table classes.

Coordinator: **Ann Letter**, chair, arrangement classes.

Door prize: an arranged pumpkin.

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PHS MEMBERS PLANT GIVE-AWAY

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Members may choose a free plant from a variety of indoor and outdoor plants propagated by fellow PHS members, **Ernesta Ballard**, **Richard Both**, **Toni Brinton**, **Edythe Collins**, **Charles Cresson**, **George Harding**, **Howard Holden**, **Nancy Howard**, **Anita Kistler**, **Betts Layman**, **Richard Lighty**, **Liddon Pennock**, **Sally Reath**, **Joanna Reed**, **Elizabeth Sharp**, **Alan Slack** and **Toni Starr**. We greatly appreciate their contributions and hope you will take advantage of their generosity. Horticultural information about the plants and iced tea will be available.

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A Columbus Day treat for PHS members, this workshop will be

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Participants will learn her techniques for planting and caring for a topiary grown in a decorative pot and trained onto a moss-stuffed animal frame and will then plant one using *Ficus pumila*, a plant that will tolerate the home or apartment environment.

Bring lunch; beverages provided. A tour of the Pennock's gardens will conclude the day. Travel directions will be sent to registrants. Fee: \$33.00, 15 members only.

PROPAGATION WORKSHOP: HARD-TO-FIND HOUSEPLANTS FROM CUTTINGS

Thursday, October 13, 10 am

PHS members **Joanne C. Marano** and **Margaret P. Bowditch**, both experienced growers and exhibitors, will teach propagation techniques, and participants will plant cuttings from a variety of hard-to-find and unusual houseplants to take home.

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Registrants should bring a sandwich; soup, cheese, fruit and coffee will be provided. After lunch, walk around to the entrance of the Barnes Foundation's gallery and tour the collection at leisure.

Fee: \$7.50. Travel directions will be mailed to participants.

FLOWERS OF THREE CENTURIES AND HERBARIUM TREASURES

Tuesday, October 11, 3 — 5 pm

Original drawings and watercolors by the world's greatest flower painters from the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, England will be on exhibit at the Academy of Natural Sciences, September 10 — October 23.

On October 11 — **Elizabeth McLean**, garden historian and research associate in the botany department of the Academy will give a tour of the exhibit from a naturalist's view to a limited number of PHS members and guests. She will talk about volumes of John Bartram's herbarium on loan to the Academy which she is annotating, and will show herbarium specimens from the Lewis and Clark expedition and other specimens from the most historically interesting herbarium in the U.S.

Tea, coffee and cakes will be served in the Academy library where volumes containing work by loan exhibit artists will be on display for our group.

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252ND RED ROSE RENT DAY

Saturday, September 10, 10 am

The Conard — Pyle Company of Jennersville, just west of West Grove, PA, invites the public to attend the presentation of a red rose to a descendent of William Penn as part of the terms of a 1731 land deed and to see acres of roses in bloom. For more information call (215) 869-2426.

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Pepperpot

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Nominations Submitted for Elections to PHS Council

Members will have an opportunity to elect 11 new members to Council at the Annual Meeting, to be held on November 16 at 5:15 p.m.

Joan Brinton, Robert Butera, Russell Jones, Elizabeth Lippincott, Harold Wessel and L. Wilbur Zimmerman are all eligible for reelection and have agreed to serve again. Additional Council nominations are as follows:

Kathryn Andersen lives in Wilmington and is president of the Delaware Valley Chrysanthemum Society, the Delaware Daffodil Society and has recently completed a term as president of the Wilmington Garden Center. Andersen graduated from Vassar College and holds a PhD from the University of Michigan. She served nine years as a member of her local Board of Education and on other civic boards in Delaware.

Louise Harrity served as chair of the Competitive Classes for the Philadelphia Flower Show, 1982 and 1983, following two years as chair of the Garden Class. She is a past president of the Seed and Weed Garden Club and co-chair of the Arboretum and garden committee for Appleford. Harrity is also recording secretary for the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Natalie Kempner has long been associated with PHS through our school programs and Philadelphia Green. She was graduated from Smith College and later completed a graduate degree in history at

Cornell. When she came to live in Philadelphia she was a trainee at the Schuylkill Valley Nature Center. In 1973 she founded the Norris Square Neighborhood Project, a bilingual urban environmental learning center in West Kensington where she worked as director for eight years. In 1976 she was recipient of the PHS Teacher of the Year Award. Currently, Kempner works as a freelance writer; is a member of the boards of Norris Square Project and Philadelphia Green; vice-chair of the PHS Junior Show and Clerk of Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting.

William D. MacDowell, home gardener, beekeeper and orchardist is returning to the PHS Council. A graduate of Oberlin College and the Harvard Business School, MacDowell worked for Procter and Gamble and General Foods, and was president of the W. Atlee Burpee Company for 10 years. For the past two years he has managed his own importing, exporting and management consulting business and is currently on retainer to a genetic engineering firm. During his previous term on the Council he served as chair of the Flower Show and as a vice-chair of the Society.

To **Frances Cullen, Muriel Happich, Robert Preucel, and Yvonne Wynne**, who are scheduled to retire at the end of the year, the Society expresses many thanks for their participation as members of the Council. **Robert Ryan**, also retiring from Council, will remain a vice-president.

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DELAWARE VALLEY DAYLILY SOCIETY SALE

**Saturday, September 10,
10 am — 2 pm**

Location: Tyler Arboretum, Painter and Forge Roads off Rte. 352, Lima, Pa. Several hundred varieties of day-lilies will be sold according to name and color.

AMERICAN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY 38TH ANNUAL MEETING September 14 — 17

PHS Members are invited to join AHS members during their annual meeting in Philadelphia. All educational sessions are open to members free of charge. You are also welcome to attend the President's and Awards Banquet on **Saturday, September 17** at the Franklin Plaza Hotel. **Stephen Sponberg** of the Arnold Arboretum will talk on the Horticultural Heritage of E. H. 'Chinese' Wilson. (Banquet — \$40.00).

For registration information please write Elizabeth Hume, American Horticultural Society, Box 0105, Mount Vernon, VA. 22121 or call 703-768-5700.

GREATER PHILADELPHIA DAHLIA SOCIETY SHOW

**Saturday, September 17,
3 — 9:30 pm**

Sunday, September 18, 12 — 5 pm
Location: Wanamaker's, King of Prussia Plaza.

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The 1983 Junior Flower Show November 11, 12, 13 and 14 at The Bourse

Magic Tricks, Sleight of Hand, Houdini's Helpers and Hocus Pocus are just a few of the 30 classes children can enter in this year's Junior Flower Show.

Children, pre-school through 12th grade are invited to enter. Write Denise Flores, at PHS, or call her at 625-8280. Deadline for entries is November 3rd.

Show hours are November 11, 12-5 pm; November 12, 10 am-5 pm; November 13, 12-5 pm and November 14, 10 am-3 pm. Admission is free.

Major Awards to be made at PHS Annual Meeting on November 16

Sandra C. Ward, chair of the PHS Awards Committee announced the committee's decision to present three major awards this year at the Society's annual meeting.

William Flemer, III, president of Princeton Nurseries, New Jersey will receive the 1983 Distinguished Achievement Medal. A graduate of Yale with a masters degree in botany, Flemer has played a leading role in the selection and marketing of superior trees and shrubs. With his deep interest in genetics, Flemer has been a supporter of many research and scientific investigations and has encouraged and supported plant exchanges in public gardens and arboretums.

Flemer has been an active leader in several nursery associations including the Ornamental Growers Association, the American Nurserymen's Protective Association, the New Jersey Association of Nurserymen, the National Association of Plant Patent Owners and the International Propagators Association.

Flemer has also been president of the Millstone Watersheds Association, a member of the Governor's Rural Advisory Council and a member of the

National Academy of Science Highway Research Board. He has been a member of the Advisory Council of the National Arboretum, serving as its chairman, and has been on the visiting committee of the Arnold Arboretum as well as a member of the committee for revitalizing the planting on the White House grounds.

Emily du Pont and Sarah Groome will both receive Certificates of Merit at the 1983 annual meeting.

Emily du Pont, member of the Garden Club of Wilmington, is an ardent proponent of horticulture and conservation and has served as both vice president and secretary of Red Clay Valley Association, an organization devoted to land conservation. Mrs. du Pont was instrumental in the creation of the Ashland Nature Center and helped initiate the landscaping for Fountain Plaza and the H.B. du Pont Park, two important areas in Wilmington. Recently Mrs. du Pont played a leading role in the formation of the Wilmington Garden Center, an organization with goals similar to those of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, located on the Mall in downtown Wilmington. Through its workshops, lectures and newsletters, the Center serves as a source of information and has started a community outreach program to assist in the greening of Wilmington.

Sarah C. Zantzing Groome, flower arranger and teacher, has been a source of inspiration to arrangement exhibitors in the Philadelphia Flower Show for many years. As an arranger she has captured awards including the Helen Hope Dechert and Margaret Biddle Bright Award, and on three occasions Mrs. Groome has been awarded the Philadelphia Flower Show Arrangement Sweepstakes.

As a teacher, she has lectured extensively to garden clubs and has for 14 years offered workshops to novice and advanced Flower Show exhibitors in her home.

A member of the Four Counties Garden Club, Sarah Groome has been a Garden Club of America judge for more than 30 years. In 1974 the Garden Club of America awarded her its coveted Award of Merit.

American Horticultural Society Awards to PHS Members

When the American Horticultural Society held its annual meeting in Philadelphia last month, several PHS members were honored for their accomplishments in the field of horticulture. Everitt L. Miller, director of Longwood Gardens received the Liberty Hyde Bailey Medal. J. Liddon Pennock, Jr., chair of the 1984 Philadelphia Flower Show and long-time PHS Council member, was awarded a citation for Meritorious Service. Mr. and Mrs. William Frederick, Jr. were honored as local horticulturists and Viola Anders, instructor in floriculture at Temple University's Ambler School of Horticulture, received the Teaching Citation.

Holiday Competition

Our 1983 Holiday Show "In the Spirit" will suggest design ideas suitable for the home. Join the fun and compete in a potpourri of classes — Holiday Welcome — a door decoration using fresh evergreen materials; By the Fire Glow — a decoration for a fireplace mantle; Sugar and Spice — an arrangement staged in a niche incorporating herbs and/or spices, in addition to horticultural classes, including flowering, fruiting and foliage plants suitable for the holiday season. This is just a selection. Request an entry form on the reservation form for further details, or call 625-8250. Most classes have limited entries so we encourage you to sign up promptly. Entries will be staged November 29 and 30. If you have further questions please call Joe Kerwin at 625-8262.

New in the Library

The Art of Chinese Gardens, Chung Wah Nan, Hong Kong, Hong Kong University Press, 1982.

Behind those Garden Walls in Historic Savannah, Louisa Farrand Wood, Savannah Georgia, Historic Savannah Foundation, 1982.

The Care and Feeding of Trees, Richard C. Murphy, New York, Crown Publishers, Inc., 1983.

The Contained Garden, Kenneth A. Beckett, New York, Viking Press, 1982.

Field Guide to Orchids of North America, John G. Williams, New York, Universe Books, 1983.

The Gourmet Garden, Theodore James, Jr., New York, E.P. Dutton, 1983.

Haworthia and Astroloba: A Collector's Guide, John Pilbeam, Portland, Oregon, Timber Press, 1983.

The New Wild Flowers and How to Grow Them, Edwin Steffek, Portland, Oregon, Timber Press, 1983.

Reminiscences of a Botanist, John Fogg, Newtown Square, Pa., Harwood Books, 1982.

Window Boxes, Pots and Tubs, David Squire, N. Pomfret, Vermont, David and Charles Inc., 1983.

The World of Rosemary, Adelma Grenier Simmons, Tolland, Connecticut, Clinton Press of Tolland, 1983.

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October-November Lectures, Meetings

(Open without charge to all)

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PENNSYLVANIA BONSAI SOCIETY

Thursday, October 13, 8 pm

Special guest: **Peter Adams**, bonsai expert from England.

Friday, November 18, 8 pm

Speaker: **Jack Billet**, Delaware Chapter.

(Subject: Literati, a bonsai style.)

SYMPOSIUM: HORTICULTURAL CLASSES, PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

Monday, October 24, 10 am

Prospective and experienced Flower Show exhibitors take advantage of this annual opportunity to review the schedule of classes and exhibit rules.

This year's expert speakers will be exhibitor **John L. Leonard** on orchid growing in the home for exhibition and **John W. Story** on creating standards from fast-growing plants such as fuchsias, geraniums and lantanas.

Coordinator: **Susan P. Wilmerding**, chair of horticultural classes.

SYMPOSIUM: ARRANGEMENT CLASSES, PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW.

Monday, October 31, 10 am

Again, questions about the schedule of classes and the exhibit rules will be answered by experts.

Exhibitors contributing to the program will be **Robin Lippincott** — large niche and pedestals, **Joly Stewart** — miniatures, and **Carolyn Waite** and **Sally Humphreys** — arrangements suitable for room and table classes.

Coordinator: **Ann Letter**, chair, arrangement classes.

Door prize: an arranged pumpkin.

Special Events

JUNIOR FLOWER SHOW

Friday, November 11 -

Monday, November 14

To be held in the Bourse Building between 4th and 5th and Market and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia.

156th PHS ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, November 16, 5:15 pm

The Annual Meeting will be held to elect new Council members and to present three important PHS awards.

A reception honoring the awardees will be held in the Board Room with refreshments (cash bar) following the meeting.

Registration Events

TOPIARY WORKSHOP AT MEADOWBROOK FARM

Wednesday, October 12, 10:30 am - 2 pm

A Columbus Day treat for PHS members — this workshop will be given by **Nancy Story**, the topiary grower at J. Liddon Pennock's Meadowbrook Farm, Meadowbrook, PA.

Participants will learn her techniques for planting and caring for a topiary grown in a decorative pot and trained onto a moss-stuffed animal frame. You will then plant one using *Ficus pumila*, a plant that will tolerate the home or apartment environment.

Bring lunch; beverages provided. A tour of the Pennocks' gardens will con-

clude the day. Travel directions will be sent to registrants. Fee: \$33.00, 15 members only.

PROPAGATION WORKSHOP: HARD-TO-FIND HOUSEPLANTS FROM CUTTINGS

Thursday, October 13, 10 am

PHS members **Joanne C. Marano** and **Margaret P. Bowditch**, both experienced growers and exhibitors, will teach propagation techniques, and participants will plant cuttings from a variety of hard-to-find and unusual houseplants to take home.

The workshop will include a mini-course on houseplant culture and care, insect control, feeding, exposure and microclimates.

Registration fee of \$15.00 includes all materials. 25 members and guests.

GREEN SCENE WRITING COURSE

Mondays, October 17, 24, 31

November 7, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

This four session course is filled. Ask to be on a wait list for a repeat course to be given next year by **Jean Bryne** and **Elaine Rose**.

MEMBERS EVENING

Wednesday, October 26, 6 pm

Beth Chatto, a household name to English gardeners, will come to PHS to talk about her remarkable four acre garden at White Barn House in Essex, where she succeeds with plants for very dry and very damp situations and has landscaped five large pools.

Cocktails 6 pm (donation bar); buffet supper 6:45 pm; program 7:45 pm.

Fee: \$11.00 members and guests.

ITALIAN GARDENS AND CLOISTERS

Thursday, November 10, 5:30 pm

To whet your appetite for an upcoming PHS trip to Italy, **Patricia Tyson**, a former editor of *Frontiers* magazine, will show slides taken on a recent trip of gardens from Lake Como to Rome and cloister gardens in Assisi, Florence and Venice. Among them: Villa Carlotta, tropical flora of the Boromeo Islands, Villa Rufolo in Ravello and of course the 16th c. water gardens of Villa d'Este.

Fee: \$5.00 members and guests includes refreshments with an Italian flavor.

GREENHOUSE MAINTENANCE AT WELDON NURSERY

Saturday, November 12, 10 am - 12 pm

William F. Delafield, Jr., of Weldon Nursery in Bryn Mawr, will conduct a course in year-round home greenhouse maintenance from repotting and spraying prior to reopening a greenhouse in

the fall to closing down, including summer care. He will cover spraying and feeding devices and schedules, heating methods and insulation, temperature zones and air circulation. The emphasis will be on growing plants in non-solar structures.

A map will be mailed to registrants.
 Fee: \$10.00, members and guests.

FLOWER ARRANGING COURSE

Mondays, November 14, 21, 28, 10 am

Three creative award winning arrangers with excellent aesthetic judgment and ability to communicate their expertise will give a lecture/demonstration course for those who wish to feel at ease fixing flowers at home or for show.

First week: Sarah Groome's topic is 'Imaginative Use of Small Containers.' Second week: an expert on Japanese arrangements. Third week: Barbara Cramer will do sculptural arrangements using natural materials and very few flowers.

Tips on mechanics, tools and making flowers last will be part of each session.
 Fee: \$30.00 members and guests.

WORKSHOPS: DECORATIONS FROM WEEDS, NUTS, CONES

Tuesday, November 15, 10 am and 6 pm

Ruth Flounders and Frank Kieser, whose Harvest Show and Holiday Show entries charm PHS members, will demonstrate how to make long lasting decorations from locally gathered natural materials; registrants will then create their own.

How-to handouts will be available but your creativity will be encouraged.

Fee: \$18.00 members and guests. Evening registrants should bring a sandwich; coffee and dessert provided.

MEMBERS EVENING

Wednesday, November 16, 6 pm

Anthony Huxley, British horticulturist, author and editor of 31 books, will give a talk, "From Andes to Amazon," about plant hunting in South America and about the flora and fauna of the Galapagos.

Cocktails: 6 pm (donation bar); buffet, 6:45 pm; program 7:45 pm.

Fee: \$11.00 members and guests.

TALK AND TEA: ANTHONY HUXLEY AT THE ACADEMY OF NATURAL SCIENCES.

Thursday, November 17, 3 pm

PHS and the Academy are co-sponsoring a repeat of the Members Evening program (see above) at the Academy, 19th St. at Logan Circle, to assure that everyone will have an opportunity to see Mr. Huxley's slides and to meet him at a reception following the program.

Fee: \$3.50 members and \$5.00 guests includes tea (admission to museum not included).

Field Trips

BOGS, BARRENS AND XEROPHYTIC WOODLANDS IN CHESTER COUNTY

Saturday, October 1,

10:30 am - 2 pm

William R. Overlease, professor of biology at West Chester State College will lead a half-day car caravan tour to see flora characteristic of special geographic areas in southern Chester County. Botanizing will include: a serpentine barren with rare plants growing in sparse acidic soil near Fern Hill, a floodplain forest by the Brandywine and an upland forest. Bring a bag lunch; beverage provided. Directions for a meeting place at the college will be sent to registrants.

Fee: \$15.00 members and guests.

BARNES ARBORETUM

BERRIES, DRUPES & POMES

Friday, October 7, 10 am - 2 pm

A day at Barnes in Merion. In the morning Elizabeth Farley, assistant director of the Barnes Arboretum and superb guide, will lead 25 PHS members and guests through the Arboretum where the seasonal attractions include colorful fruits of trees and shrubs.

Registrants should bring a sandwich; soup, cheese, fruit and coffee will be provided. After lunch, walk around to the entrance of the Barnes Foundation's gallery and tour the collection at leisure.

Fee: \$7.50. Travel directions will be mailed to participants.

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BOGS AND BARRENS

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BARNES DAY

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FLOWERS OF THREE CENTURIES

Fee: \$10.00 _____

TOPIARY WORKSHOP

Fee: \$33.00 _____

Members only

PROPAGATION: HOUSEPLANTS

Fee: \$15.00 _____

WASHINGTON TRIP

Fee: \$40.00 _____

WRITING COURSE

Wait list _____

MEMBERS EVENING: CHATTO

Fee: \$11.00 _____

ITALIAN GARDENS

Fee: \$5.00 _____

GREENHOUSE MAINTENANCE

Fee: \$10.00 _____

FLOWER ARRANGING

Fee: \$30.00 _____

DECORATION WORKSHOPS

10 am _____

6 pm _____

Fee: \$18.00 _____

MEMBERS EVENING: HUXLEY

Fee: \$11.00 _____

TEA AND HUXLEY

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Guests: \$5.00 _____

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- Please send a 1983 Holiday Show Schedule

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Peppercot

From the groundbreaking in 1965 by Lady Bird Johnson till now, the PHS 18th Century Garden has been a source of endless beauty and solitude for those who visit. Thousands of tourists come each year to the garden to take that perfect photograph of a piece of historic Philadelphia. Hundreds of newly married couples use the garden as a backdrop for their treasured wedding portrait and many a television studio has set up their crew in this miniature stage set of flowers, shrubs and lattice structures on Walnut Street.

The 18th Century Garden is tended April through September by a group of dedicated garden volunteers. These hardworking gardeners take time out of their own busy schedules to deadhead, weed, plant and prune on each Wednesday. This year's volunteers are: **Grace Cole, Edward Doelp, Lilly Glazer, Johanna Goedel, Helen Kaufman, Kitty Lapp, Matthew McConnell, Ann McPhail, Harriett Richards, Frances Vollmer and Ruth Walker.**

We thank our volunteers for this generous gift of beauty.

Jane G. Pepper
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Executive Director

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FLOWERS OF THREE CENTURIES AND HERBARIUM TREASURES Tuesday, October 11, 3 - 5 pm

Original drawings and watercolors by the world's greatest flower painters from the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, England will be on exhibit at the Academy of Natural Sciences, September 10, October 23.

On October 11, **Elizabeth McLean**, garden historian and research associate in the botany department of the Academy, will give a tour of the exhibit from a naturalist's view for a limited number of PHS members and guests. She will talk about volumes which she is annotating from John Bartram's herbarium on loan at the Academy. In addition, she will show herbarium specimens from the Lewis and Clark expedition and other specimens from the most historically interesting herbarium in the U.S.

Tea, coffee and cakes will be served in the Academy library where volumes containing work by loan exhibit artists will be on display for our group.

Tickets with directions will be mailed to registrants.

Fee: \$10.00 includes admission to the Academy.

ORNAMENTAL GRASSES IN WASHINGTON, DC

Friday, October 14, 7:30 am - 7 pm

This one day bus trip will feature gardens with ornamental grasses designed by **Dohme, van Sweden** and Associates. Landscape architect **James van Sweden** will be our guide.

The gardens at the height of their beauty in October will include Pershing Square and the Federal Reserve Plaza, five private gardens in Georgetown, and two in Spring Valley with lunch at one of the latter.

This trip is replacing a previously planned two day trip to Washington and Virginia.

Fee: \$40.00 includes lunch and refreshments en route home. Directions for bus pick up in Bala Cynwyd and Center City will be mailed to registrants.

Other Events

HENRY FOUNDATION PLANT SALE

Saturday, October 1, 9 am - 12

DRIED PLANT SALE

Friday, October 21, 10 am - 4 pm

Saturday, October 22, 9 am - 12

Both at 801 Stony Lane, Gladwyne, PA.

FREE TROLLEY RIDE TO BARTRAM'S GARDEN

Sundays, October 9, 16, 23, 30

Tour Bartram's home and garden for

nominal fee. Phone (215) 729-5281 for trolley schedule.

5TH ANNUAL 'AUTUMN IN THE ATRIUM' FLOWER SHOW, NEW YORK

Tuesday - Friday, October 11-14

Sponsored by Garden Club of American at Citicorp Center 153 E. 53rd St., New York

28TH EASTERN ORCHID CONGRESS SHOW AND PLANT SALE

Friday, October 14, 10 am - 10 pm

Saturday, October 15, 10 am - 10 pm

Sunday, October 16, 9 am - 12 pm

Held at Raddison-Wilmington Hotel, Wilmington, DE. Admission \$2.00.

25TH ANNUAL SHOW

DELAWARE VALLEY CHRYSANTHEMUM SOCIETY

Saturday, October 15, 3 - 7 pm

Sunday, October 16, 10 am - 5 pm

Held at Malin and James Rds., Broomall, Pa.

MORRIS ARBORETUM FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday and Sunday, October 22 and 23, 10 am - 5 pm

Tours, demonstrations, entertainment. Phone (215) 247-5777 for more information.

HORTICULTURE IN COLONIAL PHILADELPHIA

Wednesday, November 2, 11 am

At Independence Park Visitor Center, 3rd and Chestnut Streets. Talk by horticulturist — historian **Elizabeth McLean**. Phone Friends of INHP for more information and reservations, (215) 597-7919.

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Harvest Bounty and Blue Ribbons at 1983 Harvest Show

Beautiful weather, baskets overflowing with fresh fruit and vegetables, jams, jellies, elegant arrangements and a diversity of major exhibits brought thousands of visitors to Fairmount Park's Horticulture Center for this year's Show.

In spite of a hot, dry growing season, entries in the horticultural classes totaled 1300 with 467 entered by Philadelphia's community gardeners.

PHS Awards

The Best Of Show was given to **Chanticleer** for their exhibit "Wanderlust of Seeds." **J. Blaine Bonham** and **William Grubb** took the PHS Gardeners' Sweepstakes award for their 15 blue ribbons; the **Seedlings**, of Kennett Square picked up the Club Sweepstakes Certificate with 17 blue ribbons, and **4300-4310 Sansom Streets** garden received the PHS Community Garden Sweepstakes for its 17 blue ribbons.

The PHS Harvest Show Certificate in Memory of Charles A. Gruber in the Community Garden — novice category went to **Schuylkill Community Garden** and to **3rd and Christian Sts.** for community garden with a previous win.

The PHS Bronze Medals to the best blue ribbon winner in the following sections: **Dr. and Mrs. John J. Kelch** for their dried herb collection in the Preserved Products class; **Ernesta Ballard** for Ornamental Plants Grown in Containers; **4300-4310 Sansom St.** for Bounty by the Basket, community garden; **Rosemarie Vassalluzzo**, individual; **4300-4310 Sansom St.** for Floral Bounty, community garden; **Bobbie Schwartz**, individual. **4300-4310 San-**

som St. for Container Grown Vegetables, Fruits and Annuals, community garden; **J. Blaine Bonham** and **William Grubb**, individual; **3rd and Christian Sts.** for Food Classes, community garden; **Mrs. K.T. Haupt**, individual; **Janet S. Dingee** for Herbs; **Jennifer Dougherty** for High School Division of Junior Section and **Louise Melian** for Pressed Plant Material.

National Council of State Garden Club Awards

Robin Engle Lippincott won the Creativity Award for her entry in the "Into The Future" design class; **Mable Engle** Robin's mother, took the Tricolor Award for her entry in the Out Of The Past design class and **Rosemarie Vassalluzzo** won the Award of Horticultural Excellence for her Bounty By The Basket entry. The Award of Merit was given to **W. Fisher, Jr.** for his celosia; **William H. Dyre** for his marigold and **Kenneth A. Harwood** for his roses.

The Arboreal Award was given to **Irene Slater** of The American Rock Garden society and **West and Lee Loveland** received the Educational Award. The Junior Achievement Award for design was given to **Nathan Welch** and to **Mati Schwartz** for horticulture; The Intermediate Meritorious Award for grades 7 through 9 went to **Melanie McCabe** and **Jamie Cushner** for design and horticulture respectively.

Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania Awards

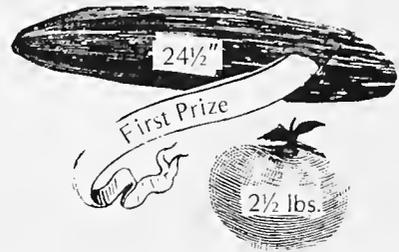
Mary Ellen Felix received the Special Recognition Award for an artistic design; The Educational and Conservation Silver Award went to **The John Bartram Association** and **Chanticleer**.

DISTRICT 1 AWARD

The **Mt. Holly Garden Club** won the District 1 Trophy for its design in the table class.

Philadelphia Area Judges Council Award

The Katharine Littlewood Reiger Memorial Trophy presented to the outstanding blue ribbon winner in the design section was given to **Robin Engle Lippincott**.



Top Tomato and Zuper Zucchini Winners

This year's contest was a great success.

Top winners were Bulmar Clements of Philadelphia for his 2 1/2 pound tomato and Marjorie Egee of Claymont, Delaware for her 24 1/2" zucchini. Winning contestants received a Cuisinart food processor donated to PHS by the Cuisinart Company and second place winners received a family membership to PHS.

The Library is Growing Up

The Library has growing pains and is about to expand its storage space upward adding shelves above existing ones where practical. To accomplish the space reorganization, the **Library will be closed from December 5 through December 9.** While we can't fill your requests in person during that week, we will be glad to mail books requested by phone (625-8256). Come inspect our new "high-rise" look after December 9th.

New in The Library

Ancient Herbs, Jeanne D'Andra, Malibu, California, J. Paul Getty Museum, 1982.

Birch's Views of Philadelphia Robert S. Teitelman, Philadelphia, University of Pennsylvania Press, 1982.

The Caprilands Kitchen Book, Adelma Grenier Simmons, Coventry, Connecticut, Caprilands, 1982.

Ferns for the Home and Garden, Gillean Dunk, London, Angus & Robertson Publishers, 1982.

Flowers of Three Centuries, David Scrase, Washington, D.C., International Exhibitions Foundation, 1983.

The Garden Room, Priscilla Boniface, London, Her Majesty's Stationery Office, 1982.

Growing Cyclamen, Gay Nightingale, Portland, Oregon, Timber Press, 1982.

A Guide to Significant and Historic Gardens of America, Mary Helen Ray, Athens, Georgia, Agee Publishers, Inc., 1982.

The Illustration of Plants & Gardens, Vera Kaden, London, Her Majesty's Stationery Office 1982.

Month by Month Garden Almanac for Indoor and Outdoor Gardening, New York, Peter Loewer, Putnam Publishing Group, 1983.

Taxonomic Literature, Vol. 4, P-Sak, Frans A. Staleu and Richard S. Cowan, Utrecht, Holland, Bohn, Scheltema & Holkema, 1983. (reference)

Waterlilies, Philip Swindells, Portland, Oregon, Timber Press, 1983.

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JUNIOR FLOWER SHOW

Friday, November 11 —

Monday, November 14

To be held in the First Bank of the U.S. on 3rd St. between Walnut and Chestnut Sts.

156th PHS ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, November 16, 5:15 pm

The Annual Meeting will be held to elect new Council members and to present three important PHS awards.

A reception honoring the awardees will be held in the Board Room with refreshments (cash bar) following the meeting.

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Registration Events

ITALIAN GARDENS AND CLOISTERS

Thursday, November 10, 5:30 pm

To whet your appetite for an upcoming PHS trip to Italy, Patricia Tyson, a former editor of *Frontiers* magazine, will show slides taken on a recent trip of gardens from Lake Como to Rome and cloister gardens in Assisi, Florence and Venice. Among them: Villa Carlotta, tropical flora of the Boromeo Islands, Villa Rufolo in Ravello and of course the 16th c. water gardens of Villa d'Este.

Fee: \$5.00 members and guests includes refreshments with an Italian flavor.

GREENHOUSE MAINTENANCE AT WELDON NURSERY

Saturday, November 12, 10 am - 12 pm

William F. Delafield, Jr., of Weldon Nursery in Bryn Mawr, will conduct a course in year-round home greenhouse maintenance from repotting and spraying prior to reopening a greenhouse in the fall to closing down, including summer care. He will cover spraying and feeding devices and schedules, heating methods and insulation, temperature zones and air circulation. The emphasis will be on growing plants in non-solar structures.

A map will be mailed to registrants. Fee: \$10.00, members and guests.

FLOWER ARRANGING COURSE

Mondays, November 14, 21, 28, 10 am

Three creative award winning arrangers with excellent aesthetic judgment and ability to communicate their expertise will give a lecture/demonstration course for those who wish to feel at ease fixing flowers at home or for show.

First week: Sarah Groome's topic is



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Individual price — \$25

Send gift membership to:

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'Imaginative Use of Small Containers.'
 Second week: an expert on Japanese arrangements. Third week: **Barbara Cramer** will do sculptural arrangements using natural materials and very few flowers.

Tips on mechanics, tools and making flowers last will be part of each session.

Fee: \$30.00 members and guests.

MASTER PLAN FOR FAIRMOUNT PARK

Monday, November 14, 5-7 pm

PHS members are invited to the annual meeting of the City Parks Association at which a presentation of the master plan for the Park will be made by members of the firm of Wallace, Roberts and Todd who will review horticultural, ecological, land use and community considerations.

Light refreshments will be served. No fee, but registration is requested.

WORKSHOPS: DECORATIONS FROM WEEDS, NUTS AND CONES

Tuesday, November 15, 10 am and 6 pm

Ruth Flounders and Frank Kieser, whose Harvest Show and Holiday Show entries charm PHS members, will demonstrate how to make long lasting decorations from locally gathered natural materials. Following demonstrations registrants will create their own.

How-to handouts will be available but your creativity will be encouraged.

Fee: \$18.00 members and guests.

Evening registrants should bring a sandwich; coffee and dessert provided.

MEMBERS EVENING

Wednesday, November 16, 6 pm

Anthony Huxley, British horticulturist, author and editor of 31 books, will give a talk, "From Andes to Amazon", about plant hunting in South America and about the flora and fauna of the Galapagos.

Cocktails: 6 pm (donation bar); buffet, 6:45 pm, program 7:45 pm.

Fee: \$11.00 members and guests.

TALK AND TEA: ANTHONY HUXLEY AT THE ACADEMY OF NATURAL SCIENCES

Thursday, November 17, 3 pm

PHS and the Academy are co-sponsoring a repeat of the Members Evening program (see above) at the Academy, 19th St. at Logan Circle, to assure that everyone will have an opportunity to see Mr. Huxley's slides and to meet him at a reception following the program.

Fee: \$3.50 members and \$5.00 guests includes tea (admission to museum not included).

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Seasonal refreshment. Fee: \$18.00 members and guests.

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Nominations Sought By PHS for Major Horticultural Awards

Each year the PHS Awards sub-committee selects those people and/or organizations who are considered outstanding in their respective fields of horticulture.

The committee is now seeking nominations for the 1984 Distinguished Achievement Medal and the Certificate of Merit.

The Distinguished Achievement Medal is awarded to a person in the Greater Delaware Valley or in Pennsylvania who has done outstanding work in horticulture.

The Certificate of Merit is awarded to an individual, organization, institution or business corporate for commendable contributions to horticulture.

Please submit a portfolio with one nominating letter and two letters of endorsement to Lois Paul, chair, awards sub-committee, c/o Lisa Stephano at PHS by January 15.

Reservations: Clip and mail reservations to: PHS, 325 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA. 19106
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No. _____

(No fee)

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Fee: \$11.00 _____

TEA AND HUXLEY

Members \$3.50 _____

Guests: \$5.00 _____

BRANDYWINE-WINTERTHUR-LONGWOOD

Fee: \$30.00 _____

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2 pm _____

7 pm _____

Fee: \$18.00 _____

Please send a 1983 Holiday Show Schedule

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Nature's Magic Show — New Location

This 9th annual Flower Show for youngsters will feature special events on Friday, November 11 and Saturday, November 12.

This year walk through a magical garden, be greeted by food friends, craft creatures, costumed characters and magicians. Last year's Show brought over 1800 artistic and horticultural entries and 10 special exhibits. Children throughout the Delaware Valley are encouraged to enter. Tell your teacher, tell your friends to contact "The Mad Hatter" at 625-8280 for an entry booklet filled with fun ideas.

The Junior Flower Show will be held on November 11, 12, 13 and 14 at **The First Bank of the U.S. on 3rd Street between Walnut and Chestnut St.** Admission is free.

Get In The Spirit at PHS December 1 - 31

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society cordially invites you to attend and participate in the 1983 Holiday Show. Our goal is to provide each visitor with some measure of holiday inspiration, to stress horticultural information and to suggest design ideas suitable for the home. The merriment of the season is interpreted throughout the show to reflect a festive holiday celebration.

The deadline is fast approaching for entries in this holiday competition. Exhibitors can create door decorations, wreaths, decorations for a Christmas tree, mantle arrangements, dried or fresh flower arrangements and decorations for a gift package.

The show will be open the weekend of December 17 and 18 from 11 am to 4 pm and on weekdays from 9 am to 5 pm throughout December. Call Joe Kerwin for an exhibitors' schedule at 625-8262 or check the box on page three. Deadline for entry is December 1.

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Pepperpot

We used to think of you, our dear members, as diggers and sowers, as people who were more comfortable with trowels in your hands than pencils, or more at home on a garden bench than a velvet settee. When it came to communication with you we could go to the 3 by 5 cards, filed alphabetically in a wooden drawer with your mailing cards separated by zip code.

Now it's all different and instead of finding you in that drawer, we find you as a series of dot matrices on a printout. Your name is a series of characters in a DataFile, and we store you on a hard disc in our IBM Personal Computer.

Those of you who have long names caused us the most problems this summer as Linda Davis, membership secretary, and her helpers Audrey Manley, Celia Segal, Marge Meer and Carol Lindemann struggled to get you "inputted" into our system. As with any other computer start up, it wasn't all plain sailing and there were times when we lost 2,000 of you in dot matrix form. Luckily we still had you stored in the wooden cabinet and we were able to return you to your rightful place as a PHS member.

In October you received your first mailing with the new, computer-created mailing labels. If everything doesn't seem AOK, please give Linda a call at 625-8265 and let her know the problem.

To all those who paid their dues on receipt of your first notice — many, many thanks. We so appreciate your prompt payments and hope to encourage the balance of our members to sign up on the second mailing, which should reach you in mid-November. Your prompt response saves us an enormous amount of time and energy — not to mention postage and paper.

The PHS staff is a smashing team from all points of view. Frequently one of them puts on a bigger smash than usual. Blaine Bonham, director of Philadelphia Green, knocked us all down in September by winning the Harvest Show Sweepstakes with William Grubb, horticultural therapist at the Northwestern Institute of Psychiatry, Fort Washington. Blaine and Bill do their gardening on a third floor deck — about eight blocks from the Society. Congratulations to these two city gardeners.

Thanks go to all Harvest Show exhibitors, volunteers, judges, Fairmount Park crews, policemen, visitors and a special thanks to **Blanche Epps**, Philadelphia Green garden intern, whose scarecrow was shown on WPVI-TV's AM/Philadelphia in conjunction with the Harvest Show.

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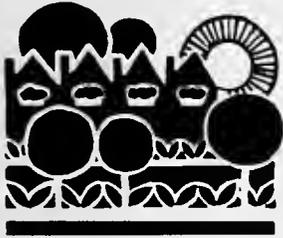
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CITY GARDENERS CELEBRATE YEAR LONG GREENING EFFORTS

Philadelphia Green's Annual Recognition Dinner held in October at the Franklin Plaza Hotel honored some 400 gardeners for their efforts throughout the season.

U.S. Congressman William Gray of Philadelphia's 2nd District applauded the achievements of the audience, stating that they were "the true leaders of neighborhood revitalization." **Alta Felton, Dorothy Reisdorph, Florie Dotson** and **Edith Wagner** all received "Green Thumb of the Year" Awards. A special Award of Appreciation was presented to the **Garden Club of Bala Cynwyd** for their outstanding support of Philadelphia Green over several years. Certificates of Merit were awarded to 106 blocks and gardens for their successful on-going greening efforts.

J. Blaine Bonham, director of Philadelphia Green, praised the gardeners for their tremendous contribution to Philadelphia's neighborhoods and recapped some of the past year's achievements. During the summer the Point Breeze neighborhood of South Philadelphia became Philadelphia's second Greene Countrie Towne and is now the largest concentrated area of greening in the nation. Point Breeze is the home of more than 70 greening projects, including window boxes, tire urns, vegetable gardens, sitting parks and lot gardens. Other highlights cited by Bonham include the addition of more than 115 new member blocks to the Philadelphia Green program.

PHILADELPHIA GREEN GOES SOUTH

Paul Wolfinger, programs administrator for Philadelphia Green, visited Columbia, South Carolina in October as a guest of the city to discuss urban renewal through gardening. Mayor Kirkman Finley and committee members of the Columbia greening proposal plan to join with residents to implement gardening projects similar to those carried out by Philadelphia Green.

Wolfinger says the greening project in Columbia is off to a good start. Residents have begun to organize blocks and have even given their new program a name, "Columbia Green."



Local Businesses Receive Awards for Horticultural Achievement

Awards for the Plants in the Business Environment Contest were given to five businesses located throughout the Delaware Valley. The team of judges headed by **Eric Meitzner**, announced that **MAI Sorbus Service Division** won first place for an outdoor area not more than 500 square feet; **Quaker Chemical Company** for an outdoor area more than 500 square feet but not more than one acre; **ARCO Chemical Research** in Newtown Square for areas covering more than one acre; **Thelma Gray Public Relations** for interior landscaping and **Frankford Hospital — Torresdale Division** won a Laurel Award, given at 5 and 10 year intervals to a previous winner in the Contest.

Organizations responsible for maintaining the above prize-winning landscapes

are **Heyser Landscaping, Inc.** for MAI Sorbus Service Division and Quaker Chemical Company; **Brickman Industries, Inc.** for ARCO Chemical Research.

Society's Annual Meeting

William Flemer, II, Emily du Pont and **Sarah C. Z. Groome** were honored by PHS Council and members following the 156th Annual Meeting on November 16. William Flemer, president of Princeton Nurseries, the east coast's largest wholesale nursery, received the Distinguished Achievement Medal. Emily du Pont, gardener and conservationist from Wilmington, and Sarah Groome, flower arranger extraordinaire and Philadelphia Flower Show blue-ribbon winner each received a Certificate of Merit.

Henry H. Reichner, Jr. Council president, thanked retiring Council members **Frances Cullen, Muriel Happich, Robert Preucel, Robert Ryan** and **Yvonne Wynn** for their extensive contributions to the Society, and welcomed the following as new Council members: **Kathryn S. Andersen, Louise Harrity** and **Natalie Kempner. William D. MacDowell** returns to Council.

The Library is Growing Up

The Library has growing pains and is about to expand its storage space upward adding shelves above existing ones where practical. To accomplish the space reorganization, the **Library will be closed from December 5 through December 9.** While we can't fill your requests in person during that week, we will be glad to mail books requested by phone (625-8256). Come inspect our new "high-rise" look after December 9th.

New in the Library

The Edible City Resource Manual, Richard Britz, St. Los Altos, California, W. Kauffmann, 1981.

The Lives of Plants, Doris M. Stone, New York, Scribner, 1983.

Ortho's Complete Guide to Successful Gardening, San Francisco, Ortho, 1983.

The Rock Gardener's Handbook, Alan Titchmarsh, Portland, Oregon, Timber Press, 1983.

Gardening with Biblical Plants, Wilma James, Chicago, Nelson-Hall, 1983.

Ways with Wildflowers, Bowman's Hill Wild Flower Preserve, Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania, Bowman's Hill, 1983.

Some older books for holiday season borrowing.

Decorating with Flowers, Denise Otis, New York, Harry N. Abrams, Inc., 1978.

Gifts from the Garden, Suzanne James, New York, Hearthsides Press, 1961.

Lovely Pine Cone Designs, Vangie Cookson, Park Rapids, Minnesota, Pine Cone Shop, 1964.

An Olde Concord Christmas, The Museum of the Concord Antiquarian Society, New York, St. Martin's Press, 1980.

Plants of Christmas, Hal Borland, New York, Golden Press, 1980.

A Williamsburg Christmas, Donna C. Sheppard, Williamsburg, Virginia, The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, 1980.

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Activities

December-January Lectures, Meetings

(Open without charge to all)
PENNSYLVANIA BONSAI SOCIETY
Friday, December 9, 8 pm

Speaker: **Steve Pilacik**
Subject: Japanese black pines.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY

Wednesday, December 14, 7:30 pm
'Principles of Judging — Part III', **Tom Seiler**.

Wednesday, January 11, 7:30 pm
Choosing a plant to show; disbudding and proper light, **James Klawatter**.

PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER, INDOOR LIGHT GARDENING SOCIETY

Wednesday, January 25, 8 pm
This plant society will have its monthly meetings at PHS on the fourth Wednesday. PHS members are invited to attend.

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INDOOR LIGHT GARDENING

Thursday, January 19, 10 am & 6 pm
PHS horticulturist **Joe Kerwin** will show the novice indoor light gardener how to set up, maintain and enjoy an artificial light garden this winter. If you have never tried it before come and learn how to get started. Each class will provide you with basic knowhow, plans for light units and several starter plants. Fee: \$15.00 members and guests. Evening registrants should bring a sandwich; coffee and cookies provided.

PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Saturday, January 21, 9 am — 3 pm
Dick Keen, Longwood Gardens staff photographer, will repeat last year's excellent one day workshop covering these aspects of photography: camera selection and operation, lenses, films, lighting, exposure, composition, special effects, slide showmanship and a section on portraits and close-ups. His teaching aid is a multi-image nine projector set-up.

Registration is limited. Bring lunch or order one for \$6.50, coffee and tea provided. Fee: \$35.00 members and guests.

Snow date: Saturday, January 28.

MEMBERS EVENING

Thursday, January 26, 6 pm
Peter Ashton, director of Harvard University's Arnold Arboretum will give an illustrated talk, 'History of the Tree in Art'. Dr. Ashton is a distinguished British horticulturist who specializes in far east-

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Cocktails (donation bar) 6 pm; buffet dinner 6:45 pm; program 7:45 pm. Fee: \$11.00 members and guests.

MAINE GARDENS

Tuesday, January 31, 5:30 pm

Avid Maine gardener **Margaret P.**

Bowditch has taken pictures of favorite gardens to be included in an August 1984 PHS trip which she will lead to Maine. (see registration form to request trip information to be mailed in Feb.)

Included are wild gardens, country gardens, and elegant seaside gardens with lush perennial borders.

Wine and lobster puffs after the slides. Fee: \$5.00 members and guests.

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STATE FARM SHOW AND CAPITOL

Wednesday, January 11, 8 am — 6 pm

This will be PHS's fourth bus trip to Harrisburg to see the State Farm Show (held in mid-winter when farmers are not busy with planting, births or harvests) and the Capitol. Pennsylvania's Capitol, considered to be the most beautiful capitol building in the U.S.,

will be the first stop. Featured are murals by Violet Oakley and Edwin Austin Abbey and tile mosaics in the rotunda floor made at the Mercer tile works. A tour given by chief Capitol guide **Sara Kugler** will be a delight for all.

Box lunch will be eaten on the bus; then we go to the largest indoor farm show in the country to see hundreds of exhibits including beautifully groomed percherons, just-hatched chicks, and continuous competition in the arenas.

Fee of \$25.00 includes am and pm refreshments. Bring a box lunch or order one with hot chestnut soup for \$6.50. Directions for bus pick-up from Center City and Bala Cynwyd will be mailed to registrants.

Other Events

HORTICULTURE CENTER CHRISTMAS SHOP

December 1, 2, 3, 4 10 am — 4 pm

At Fairmount Park Horticulture Center; admission 50¢. Greens, decorations, Christmas goods for sale; restaurant. Phone MU 6-1776, ext 81-287 for more information.

FAIRMOUNT PARK CHRISTMAS TOURS

December 2, 3, 4, 10 am — 4 pm

Historic houses in the Park decorated for Christmas; \$6.00 per person. Phone Park House Guides 215-787-5449 for more information.

BARTRAM'S GARDEN GREENS SALE

December 9, 10, 11, 11 am — 5 pm

Greens sale in the stable; wreaths, roping. Also for sale: tree decorations and food to freeze or eat with hot cider. Garden located at 54th and Lindbergh Ave., Phila. (215) 729-5281.

MORRIS ARBORETUM HOLLY AND GREENS SALE

December 9-16, 10 am — 4 pm

At the Hillcrest Pavilion, Hillcrest Ave. off Germantown Ave., Chestnut Hill. Decorating demonstrations, 215-247-5777.

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Please sign me up to work as a:

- Horticultural Aide
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- Barrier Aide for judging
- Barrier Aide for arrangement classes
- Hospitality Aide
- Please send Maine, August 1984 trip information

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We call them the Hotliners — our valuable volunteers who answer your gardening questions four mornings a week on 922-8043. These hotliners have a couple of very important common elements — they're all terrific gardeners and love to share their enthusiasm and information with our members and other callers.

Rarely do these enthusiasts see each other however because they take turns handling the calls, so once a year we get them together for Hotline Appreciation Day to celebrate the year's accomplishments. This year they answered 2060 calls, and Martha Fisher our star hotliner received the top award for having handled 177 calls. A special Hotlips award was also given this year to one volunteer for his persistence in handling so many calls with a special blend of patience and humor. To avoid a flood of calls on his day, Mr. Hotlips has requested we preserve his anonymity.

Hotline Appreciation Day '83 took us to Dilatush Nurseries in Robbinsville, to Booknoll Farm in Hopewell for lunch with Elizabeth and Keith Robertson and finally to Princeton Nurseries where Allison Flemer gave us a grand behind the scenes tour.

To our hotliners: **Richard Both, Kathie Buchanan, Jane Carter, George Clark, Betty Derbyshire, Alice Doering, Martha Fisher, Harriett Green, Nancy Greenwood, Erich Meitzner, Betty Michell, Nat Nelson, Jen Porter, Martha Roberts, Irene Slater, Ana Thompson**, we say a thousand thanks for helping us provide a very important service to Philadelphia area gardeners.

A New Greenhouse — when you next come down, maybe to visit the Holiday Show, be sure to step out back and see our new greenhouse. The old model, installed when the Society moved to its present headquarters in 1963, had been in poor shape for a while and was finally declared hazardous. The new model, a Richardson Conservatory, blends nicely with our formal garden and is designed with improved access so our members can better enjoy the displays.

Jane G. Pepper
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Executive Director



PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW AIDES NEEDED

Here's the perfect chance for those who would like to see behind the scenes at the Philadelphia Flower Show. Aides are needed in the Show's Horticultural Section on Friday, March 9 from 12:45 to 3:00 pm and on Saturday, March 10; Tuesday, March 13; and Friday, March 16 from 6:45 am to 10:00 am. Horticultural experience desirable.

Aides for the Arrangement Section are needed on Saturday March 10 through Saturday, March 17 (except Sunday, March 11) from 7 am to 10 am. Arrangement experience desirable.

Hospitality aides are needed on Saturday, March 10 through Saturday, March 17 (except Sunday, March 11) from 7 am to 9:30 am. Barrier aides for judging are needed on Saturday, March 10 through Saturday, March 17 (except Sunday, March 11) from 8 am to noon. Barrier aides for the arrangement classes are needed on Saturday, March 10 through Saturday, March 17 (except Sunday, March 11) from 9:15 am to noon.

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tact the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society now and request an application for entry. Students must submit the application along with three letters of recommendation by mid-December. Finalists will be interviewed by the PHS Awards Committee and the winner will be notified by March 1, 1984. Call Lisa Stephano at (215) 625-8266 for an application.



EXHIBITORS TAKE YOUR PLACES — PHS's HOLIDAY SHOW IS ABOUT TO BEGIN

There's nothing like a little creative competition to get your spirits up in time for the holidays. This year's team of exhibitors are: **Georgia Comly, Ruth Flounders, Mona Gold, Gretchen Lea, Lincoln High School students, Ann Marlar, Shipley School students, Virginia Simonin, Pamela Taylor and Rosemarie Vassalluzzo.**

Our ten entrants will compete in categories such as Holiday Welcome, a door decoration; By The Fire's Glow, decoration for a fireplace mantle; A Snack For Santa, arrangement for a snack table, and Sugar and Spice, an arrangement incorporating herbs and/or spices.

The show will be at PHS, 325 Walnut Street, Philadelphia from December 1 through 29. Hours are Monday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm and on Saturday and Sunday, December 17 and 18 from 10 am to 4 pm.

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1984 PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW IS A "TRIP TO THE ORIENT"

Walk one path and you're amid the floating gardens of the orient; walk another and you're home amid the vibrant life and color of the western world. It's what paradise might look like, but it's here on earth. It's what the 1984 Flower Show is all about.

Fifty-four major landscape exhibitors will create displays of Japanese hillside gardens, secluded tropical hideaways and sunny backyard patio gardens. Many of this year's exhibitors will follow the far eastern theme of the Show and will feature plants and design elements from Japan, Korea and China in their displays.

As visitors glide down the escalator they will be greeted by the familiar sights and scents of spring with hyacinths, tulips, and daffodils.

"A Trip to the Orient" framed by the familiar from our own backyard will be presented at the Philadelphia Flower Show on March 11 through 18 at the Philadelphia Civic Center.

NEW IN THE HORTICOURT

Exhibitors in "A 20 Plant Solution," a new Flower Show horticultural class, must come up with not only the solution but also the problem — for example 20 plants for a cold house, 20 plants for a warm office. Plan to visit this area at the Show to see if exhibitors have found solutions to some of your gardening problems.

Another highlight in the horticultural classes is Class #400, A Light Garden. Exhibitors must display plants grown primarily under lights, using 10 or less plants. Susan Wilmerding, co-chair of the Horticultural Classes says there is still a space left in this class. Anyone wishing to enter Class #400 should contact Marjorie Meer, Flower Show secretary at 625-8261.

VISITORS FROM JAPAN TO EXHIBIT IN 1984 FLOWER SHOW

This year, the Show will have a decidedly international flavor with visitors from abroad participating as exhibitors for the first time.

Several masters of ikebana, the art of Japanese flower arranging, will journey from Japan to present their ancient art and techniques center stage at the Civic Center. Professor Kazuhiko Kudo who leads this delegation to the Flower Show, is the highest ranking master at the Ohara School of Ikebana in Japan.

For the first time ever, rare specimens from the National Bonsai Collection will be displayed outside their home, the National Arboretum in Washington, D.C. Celebrated bonsai masters, including specialist John Naka from California, will give lectures and demonstrations during the Show.

If you would like to sign up for bonsai and/or ikebana demonstrations please fill out and return the form on page 4.

ADVANCE SALE TICKETS

Tickets for the 1984 Philadelphia Flower Show may be purchased at PHS, now through March 7, at discount prices. Adult tickets are \$5.25 (minimum mail order: 10 adult tickets); children under 12, \$3.00.

Box office admission price is \$6.00 for adults; \$3.00 for children under 12.

FLOWER SHOW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Mary Disston, chair of the Members' Committee, asks for your help as a PHS member in spreading the word about Society membership to our Show visitors.

In return for each three hour stint in the membership booth we will provide one complimentary Show ticket.

If you would like to help us, please check the appropriate box on page 3 in the Reservation coupon and return to PHS.

FLOWER SHOW MEMBERS PREVIEW

Scheduled departure for PHS members Trip to the Orient is Saturday, March 10 from 12:30 to 3:30 pm.

Here's your chance to get the very first breath of spring at the Show before it opens to the public on Sunday, March 11 at 10:00 am.

Saturday afternoon is the preview for PHS members and their guests. Each individual member will receive one ticket. Family and contributing members will receive three single admission tickets. Life members will receive a weekly pass as well as one members ticket.

If you wish to bring a guest to the preview the charge is \$20.00 per adult, \$5.00 for children under 12. Guest tickets may be purchased in advance at PHS or at the Show box office on March 10.

Your membership tickets and membership cards will be mailed to arrive in late January. Be sure to bring your membership card with you to the Show for admittance to the hospitality tent.

MEMBERSHIP DUES NOTICE

This year's fall membership campaign drew a wonderful response and Linda Davis, membership secretary, reminds those of you who have not paid your dues that Flower Show tickets cannot be mailed until she receives payment for your 1983 membership. Individual memberships cost \$25.00; family memberships cost \$35.00 and include three Flower Show tickets which is quite a bargain since your Flower Show tickets are worth a total of \$18.00 In addition you will receive six issues of the *Green Scene*, the area's top horticultural magazine, 11 issues of the *PHS News* and ticket(s) to our fall Harvest Show.

If you've mislaid your contribution envelope or if you have any questions concerning your membership give Linda a call at 625-8265.

New in the Library

A Countryman's Woods, Hal Borland, New York, Knopf, 1983.

Field Days, Roger Swain, New York, Scribner, 1983.

Fifth International Exhibition of Botanical Art & Illustrations, J.J. White & D.E. Wendel, Pittsburgh, PA, Hunt Institute, 1983.

Gardening is for Everyone, Audrey Cloet and Chris Underhill, London, Souvenir Press, 1982.

The Gardens of China, Edwin T. Morris, New York, Scribner, 1983.

A Giant Among the Dwarfs, Peter Del Tredici, Little Compton, Rhode Island, Theophrastus, 1983.

Herbs and Spices of the World, Hermie Kranzdorf, Exton, PA, Schiffer, 1983.

The Low Maintenance Garden, Graham Rose, New York, Viking Press, 1983.

Landscape Plants in Design, E.C. Martin, Westport, Connecticut, AVI Publishing, 1983.

The Magic Apple Tree: a country year, Susan Hill, New York, Holt, Rinehart & Winston, 1982.

Plant Propagation 4th ed., Hartman & Kester, Englewood Cliffs, N.J., Prentice Hall, 1983.

A Practical Guide for the Amateur Naturalist, Gerald Durrell, New York, Knopf, 1983.

The Reason for a Flower, Ruth Heller, (juvenile) Grosset & Dunlap, 1983.

Transvaal Wild Flowers, Gerrit Germishuizen, Johannesburg, MacMillan South Africa Publishers, 1982.

Activities

January-February

Lectures, Meetings

(Open without charge to all)

KEYSTONE CHAPTER AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY

Wednesday, January 11, 7:30 pm

Choosing a plant to show; disbudding and proper light, **James Klawatter**.

Wednesday, February 8, 7:30 pm

Transplanting minis and semi-minis for show, **Elizabeth Burnard**.

PENNSYLVANIA BONSAI SOCIETY

Friday, January 20, 8 pm

Selecting appropriate bonsai material from garden centers and nurseries.

Daniel Seik, professor of nursery management and plant propagation, Delaware Valley College.

PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER, INDOOR LIGHT GARDENING SOCIETY

Wednesday, January 25, 8 pm

Wednesday, February 22, 8 pm

This plant society will have its monthly meeting at PHS on the fourth Wednesday. PHS members are invited to attend.

Registration Events

INDOOR LIGHT GARDENING CLASS

Thursday, January 19, 10 am, 6 pm

PHS assistant horticulturist **Joe Kerwin** will show the novice indoor light gardener how to set up, maintain and enjoy an artificial light garden this winter. Each class will provide you with basic knowhow, plans for light units and several starter plants. Fee: \$15.00 members and guests. Evening registrants should bring a sandwich; coffee and cookies provided.

PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Saturday, January 21, 9 am — 3 pm

Dick Keen, Longwood Gardens staff photographer, will repeat last year's excellent one day workshop covering these aspects of photography: camera selection and operation, lenses, film, lighting, exposure, composition, special effects, slide showmanship and a section on portraits and close-ups. His teaching aid is a multi-image nine projector set-up.

Registration is limited. Bring lunch or order one for \$6.50; coffee and tea provided. Fee: \$35.00 members and guests.

Snow date: Saturday, January 28.

MEMBERS EVENING

Thursday, January 26, 6 pm

Peter Ashton, director of Harvard University's Arnold Arboretum will give an illustrated talk, 'History of the Tree in Art'. Dr. Ashton is a distinguished British horticulturist who specializes in far eastern botany. Since 1978 he has held the position of Arnold Professor of Botany and Professor of Dendrology as well as the directorship at Arnold Arboretum.

Cocktails (donation bar) 6 pm; buffet dinner 6:45 pm; program 7:45 pm. Fee: \$11.00 members and guests.

MAINE GARDENS

Tuesday, January 31, 5:30 pm

Avid Maine gardener **Margaret P. Bowditch** has taken pictures of favorite gardens to be included in an August 1984 PHS trip which she will lead to Maine. (see registration form to request trip information to be mailed in Feb.)

Included are wild gardens, country gardens and elegant seaside gardens with lush perennial borders.

Wine and lobster puffs after the slides. Fee \$5.00 members and guests.

PROPAGATION WORKSHOP: GROWING FROM SEED

Thursday, February 16, 2 pm, 6 pm

Learn basic easy techniques for growing your own plants from seed from expert **Roxie Gevjan** whose blue ribbon entries in the Philadelphia Flower Show are nearly all grown from seed, including her bulb entries. She achieves a high rate of germination, the result of trial and error and using varied techniques learned from others.

After a lecture demonstration which includes the techniques of transplanting seedlings, participants will plant three containers of unusual seeds rarely available in the trade.

All materials provided.

Limited registration for members and guests. Fee: \$15.00. Evening registrants may bring a sandwich; coffee and cookies provided.

VEGETABLE GARDENING WITH THE PROS

Saturday, February 18, 10 am — 12:30 pm

Vegetable gardening enthusiasts, **Richard J. Both**, **Nancy Greenwood**, **John Swan** and **Rosemarie Vassalluzzo** will cover topics such as soil preparation, growing your own from seed, gardening in containers, year-long maintenance and whatever else it takes to get super veggies during summer of '84. Following a series of short presentations by each, PHS executive director and *Philadelphia Inquirer* garden columnist **Jane Pepper** will serve as moderator to field your questions to this panel of experts.

Fee: \$5.00 members and guests.

PROPAGATION WORKSHOP: GRAFTING

Thursday, February 23, 10:30 am — 2:30 pm

Alan Slack, a skilled and knowledgeable gardener, will explain and demonstrate grafting principles and artificial procedures used to propagate plants that are difficult to produce from cuttings, roots or seeds.

All materials including understock, scions and a grafting knife will then be provided to registrants to make grafts of assorted conifers to take home.

Bring lunch; beverage provided. Fee \$20.00 members and guests.

PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW



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MARCH 11-18

PHILADELPHIA CIVIC CENTER

Monday through Saturday 10:00 AM to 9:30 PM
Sundays 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Show Special

TEBANA and BONSAI Demonstrations
Registration Form on Reverse Side

1984 Philadelphia Flower Show

A TRIP TO THE ORIENT

Lectures and Demonstrations

MARCH 11-18

PHILADELPHIA CIVIC CENTER

IKEBANA, the art of Japanese flower arranging, and BONSAI will be center stage in "A Trip to the Orient" at the 1984 Philadelphia Flower Show.

During the Show, demonstrations and lectures will be conducted by celebrated IKEBANA and BONSAI masters, including specialists from Japan and California.

Four of the highest ranking masters of the Ohara School of Ikebana will express their originality in a series of demonstrations of Japanese flower arranging that will include naturalistic and traditional arrangements characteristic of the Ohara School of Ikebana.

All demonstrations will be held in the Plaza Ballroom, Philadelphia Civic Center.

- March 11: 11 a.m. to noon** Masatoshi Tomita, Ohara Council, Tokyo (Fee: \$3)
- March 11: 2 to 3 p.m.** John Naka, World-renowned bonsai expert, Bonsai Institute, California
"Creation of An Eleven-Tree Forest" (Fee: \$3)
- March 13: 11 a.m. to noon** Masahiro Goto, Ohara Council, Tokyo (Fee: \$3)
- March 15: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Professor Kazuhiko Kudo, highest ranking senior master, Ohara School, Tokyo (Fee: \$7)
- March 18: 11 a.m. to noon** Mutsuo Tomita, Director, Ohara Center, New York (Fee: \$3)

Demonstrations cosponsored by: Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, Ikebana International - Philadelphia Chapter, and the Pennsylvania Bonsai Society.

1984 Philadelphia Flower Show Demonstrations - Reservation Form

Date	Time	Fee	No. of Reservs.	Total \$
March 11	11 a.m. to noon	\$3	# _____	_____
March 11	2 to 3 p.m.	\$3	# _____	_____
March 13	11 a.m. to noon	\$3	# _____	_____
March 15	11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	\$7	# _____	_____
March 18	11 a.m. to noon	\$3	# _____	_____

TOTAL PAYMENT \$ _____

Please note: Show entrance fee is not included in lecture price. Show tickets available at the door. For group sales information please contact 215-625-8253.

Enclosed please find \$ _____ to cover _____ reservations. Please be sure to specify number of persons for each lecture. Make checks payable to Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS).

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____ Zip Code _____

Return to: Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, 325 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106. Please enclose self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Deadline for reservations: March 2, 1984





Field Trips

STATE FARM SHOW AND CAPITOL Wednesday, January 11, 8 am — 6 pm

This will be PHS's fourth bus trip to Harrisburg to see the State Farm Show (held in mid-winter when farmers are not busy with planting, births or harvests) and the Capitol. Pennsylvania's Capitol, considered to be the most beautiful capitol building in the U.S., will be the first stop. Featured are murals by Violet Oakley and Edwin Austin Abbey and tile mosaics in the rotunda floor made at the Mercer tile works. A tour given by chief capitol guide **Sara Kugler** will be a delight for all.

Box lunch will be eaten on the bus; then we go to the largest indoor farm show in the country to see hundreds of exhibits including beautifully groomed percherons, just-hatched chicks, and continuous competition in the arenas.

Fee of \$25.00 includes am and pm

refreshments. Bring a box lunch or order one with hot chestnut soup for \$6.50. Directions for bus pick-up from Center City and Bala Cynwyd will be mailed to registrants.

DUKE GARDENS AND MORVEN Tuesday, February 14, 8:45 am — 6 pm

First stop Morven, an historic Princeton mansion built in 1755 by Richard Stockton, recently New Jersey's executive mansion, and now administered by the New Jersey Historical Society and open for tours.

Then lunch at Lahier's Restaurant in Princeton before visiting never-never land on Valentine's Day: The Duke Gardens Foundation in Somerville, NJ where 11 perfect gardens under glass recreate the horticultural tastes of 11 countries and eras.

Details of bus pick-up in Bala Cynwyd and Center City will be mailed to registrants.

Fee: \$23.00 members and guests includes bus transportation, guide fees, and return trip refreshments (lunch not included).

Clip and mail reservations for:

Reservations: PHS, 325 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA. 19106

Reservations accepted by mail only; include full payment. Use the form below to speed processing. All events are held at PHS unless otherwise stated. Confirmations for events at PHS are not mailed; unless you hear otherwise we will expect you. Field trip confirmations with important trip information are mailed. There is limited space for all activities (except garden visits.) Each activity is listed in two consecutive issues of the *PHS News*.

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STATE FARM SHOW

Fee: \$25.00 _____

Box lunch \$6.50 _____

INDOOR LIGHT GARDENING

10 am _____

6 pm _____

Fee: \$15.00 _____

PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Fee: \$35.00 _____

Lunch \$6.50 _____

MEMBERS EVENING-JAN.

Fee: \$11.00 _____

MAINE GARDENS

Fee: \$5.00 _____

- Please send Maine, August 1984 trip information
- I would like to volunteer at the Flower Show Membership Booth. Please send information about times.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

ZIP _____ TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

DUKE GARDENS-MORVEN

Fee: \$23.00 _____

PROPAGATION FROM SEED

2 pm _____

6 pm _____

Fee: \$15.00 _____

VEGETABLE GARDENING

Fee: \$5.00 _____

GRAFTING WORKSHOP

Fee: \$20.00 _____

Other Events

COUNTDOWN TO SPRING — BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW Wednesday, January 25, 7:30 pm

Show Designer **Ed Lindemann** will present this multi-media presentation in the Student Center of Delaware Valley College.

This is an opportunity to see what goes on before the doors open at the world's largest indoor flower show. Share the laughter and the tears; the trials and triumphs with the Show's exhibitors and crews. The program is open to the public without charge.



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JOANNE ISAAC — BOTANICAL ETCHINGS

January 6 to February 10

More than 50 etchings by renowned artist Joanne Isaac will be on display at PHS. Ms. Isaac has exhibited in many juried exhibitions and shows and her collections have been on display at Longwood Gardens, the National Arboretum in Washington, D.C. and the U.S. Embassy in Paris.

Joanne Isaac is a graduate of the Parsons's School of Design, New York and the Yale School of Fine Arts, Connecticut.

Artwork on display is framed exclusively by Ms. Isaac and all pieces are for sale.

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Pepperpot

This "pot" brings my best wishes for a happy New Year to all PHS members and special greetings to those who have joined the Society during the past year. A couple of weeks ago a new member made me realize that those who have joined us recently may have questions on the origins and history of the Society. Let me try to answer a few.

Members often assume we have resided in our headquarters in Society Hill for many generations — maybe ever since the Society's establishment in 1827. The founding fathers would turn green with envy at the idea of such splendid quarters, because they spent many years in search of a permanent meeting place. The first home they could call their own, Horticulture Hall on Lardner Street, was built in 1867 by subscriptions raised from the membership.

Several fires ravaged the Hall towards the end of the century, but the Society hung on until 1917 when a deepening financial crisis and lack of members forced the Society into a single rented room.

Society members hung their hats in the Finance Building, the INA Building and Suburban Station, shifting from one rented establishment to another as the Society's fortunes waxed and waned. As Independence National Historical Park evolved in the '50's it became clear that a few lucky tenants would be invited to occupy the historic row houses, at that time under restoration. For eight years presidents George R. Clark and Henry D. Mirick worked to complete the negotiations, even finding a way to comply with the Park's regulation that a tenant organization had to have been founded in the era (1775-1800) that the park commemorated. Obviously PHS did not fit the bill, but another Society with similar goals, the Philadelphia Society for Promoting Agriculture, of which Clark and Mirick were both members, did fit, having been founded in 1785.

A marriage was arranged and the two Societies moved into 325 Walnut Street in 1964. Although the Philadelphia Society for Promoting Agriculture meets at the Society infrequently, it still has an active group of supporters and is planning a large celebration for its bicentennial. PHS, in lieu of paying rent to the Park, is happy to maintain the 18th century garden to a peak of perfection, and

invites all Park visitors to enjoy our exhibits and library, which now contains 13,000 volumes and a large number of periodicals.

A word on our membership; at the start we were 53 strong with dues of \$5. In 1844 we reached a high of 800, then fell to 250 during the Civil War, when we reduced the dues to \$3 to attract more members. Not until 1948 did the dues return to \$5, by which time we had about 5,000 members. At last count we numbered 7,061 with 1,088 new members during 1983. As we go into our 157th year, happy gardening to our PHS members.

Jane G. Pepper
Jane G. Pepper
Executive Director

HOT OFF THE PRESS — Flower Show Posters

The beautiful gold, turquoise and Chinese red of the Flower Show symbol against a black background will make a striking display on any sales counter or storefront window.

Help spread the word about America's finest Flower Show by displaying our 8½" × 11" Show poster. Stop by PHS at 325 Walnut Street and pick up a few or call the publicity office at 625-8266 and Lisa Stephano will be happy to mail them to you. And, in case anyone asks you, the calligraphy, drawn by **Connie Rosade**, signifies "1984."

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MAJOR EXHIBITORS PREPARE FOR OPENING DAY

When it comes to forcing plants into leaf and blossom, timing is a key to success when staging a major landscape exhibit. **Chuck and Charlie Gale** of **Gale Nurseries**, Gwynedd are experts.

The Gales are busy trying out a few new techniques this year, "We're using a bio-therm heat method to control soil temperatures and a high intensity vapor light system to trick the plants into thinking the days are longer," said Charlie. Gale commented that despite all these new-fangled methods he and Chuck check the greenhouse several times a day and must frequently move plants around to hasten or retard their progress.

Gale Nurseries '84 Flower Show exhibit, "Within the Garden Wall," will feature a garden house placed within a grove of apple blossoms. The exhibit will be an oriental scene, abundant with flowers and masses of wisteria in a semi-formal design.

J. Franklin Styer Nurseries of Concordville will present "Oriental Spring." Here the exhibitor incorporates designs and traditions of Japan many years ago. A tori arch, plank bridge, turtle island and carpstone will be exhibited with sculpted plants to give the feeling of peace and tranquility typical of a Japanese garden.

This year there's no need to just imagine how the plants pictured in seed catalogs will look in your garden, just take a look at the **Delaware Valley College** exhibit, "The Great American Mail Order Garden." This garden features many of the latest introductions of America's leading mail order gardening companies. Techniques for buying, handling and caring for mail order stock will be presented.

New Exhibitors

Of the fifty three major landscape exhibitors in this year's Show, five will be exhibiting for the first time.

F. A. Bartlett Tree Expert Company of Connecticut, will invite visitors to explore the world of ornamental shade trees and shrubs. The exhibit, "Integrated Plant Management," demonstrates the importance and interdependence of cultural, mechanical and biological operations and techniques used to maintain these plants. Consultants from F. A. Bartlett will be on hand throughout the Show to answer visitors' questions.

"Timeless Tranquility" by **J. Cugliotta Landscaping, Inc.** of Vincetown, NJ shows the traditional hill and pond garden of Japan. Waterfalls, ponds and walkways contribute to this natural scene.

"A Rainforest in Java", an exhibit by **A. Kilgour Greenhouses** of Rankonkoma, NY will give visitors the look and feel of a forest in the tropics. Brilliant orchids, bamboos, mosses and ferns move gently in a warm summer breeze.

David Lutt Florists, Inc. of Philadelphia presents "A Burst of Spring" at the foot of the escalator.

A wooded site surrounding a naturalistic spa and water accent will become "The Grotto" by **Nancie Ohliger Landscapes** of Plymouth Meeting. Both native and imported plants are used to show their adaptability to sun or shade and wooded locations.

MEMBERS' FLOWER SHOW TICKETS MAILED

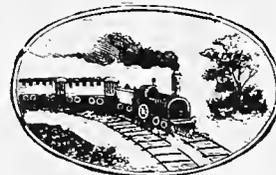
Watch the mailbox for your complimentary Flower Show tickets, which should arrive in early February. Life members will receive a weekly pass and one members' ticket. Annual members receive one ticket each, family and contributing members, three tickets. Those families with more than three members

living under one roof (children under the age of 21) who want additional tickets should apply in writing, enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope, to Jane G. Pepper, executive director, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, 325 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106 stating the names and ages of all family members and the number of additional tickets needed.

Members' tickets are good throughout the Flower Show but we urge you to come to the special Members' Preview on Saturday, March 10 from 12:30 to 3:30 pm. Members who wish to bring guests to the Preview may purchase additional tickets (\$20.00 per person) in advance or at the Civic Center.

Thirty-seven Ticketron outlets in Greater Philadelphia (many of which are located in area Sears and Gimbels stores) will again carry Flower Show tickets. Ticketron advance sale: \$6.05; during the Show: \$6.85; Children (under 12): \$3.85.

Advance Sale tickets are now available at PHS reception desk: \$5.25 for adults (\$6.00 at Show), \$3.00 children under 12, advance sale or at the Civic Center. The minimum mail order is 10 adult tickets. Order before March 1 to allow for timely delivery.



COMPETITIVE CLASS HIGHLIGHTS

Ann Letter, co-chair of niches, tells us that this year's challenge class "The Orient Express" will be full of surprises. Exhibitors will be assigned a location along the 'Express Route' to interpret.

Competing in Garden Class #151, "A Garden . . . A Many Splendored Thing," are **Conestoga Garden Club**, **Norristown Garden Club**, **Old Eagle Garden Club** and **Garden Club of Philadelphia**.

New in the Library

Build it better yourself, Organic Gardening, Emmaus, Pennsylvania, 1977.

The Camellia Story, Tom Durrant, Auckland, New Zealand, Heinemann, 1982.

Evergreen Form Studies, Gary O. Robinette, New York, Van Nostrand Reinhold, 1983.

Gardens of France, Anita Pereire, New York, Harmony Books, 1983.

Growing Bulbs, Martyn Rix, Portland, Oregon, Timber Press, 1983.

How to grow fruit, berries & nuts in the Midwest and East, Theodore James, Jr., Tucson, Arizona, HP Books, 1983.

Landscape Plants for Eastern North America, Harrison Flint, New York, Wiley, 1983.

The Miniature Palms of Japan, Yoshihiro Okita, New York, Weatherhill, 1981.

The Orchid Observed, Stanford University Libraries, California, Stanford University Press, 1982.

Three Gardens, Graham Stuart Thomas, Deer Park, Wisconsin, Capability's Books, 1983.

World Guide to Tropical Drift Seeds and Fruits, Charles R. Gunn, New York, Quadrangle, 1976.

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MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGIONAL LILY GROUP

Saturday, February 11, 2 pm

Speaker: **Ron Chiabotta**
Subject: North American Lily Society, 1983 trip to New Zealand.

Snow date: February 25

PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER, INDOOR LIGHT GARDENING SOCIETY

Wednesday, February 22, 8 pm

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Special Events

MEMBERS EVENING AT THE FLOWER SHOW

Tuesday, March 13, 5-7 pm

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Bring your membership card with you to show to the guard at the tent entrance.

Registration Events

PROPAGATION WORKSHOP GROWING FROM SEED

Thursday, February 16, 2 pm, 6 pm

Learn basic easy techniques for growing your own plants from seed from expert **Roxie Gevjan** whose blue ribbon entries in the Philadelphia Flower Show are nearly all grown from seed, including her bulb entries. She achieves a high rate of germination, the result of trial and error and using varied techniques.

After a lecture demonstration which includes the techniques of transplanting seedlings, participants will plant three containers of unusual seeds rarely available in the trade.

All materials provided.

Limited registration for members and guests. Fee: \$15.00. Evening registrants may bring a sandwich; coffee and cookies provided.

VEGETABLE GARDENING WITH THE PROS

Saturday, February 18, 10 am - 12:30 pm

Vegetable gardening enthusiasts, **Richard J. Both, Nancy Greenwood, John Swan** and **Rosemarie Vassalluzzo** will cover topics such as soil preparation, growing your own from seed, year-long maintenance and whatever else it takes to get super veggies during the summer of '84. Following a series of short presentations by each panelist,

PHS executive director and *Philadelphia Inquirer* garden columnist **Jane Pepper** will serve as moderator to field your questions to this panel of experts. Fee: \$5.00 members and guests.

PROPAGATION WORKSHOP: GRAFTING

Thursday, February 23, 10:30 am - 2:30 pm

Alan Slack, a skilled and knowledgeable gardener, will explain and demonstrate grafting principles and artificial procedures used to propagate plants that are difficult to produce from cuttings, roots or seed.

All materials including understock, scions and a grafting knife will then be provided to registrants to make grafts of assorted conifers to take home.

Bring lunch; beverage provided. Fee: \$20.00 members and guests.

Field Trips

DUKE GARDENS AND MORVEN

Tuesday, February 14, 8:45 am - 6 pm

First stop Morven, an historic Princeton mansion built in 1755 by Richard Stockton, recently New Jersey's executive mansion, and now administered by the New Jersey Historical Society and open for tours.

Then lunch at Lahier's Restaurant in Princeton before visiting never-never land on Valentine's Day: the Duke Gardens Foundation in Somerville, NJ where 11 perfect gardens under glass recreate the horticultural tastes of 11 countries and eras.

Details of bus pick-up in Bala Cynwyd and Center City will be mailed to registrants.

Fee: \$23.00 members and guests includes bus transportation, guide fees, and return trip refreshments (lunch not included).

Trip

MAINE GARDENS

August 6 - 9, 1984

A group of PHS members will fly to Bangor and board a bus for three days of garden visits (mostly private) on Mt. Desert Island and in Islesboro. Are you interested in learning more about the arrangements and itinerary?

Request information on the reservation form on page 3. The land cost of \$383.00 includes transportation, lodging, most meals and a \$50.00 tax deductible donation to PHS. Airfare will be extra. **Peggy Bowditch** and **Betsy Gullan** will accompany the group.



Other Events

LONGWOOD GRADUATE PROGRAM SPRING SEMINAR

'Concerning collections: how they relate to the goals and purposes of public gardens' is the topic of this series on February 9 to May 17 at Longwood Gardens. Free to the public. For more information contact the Longwood Graduate Program, 153 Agricultural Hall, University of Delaware, Newark, DE 19711 (302) 451-2517.

NEW SLIDE PROGRAM AVAILABLE AT PHS

The PHS Library has a wealth of informative and fascinating resources available to members. Our newest addition is a slide show on the Philadelphia Flower Show entitled, "Countdown To Spring." This colorful presentation shows the building of the Flower Show from start to finish and focuses on planning, construction, exhibiting and judging.

The show contains 80 slides and a script.

If you would like to reserve this or any of our other programs for your club call Peggy Devine at (215) 625-8256. Our titles range from "Please Do Eat The Centerpiece" to "Wreaths for Christmas and the Year Round." Brochure available listing all titles.

FLOWER SHOW INFORMATION

Keystone Information Booth in the Lobby

As a service to Flower Show visitors Keystone will offer information and vehicle assistance throughout the Show week. Services include:

- Directions to and from the Civic Center
- Public transportation information
- Dining and lodging information
- Road patrol on duty to assist those with battery and tire problems (free of charge)

General information about the Show and PHS Membership is available at the Information Booth located to the right of the escalator near the First Aid Station.

Best Time To See The Show

The Members Preview on Saturday, March 10 is the absolute best time to see the Flower Show. Although well attended, the Preview is the least crowded of all days during the Show week. If you wish to bring a guest there is an additional charge of \$20.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12.

If you cannot attend the Preview, do not lose heart, the Show is as fresh and beautiful throughout the week as it is on opening day. Your members ticket will allow you entrance on any day you choose.

Traveling To The Show

Here are a few tips to make your journey to the Philadelphia Flower Show almost as pleasant as your visit through the Show.

Use public transportation if possible. If you arrive in Philadelphia by train at 30th Street Station, you will find taxi cabs ready and waiting to whisk you away to the Show located four blocks away. If you are traveling by bus, Septa Route #30 stops at 30th & Market Sts. and goes to the Civic Center. Another bus route that makes stops at the Civic Center is #42. This bus travels west on Chestnut Street from 7th Street to 17th Street, turns and continues on Walnut Street to the Civic Center. For more information call Septa Information at (215) 574-7800.



Lectures and Demonstrations in Horticultural Hall

PHS and Allied Florists will present lectures and demonstrations at the Flower Show on a variety of horticultural subjects including arrangements, house plants, pruning, vegetables gardens, care of trees and shrubs.

Daily schedules will be posted outside Horticultural Hall and announcements will be made just before each lecture or demonstration.

—Sundays, March 11 and 18:

- 11:00 am
- 12:00 noon
- 2:00 pm
- 3:00 pm
- 4:30 pm

—Monday, March 12 through Saturday, March 17

- 10:30 am
- 12:00 noon
- 1:00 pm
- 2:30 pm
- 3:30 pm
- 5:00 pm
- 6:00 pm
- 7:30 pm

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Fee: \$5.00 _____

GRAFTING WORKSHOP

Fee: \$20.00 _____

- Please send information about Maine, August 1984 trip
- I would like to volunteer at the Flower Show Membership Booth. Please send information about times.

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PHILADELPHIA GREEN FUNDING

Support for the Society's community outreach programs comes from a multitude of sources, including PHS members and garden clubs who give generously to help us "Green Philadelphia."

More than fifty percent of the Program's budget is met through a drawing account with Philadelphia's Office of Housing and Community Development. The Society also receives support from foundations and corporations. Recently, we received \$32,000 from **The Pew Memorial Trust**, the second payment towards a total grant of \$96,000. We are also pleased to receive continued support from the **Philadelphia Foundation**, which has supported the program since 1974. **The William Penn Foundation**, whose generous support was crucial in the Program's initial years, also continues to contribute to the success of our outreach activities.

Our list of corporate supporters, each of whom contributes a minimum of \$500 to the Program, continues to grow and included the following companies in 1983:

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- PSFS Charitable Trust**
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- Yarway Corporation**

Pepperpot

Membership activities and services are a very important part of our business at PHS and I am happy to introduce to you **Elizabeth G. Gullan**, who joined our staff in early January as Membership Activities coordinator. Betsy, a graduate of Wilkes College, taught English and American History at Longmeadow Senior High School, MA, and Shady Hill Junior High School, Blue Bell, PA before starting her family. During the past 12 years she has worked for Harold I. Gullan Associates and has been involved in a myriad of volunteer activities. As a member of the Greene Countrie Garden Club, she was one of that club's first participants in the Philadelphia Flower Show and has organized the Club's plant sale for several years. She has also participated in many fundraising activities for the Philadelphia Orchestra including Musical Cocktails.

Many of you have taken trips or attended seminars, workshops and lectures organized by **Charlotte Archer**, who has been our membership coordinator since 1975. Charlotte joined PHS as a volunteer in the '60s, later becoming chair of the Flower Show competitive classes. Soon she was on staff part time handling the Show's advance ticket sales and as Flower Show publicity coordinator. During her years in charge of membership activities she coordinated a wonderfully diversified selection of activities. In addition to these activities she became PHS's official hospitality specialist arranging a bewildering array of dinners, bus trip lunches, and receptions. When she

decided to retire from her full-time position late last year we were delighted to be able to persuade her to return to PHS from time to time to cater our special events.

When you come to PHS please stop in and meet Betsy, or give her a call with some of your ideas on our membership activities. We have an enthusiastic membership committee under the leadership of **Mary Disston** who would love to have your suggestions.

An apology — for the tardy arrival of your January *PHS News* and *Green Scene*. Our computer "dumped" several hundred names in mid-December. In the beginning of January, just as we had restored the missing members, the printer blew a fuse and the head went haywire. We are wondering what will happen next but meanwhile appreciate your patience.

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GETTING THE SHOW ON THE ROAD

Imagine having a prize bonsai forest in your plant collection, the tallest tree measuring about 4½ feet high. Imagine the care and expertise involved in pruning and tending this forest to perfection. Now, imagine transporting your treasured bonsai across the country from California to Philadelphia in a crate. **John Yoshia Naka**, renowned California bonsai specialist will do just that with his bonsai forest, "Goshen." Naka's bonsai will be part of a central feature in this year's Philadelphia Flower Show. The tale of the traveling bonsai goes beyond the transcontinental trip to Philadelphia. After arriving in Philadelphia, the plants will be swept off to the National Arboretum, Washington for a dedication ceremony and picked up the same day and returned to the Show. Orchestrating this delicate move is **Chase Rosade** of Rosade Bonsai Studio, New Hope. Rosade, a bonsai expert and Flower Show exhibitor, will uncrate the bonsai and transport it to Washington in his heated van. "My biggest concern is that the trees don't get too cold. If that happens, we're in trouble," says Rosade.

Rosade is not alone when it comes to special projects for the Flower Show. **Lorraine Toji**, president of the Philadelphia Chapter, Ikebana International is working with **Bernice Makin**, chair of the Flower Show subcommittee on

materials to locate flowers, flowering branches and other elements for **Professor Kazuhiko Kudo's** arrangements. Kudo, grand master of Japan's Ohara School, Ikebana International, will arrive in Philadelphia March 6 with his assistants **Masahiro Goto**, **Hidetaka Suzuki** and **Masatoshi Tomita** from Tokyo, **Mutsuo Tomita**, director, Ohara Center, New York and **Reiga Kawamura**, interpreter from Los Angeles. Before the Show opens to members on March 10 Professor Kudo and his delegation will create a giant arrangement staged on a 8 ft. x 10 ft. platform. Some of the materials for the arrangement will arrive directly from Japan, courtesy of **Japan Air Lines**. Most of the flowers will be purchased from florist wholesalers in Philadelphia. **Yuri Moriuchi**, Ikebana International member from Moorestown, is forcing hundreds of peach and apple branches into bloom in her giant temperature controlled chambers, courtesy of her family's orchard operation.



FOOD AND AGRICULTURE CONFERENCE

Research done by the CIA shows that most American cities have only a two-or three-day supply of food, and that our distribution system is highly vulnerable to disruption by widely divergent events such as a truckers' strike or an infestation like that of the Mediterranean fruit fly in California.

Mayor **Wilson W. Goode**, Councilman-at-Large **Edward S. Schwartz**, **Medard Gabel**, director, Cornu-

cupia project, Emmaus, PA, **Blaine Bonham**, director, Philadelphia Green, and **Libby Goldstein**, Philadelphia County director, Penn State Cooperative Extension Service were among the speakers at "Food and Agriculture - a Development Path for Philadelphia," a seminar co-sponsored by Girard Bank, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, Penn State Cooperative Extension Services and the University of Pennsylvania.

In addition to references to the problems of hunger and malnutrition, and the need for a well-coordinated city and regional food policy, attention centered around the impact of neighborhood gardens and their contribution not only to better nutrition but also to community redevelopment. Panelist **Mamie Nichols**, President, Point Breeze Federation spoke of the new spirit of cooperation and enthusiasm that has developed in her South Philadelphia neighborhood since her organization, working with Philadelphia Green, started to encourage the planting of gardens in the late 1970s.

The Greening of Philadelphia's Neighborhoods, an exhibit that was unveiled in conjunction with the conference, will be on display at the Top of the Girard, 37th floor, 3 Girard Plaza through the middle of March.



WIN A FAR EASTERN VACATION FOR TWO

Make your Trip to the Orient at the Flower Show an adventure by entering the Flower Show Vacation Drawing.

Japan Air Lines, **Hotel Okura**, Tokyo and **The Plaza**, Osaka have joined to offer this exciting travel package to Flower Show visitors. To enter, just fill out a card at the membership booth.

New in the Library

Beatrix Jones Farrand: 50 Years of American Landscape Architecture, Dumbarton Oaks, Washington, D.C., Dumbarton Oaks, 1982.

Carnivorous Plants of the World, Katshuiko Kondo, Tokyo, Ienohikari, 1983. (text in Japanese)

A Directory of Natural History & Related Societies in Britain and Ireland, London, British Museum (Natural History), 1983. (reference)

Interior Landscaping, Tok Furuta, Reston, Virginia, Reston Publishing Co., 1983.

International Directory of Botanical Gardens IV, D.M. Henderson, Koenigstein, West Germany, Koeltz Scientific Books, 1983. (reference)

Living with Plants, Donna M. Schuman, Eureka, California, Mad River Press, 1980.

The New Pesticide User's Guide, Bert L. Bohmont, Reston, Virginia, Reston Pub. Co., 1983.

One day Trips to Bounty and Beauty, Jane Ockershausen Smith, McLean, Virginia, EPM publications, 1983.

Oriental Flower Arrangement, Im Wha Kong, Tokyo, Shufunotomo, 1982.

Tree Turf and Ornamental Pesticide Guide, W.T. Thomson, Fresno, California, Thomson Publications, 1981.

Versailles: A Garden in Four Seasons, New York, Vendome Press, 1983 (non circulating)



THE ORIENT EXPRESSED—an exhibit February 15 — March 30, 1984

What do tree peonies, camellias, a magnolia blossom and Boehm porcelain all have in common? They are the result of oriental influences on American horticulture and art dating back to the 1700's.

Through the use of photographs, pottery, artifacts, plants and treasured pieces from the Boehm collection, this exhibit will show how oriental plant introductions have through the years become the subject for world renowned 20th century porcelain art.

Visit this exhibit at PHS headquarters, 325 Walnut Street, 9 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday.

Activities

March-April

(Open without charge to all)

KEYSTONE CHAPTER AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY

Wednesday, April 18, 7:30 pm

Guest speaker: **Irv Levy**

PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER, INDOOR LIGHT GARDENING SOCIETY

Wednesday, March 28, 8 pm

Wednesday, April 25, 8 pm

This plant society holds its monthly meeting at PHS on the fourth Wednesday. PHS members are invited to attend.

PENNSYLVANIA BONSAI SOCIETY

April 27, 1984, 8 pm

Warren Hill, bonsai grower and teacher from Southern California, will be the guest speaker.

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EXHIBIT OPENING: BIRDS/BLOSSOMS/FISH

Friday, April 6, 4-7 pm

Linda Bastian's paintings will be on display from April 6 - May 18.

A wine and cheese reception honoring Linda Bastian will be held from 4-7 pm on opening day. Members and guests are most welcome.

Registration Events PROPAGATION WORKSHOP: WILDFLOWERS FROM SEED

April 11, 10 am - 2 pm

At Brandywine River Museum

An impressive panel of wildflower enthusiasts—**John Feliciani**, Winterthur Museum and Gardens, **F.M. Mooberry**, Brandywine Conservancy, and **Richard J. Both**, PHS Council will conduct a

workshop on growing sunny and shady wildflowers from seed. All materials provided.

Bring lunch; coffee and tea will be provided. A guided tour of the Museum will follow the workshop.

Limited registration for members and guests. Fee: \$20.00 includes museum fee. Directions to Brandywine Museum will be sent to registrants.

PLANNING A PERENNIAL GARDEN Wednesdays, April 12, 19, 26, 10 am

Three 2-hour sessions on planning and planting a perennial garden will be conducted by **Jane Reed Lennon**, whose horticultural background includes a lengthy training at Hillier's Nursery, England.

Each participant will be able to make a drawing for a perennial bed or border in his or her garden.

To be covered: selection of compatible plants for sunny and shady locations, soil and feeding, propagation, and low maintenance plants.

All materials will be provided. Limited registration for members only. Fee \$35.00.

BASKETRY WORKSHOPS

Tuesday, April 24, May 1, 8,
10 am - 1 pm

Every week a basket! **Susan Schnur** will conduct a comprehensive three-week course at PHS on folk basketry starting April 24.

Learn techniques necessary to complete the Shaker cheese, wicker work, and Scottish melon baskets with emphasis on local natural materials.

Susan has studied basketry from Alaska to Guatemala and has lectured at the Philadelphia College of Art and the Smithsonian.

Bring lunch; coffee and tea provided. Registrants should bring a bucket, scissors, and a mat or utility knife. Fee: \$50.00 includes all other materials. Registration limited to 12 persons.

RENEWING A PERENNIAL GARDEN Thursday, April 26, 10 am

Ann McPhail, 18th century garden volunteer, and **Joe Kerwin**, PHS assistant horticulturist, will demonstrate double-digging, fertilizing, resetting, labeling, and staking of perennial plants, taking into consideration the location, arrangement of height and seasonal color.

Bring your own lunch; coffee and tea provided. Fee: \$10.00. Registration limited to 15 persons.



Field Trips

GEORGETOWN GARDEN TOUR Saturday, April 14, 10:30 - 5

This favorite annual trip includes a walking tour of Georgetown to see traditional and innovative gardens including **Captain and Mrs. Peter Belin's** "Evermay", Dumbarton Oaks and eleven other private gardens, many of which are on the tour for the first time. A highlight of the tour is **Sen. & Mrs. John Heinz'** house, once the residence of Russia's Imperial Ambassador. The tour is organized by and benefits the Georgetown Children's House.

Details of bus pick-up in Bala Cynwyd and Center City will be mailed to registrants with a list of suggested Georgetown area restaurants for lunch on your own.

The fee includes transportation, tour ticket, tea at Children's House following the tour and return-trip refreshments.

Fee: \$35.00 members and guests.

GARDENS VISITS: NEW HOPE AREA Sunday, April 22, 2 - 5 pm

Four gardens will be open to members and guests on April 22. Three of the gardens will feature bulbs and the fourth, bonsai.

Maps and tags (one for individual and three for family members) will be mailed after April 15 to those registering by mail only.

Guests tags are \$5.00 each. Tags are free to members.

BOTANIZING ON THE BARRENS IN CHESTER COUNTY

Saturday, April 28, 10:30 - 2 pm

William R. Overlease, professor of biology at West Chester, will lead a half-day car caravan tour to see unique flora characteristic of special areas in southern Chester County. Botanizing will include serpentine barrens with rare plants growing in sparse acidic soil near Fern Hill and Brinton Quarry.

Bring a bag lunch; beverage provided. Fee: \$15.00 for members and guests. Registration limited to 25. Directions for meeting place will be sent to registrants.

Other Events

WINTERTHUR HOSTS GARDENS CONFERENCE:

March 31, 1984

Keynote speaker: **Edwin T. Morris**, author of *The Gardens of China: History, Art and Meanings*.

For information call (302) 656-8591 ext. 243.

WASHINGTON FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW

March 28 - April 1, 1984

Washington Convention Center, Wash., D.C. For information (703) 569-7141.

COLLECTING BOTANICAL ART

Friends of the Library will be receiving invitations to an April 12th buffet supper and talk on collecting botanical art, given by **Oriel Kriz** of Florilegium, Sneedens Landing, New York. A small group of prints will be for sale. For information on becoming a Friend of the Library, contact MaryLou Wolfe at 625-8268.

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Individual _____ Family(3) _____

Guest tag(s) \$5.00 _____

BASKETRY WORKSHOP

Fee \$50.00 _____

RENEWING A PERENNIAL GARDEN: DEMONSTRATION

Fee: \$10.00 _____

BOTANIZING ON THE BARRENS

Fee: \$15.00 _____

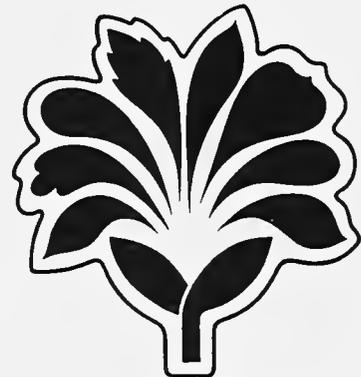
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Work and learn are the cornerstones of the Philadelphia Green Garden Interns Program and we are proud to announce that **SmithKline Beckman** has become a key supporter in this important Pennsylvania Horticultural Society project. **William L. Grala**, vice president, Public Affairs at SmithKline authorized a grant of \$10,000 in February to assist with the training of community gardeners.

January through March the gardeners attend Saturday morning seminars and workshops led by Patricia Schrieber, Philadelphia Green landscape designer. When planting starts in April interns **Brian Austin, Anna Graham, Randall Jones, Theresa McKelvy, Darryl Morgan, Kathleen O'Donnell, Wynefred Postell, Julia Proctor, Richard Streeter** and **Earl White** will be working on neighborhood projects - planting street trees and window boxes, vegetable gardens and sitting parks, sharing their skills and knowledge with other gardeners. Their commitment to Philadelphia Green is 12 months. During the summer they visit ongoing garden sites to answer questions and to judge the needs of some 800 community groups.

After Labor Day they will participate in the fall planting. In this, our third year of the Garden Interns Program, we are delighted to have SmithKline Beckman join the Society to support the continuing education of Philadelphia's up and coming horticulturists.

Jane G. Pepper
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Executive Director

THE SEARCH FOR A FEW GOOD PLANTS

"American horticulture lacks effective means to find and judge the value of new plants and dissemination of such material is haphazard Therefore, it is proposed that the Society adopt a policy of Awards for Merit to be issued on behalf of worthy new plants." These excerpts were taken from a proposal presented by **J. Franklin Styer** on April 19, 1978 to the PHS Awards Committee. Now, five years later, this important Award known as the J. Franklin Styer Award of Garden Merit has accepted 22

plants for evaluation and possible recognition as plants well suited to gardens in the Mid-Atlantic States.

Richard W. Lighty, Chair, Styer Award Committee announced this year's list of plants accepted for evaluation:

Deutzia crenata v. *nakaiana*

Submitted by Sylvester G. March
U.S. National Arboretum, Washington, D.C.

Hedera helix 'Buttercup'

Submitted by Philip M. Normandy
Brookside Gardens, Wheaton, Maryland

Ilex crenata 'Beehive'

Submitted by Elwin R. Orton, Jr.
Cook College, Rutgers University

Ilex crenata 'Convexa Male'

Submitted by J.F. Styer
West Chester, PA

Ilex crenata 'Jersey Pinnaele'

Submitted by Elwin R. Orton, Jr.
Cook College, Rutgers University

Ilex x 'Rock Garden'

Submitted by Elwin R. Orton, Jr.
Cook College, Rutgers University

Malus 'Donald Wyman'

Submitted by Judith D. Zuk
Scott Horticultural Foundation/
Swarthmore College

Salix gracilistyla

Submitted by Philip M. Normandy
Brookside Gardens, Wheaton, Maryland

Any person or organization may submit plants for consideration for the Award. The Award is made to the plant and not to the introducer. If you would like more information regarding the Styer Award please contact Joe Kerwin at 625-8250.

THANKS TO SAUL

For the past twelve years the students at W.B. Saul High School in Philadelphia have made an enormous contribution of time and effort to the Philadelphia Flower Show as part of a work study program at the School. Their tasks have included everything from trouble shooting problems with traffic flow and leaky exhibits to guarding a television crews' cameras during the taping of a program.

Many thanks go to these hard working young people. This year's crew members are: **Jennifer Alden, Victoria Blazejewski, Dana Brooks, Barbara Conboy, Donna Daniels, Karen A. George, Tak Lee, Dawn Margerum, Sheila Millar, Cheryl Phillips, Frank Phillips, Rob Porcella, Tim Ragan, Steven Segal, John Soda, Donna Tillman and Carl Zelter.**



18th CENTURY GARDEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Ann McPhail, 18th Century Garden volunteer, is looking for a few men and women who enjoy gardening and would like to help maintain the formal and vegetable gardens at the Society headquarters. Gardening begins in mid-April and continues through October.

A knowledge of basic garden skills is preferred. If you would like to join the group please check the appropriate box on page three in the Reservations coupon.

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April 6 — May 18, 1984

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BIRDS, BLOSSOMS, FISH — an exhibit

Linda Bastian, an oil painter, watercolorist and painter of silk will display all three forms of her recent works at the Society from April 6 - May 18.

Exploring the realism of flowers in her recent work, Bastian has adopted a free-flowing composition reminiscent of Flemish flower painters.

Bastian, who is the Chair of the Department of Art Education at the School of Visual Arts in Manhattan, has her work in numerous collections, including the Lila Acheson Wallace Collection, *Cosmopolitan* Magazine, Citibank, and the United States State Department's Art in Embassies Program.

A wine and cheese reception will be held on April 6 from 4 - 7 pm at the Society. Members and guests are invited. All pieces are for sale.

NURSERYMAN OF THE YEAR NAMED

Brad Snipes of Snipes Farm and Nursery, Morrisville, was recently named Nurseryman of the Year by the Pennsylvania Nurserymen's Association (PAN).

Brad has been a member of the PAN for more than 20 years and is a chief promoter and educator of the PAN program. He has served on the PHS Council and has exhibited in the Flower Show for many years.

Aside from his many duties with the PAN and the "Farm", which is a family business dating back to 1767, Brad busies himself each year with spreading the word to the entire gardening public about the virtues of fall planting in the USA. Congratulations!

HADDONFIELD STUDENT WINS HORTICULTURE AWARD

Jonathan Bowman, a senior at Haddonfield Memorial High School, was recently awarded the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's Junior Horticulturist Award, given each year to a high school senior who shows great promise in the field of horticulture. Bowman has operated his own lawn service for the past two years and has completed several landscaping projects in the Haddonfield area. He is a member of the American Society for Horticulture Science and plans to attend Delaware Valley College of Science and Agriculture after graduating from high school. Bowman was awarded \$1,000.00 and enrolled as a PHS member.

Runners-up in the Award were **Ann Armstrong** of The Shipley School, Bryn Mawr; **Robert Hawthorne** of Upper Moreland High School, Warminster and **Diane Muller** of Northern Burlington County Regional School District, Columbus, NJ. Each student received \$250.00 and a PHS membership.

ARBORIST CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Choosing an arborist is full of the same complications as choosing a dentist, doctor or lawyer, and traditionally most gardeners have sought advice from friends and the Yellow Pages.

In an effort to improve the quality of tree care and provide some standards by which the public can judge an arborist, the Penn-Del Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture recently established a certification program called the Certified Arborists of Pennsylvania and Delaware. To be eligible for certification candidates must have at least two years experience in arboriculture, have current, minimum insurance coverage for property damage and public liability, and have successfully completed the CAPD examinations. To maintain their licenses,

arborists must reapply yearly and attend at least one educational meeting.

The program is new and to date only a few arborists have been certified. However, it shows promise of being very beneficial to both the industry and homeowners. The first examinations were held last March at Swarthmore College, this year at The Morris Arboretum.

For more information contact CAPD, Box 269, Malvern, PA 19355.

18th CENTURY GARDEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Ann McPhail, 18th Century Garden volunteer, is looking for a few men and women who enjoy gardening and would like to help maintain the formal and vegetable gardens at the Society headquarters. Gardening begins in mid-April and continues through October.

A knowledge of basic garden skill is preferred. If you would like to join the group please check the appropriate box on page three in the Reservations coupon.

HAVING PROBLEMS
PLANNING YOUR GARDEN?
CALL THE PHS HOTLINE
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9:30 — 12
(212) 922-8043

MEMBERS ALERT
PHILADELPHIA FLOWER
SHOW WILL BE ON VICTORY
GARDEN — WHY-TV,
CHANNEL 12 ON APRIL 14,
12:30 PM AND APRIL 19TH,
7:30 PM

New in the Library

A Desert Country Near the Sea, Ann Zwinger, New York, Harper & Row, 1983.

Garden Trees, Rodney Helliwell, Chichester, England, Wiley, 1983.

Guide to Some of East Africa's Flowering Trees and Shrubs, Kenya Shell Limited, Nairobi, Ines May, 1981.

Landscaping Illustrated, Sunset, Menlo Park, California, Lane Publishing Co., 1984.

Landscaping with Native Plants, Cordelia Penn, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, John F. Blair, 1982.

New Plant Sources for Drugs and Foods from the New York Botanical Garden Herbarium, Siri von Reis, Cambridge, Mass., Harvard University Press, 1982.

The Paphiopedilum Grower's Manual, Lance A. Birk, Santa Barbara, California, Pisang Press, 1983.

The Wild Flowers of Kenya, Michael Blundell, London, Collins, 1982.

Wedding Flowers, Bill Hixson, Lakewood, Ohio, Hixson's School of Floral Design, 198?. (non-circulating).

Activities

April-May

(Open without charge to all)

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY

Wednesday, April 18, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 9, 7:30 p.m.

PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER, INDOOR LIGHT GARDENING SOCIETY

Wednesday, April 25, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, May 16, 8 p.m.

Special Events

PHS EXHIBIT OPENING:

BIRDS/BLOSSOMS/FISH

Friday, April 6, 4-7 pm

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A wine and cheese reception will be held from 4-7 pm on opening day. Members and guests are most welcome.

Registration Events

PROPAGATION WORKSHOP:

WILDFLOWERS FROM SEED

April 11, 10 am - 2 pm

Brandywine River Museum

Wildflower enthusiasts John Feliciani, F.M. Mooberry and Richard J.

2 Both will conduct a workshop on grow-

ing sunny and shady wildflowers from seed. All materials provided.

Bring lunch; coffee and tea provided. A guided tour of the Museum will follow the workshop.

Limited registration for members and guests. Fee: \$20.00 includes museum fee. Directions to Brandywine Museum will be sent to registrants.

PLANNING A PERENNIAL GARDEN

Thursday, April 12, 19, 26, 10 am

Three 2-hour sessions on planning and planting a perennial garden will be conducted by Jane Reed Lennon, whose horticultural background includes a lengthy training at Hillier's Nursery, England.

Each participant will be able to make a drawing for a perennial bed or border in his or her garden.

To be covered: selection of compatible plants for sunny and shady locations, soil and feeding, propagation, and low maintenance plants.

All materials will be provided. Limited registration for members only. Fee \$35.00.

BASKETRY WORKSHOPS

Tuesdays, April 24, May 1, 8, 10 am - 1 pm

Susan Schnur will conduct a comprehensive three-week course on folk basketry starting April 24.

Learn techniques necessary to complete the Shaker cheese, wickerwork, and Scottish melon baskets with emphasis on local natural materials.

Bring lunch; coffee and tea provided. Registrants should bring a bucket, scissors, and a mat or utility knife. Fee: \$50.00 includes all other materials. Registration limited to 12 members.

RENEWING A PERENNIAL GARDEN

Thursday, April 26, 10 am

Ann McPhail, 18th century garden volunteer and Joe Kerwin, PHS assistant horticulturist will demonstrate double-digging, fertilizing, resetting, labeling and staking of perennial plants, taking into consideration the location, arrangement of height and seasonal color.

Bring lunch; coffee and tea provided. Fee: \$10.00. Registration limited to 15 members.

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Frederick McGourty, Jr., president of the Connecticut Horticultural Society, will give an illustrated talk, "Perennials

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Cocktails (donation bar) 6 pm; buffet dinner 6:45 pm; program 7:45 pm. Fee: \$11.00 members and guests.

PERENNIAL WORKSHOP:

SOWING AND DIVIDING

Thursday, May 24, 10 am - 12 noon

Frederick McGourty, Jr., (see Members Evening) will conduct a workshop "Getting Started with Perennials: Sowing and Dividing." Each participant will take home two potted perennials. Bring a knife. All other materials provided.

Fee: \$15.00 members and guests. Limited to 25.

PRUNING WORKSHOP AT

FAIRMOUNT PARK AZALEA GARDEN

Thursday, May 31, 4-6 pm

A pruning workshop will be given by Patricia Schrieber, Philadelphia Green landscape designer and Joe Kerwin, PHS assistant horticulturist. The Azalea Garden was a gift to Philadelphia by PHS in 1952 to commemorate our 125th anniversary.

The workshop will teach the basics of pruning and tool maintenance. Participants will be guided by instructors in this hands-on pruning experience. Bring pruning shears.

Fee: \$5.00 for members and guests. Travel directions will be sent to registrants.

Field Trips

GEORGETOWN GARDEN TOUR

Saturday, April 14, 7:45 am - 7 pm

This favorite annual trip includes a walking tour of Georgetown to see traditional and innovative gardens including Mrs. Peter Belin's "Evermay", Dumbarton Oaks and eleven other private gardens, many on the tour for the first time. A highlight of the tour is Senator & Mrs. John H. Heinz' house, once the residence of Russia's Imperial Ambassador. The tour is organized by and benefits the Georgetown Children's House.

Details of bus pick-up in Bala Cynwyd and Center City will be mailed to registrants with a list of suggested Georgetown area restaurants for lunch on your own.

The fee includes transportation, tour ticket, tea at Children's House following the tour, and return-trip refreshments.

Fee: \$35.00 members and guests.

BOTANIZING ON THE BARRENS IN CHESTER COUNTY

Saturday, April 28, 10:30 - 2 pm

William R. Overlease, professor of biology at West Chester, will lead a half-day car caravan tour to see unique flora characteristic of southern Chester County. Botanizing will include serpentine barrens with rare plants growing in sparse acidic soil near Fern Hill and Brinton Quarry.

Bring a bag lunch; beverage provided. Fee: \$15.00 for members and guests. Registration limited to 25. Directions for meeting place will be sent to registrants.

BARNES ARBORETUM

Friday, May 4, 10 am - 2 pm

After last fall's successful trip to Barnes, many members want to return to see the garden in its spring splendor. In the morning **Elizabeth Farley**, assistant director of the Barnes Arboretum

and superb guide, will lead 25 PHS members and guests through the Arboretum where the seasonal attractions include spring flowering shrubs and trees.

Registrants should bring a sandwich; soup, cheese, fruit and coffee will be provided. After lunch, walk around to the entrance of the Barnes Foundation's gallery and tour the collection at leisure.

Fee: \$7.50. Travel directions will be mailed to participants.

LONG ISLAND, N.Y. — PLANTING FIELDS ARBORETUM AND OLD WESTBURY GARDENS

Thursday, May 17, 7:30 am - 6:30 pm

Our first stop will be Planting Fields Arboretum, noted for its five-acre Synoptic Garden and its huge collections of rhododendron and azaleas. Then we will visit Old Westbury to tour Westbury House, a recreation of an 18th century

English country mansion with many interesting gardens.

Fee: \$30.00 for members and guests includes bus transportation, entrance fees, and return-trip refreshments. Bring lunch or order a box lunch (\$6.50).

Details of bus pick-up in Bala Cynwyd and Center City will be mailed to registrants.



cones: 1a - 1 stone pine, 2 cluster pine, 3 big cone pine, 4 sugar pine, 5 deodar, 6 red spruce, 7 Santa Lucia fir, 8 Nordmann's fir, 9 giant sequoia

PINE BARRENS, NEW JERSEY

Saturday, May 19, 10 am - 3 pm

Saturday, June 2, 10 am - 3 pm

June Vail, authority on the plants and ecology of the Pine Barrens, will lead an auto caravan to many microclimates in this largest wild land tract on the Mid-Atlantic seaboard.

Directions to a meeting place in Marlton, NJ, where doubling up in cars can take place, will be mailed to registrants who must provide their own transportation and lunch. Fee: \$15.00 members and guests.

Garden Visits

NEW HOPE AND JENKINTOWN AREAS

Sundays, April 29, May 6, 2-5 pm

Four gardens in the New Hope area will be open to members and guests on April 29. Three of the gardens will feature bulbs and the fourth, bonsai.

Four gardens in the Jenkintown area will be open to members and guests on May 6. These diverse gardens will feature shaded woodland, unusual conifers and masses of azaleas.

Maps and tags (one for individual and three for family members) will be mailed to those registering by mail only.

Guest tags are \$5.00 each; tags are free to members.

Reservations:

Clip and mail reservations to: PHS, 325 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA. 19106.

Reservations accepted by mail only; include full payment. Use this form below to speed processing. All events are held at PHS unless otherwise stated. Confirmations for events at PHS are not mailed; unless you hear otherwise, we will expect you. Field trip confirmations with important trip information are mailed. There is limited space for all activities (except garden visits). Each activity is listed in two consecutive issues of the *PHS News*.

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MEMBERS EVENING — MAY

Fee: \$11.00 _____

DEMONSTRATION: RENEWING A PERENNIAL GARDEN

Fee: \$10.00 _____

WORKSHOPS

WILDFLOWERS FROM SEED

Fee: \$20.00 _____

PLANNING A PERENNIAL GARDEN (3 sessions)

Fee: \$35.00 _____

BASKETRY (3 sessions)

Fee: \$50.00 _____

SOWING AND DIVIDING PERENNIALS

Fee: \$15.00 _____

PRUNING AT AZALEA GARDEN

Fee: \$5.00 _____

FIELD TRIPS

GEORGETOWN GARDEN TOUR

Fee \$35.00 _____

BOTANIZING ON THE BARRENS

Fee: \$15.00 _____

BARNES ARBORETUM

Fee: \$7.50 _____

PLANTING FIELDS AND OLD WESTBURY GARDENS

Fee: \$30.00 _____ Box Lunch: \$6.50

PINE BARRENS, Fee: \$15.00

May 19 _____

June 2 _____

GARDEN VISITS

Tags: 1 individual, 3 family

NEW HOPE AREA

Tags _____ Guest tags \$5.00 _____

JENKINTOWN AREA

Tags _____ Guest tags \$5.00 _____

- Please send information for Judging 1984 City Gardens Contest
- I am interested in working as a garden volunteer at the Society. Please send more information.
- Please send information about Maine trip.

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Please note date: these visits were listed incorrectly in March News.

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Pepperpot

Long-range planning has always been a vital part of the Society's activities and I am pleased to announce that PHS Council member **William D. MacDowell** has accepted president Henry Reicher's invitation to chair a Long-Range Planning Committee. The committee held its first meeting in late February to discuss the Society's mission and will continue to meet through the spring to consider the areas that should be investigated to formulate a plan to carry the Society through the decade.

Grateful thanks to Bill and his committee for the time and expertise they will be providing for this important process. Committee members are: **Raul Betancourt, Jean Bodine, Herb Clarke, Elizabeth Lippincott, Richard Lighty, Mamie Nichols, Anne Putnam, Robert Ryan, Susan Stauffer, Eugene Szymkowiak, Sharon Turner, Frederick Voigt and Clarence Wurts.** If you have suggestions for this committee regarding the Society's direction in the next few years please contact me or Bill MacDowell, c/o PHS.

Jane G. Pepper
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Executive Director

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Trip MAINE GARDENS August 6 - 9, 1984

A group of PHS members will fly to Bangor and board a bus for three days of garden visits (mostly private) on Mt. Desert Island and in Isleboro.

Request information on the reservation form. The land cost of \$400.00 includes transportation, lodging, most meals and a \$60.00 tax-deductible donation to PHS. Airfare will be extra. **Peggy Bowditch** and **Betsy Gullan** will accompany the group.

Other Events

PLANT SALES

RARE PLANT AUCTION OF THE WILMINGTON GARDEN CENTER

April 16, 1984 at the Delaware Museum of Natural History. Cocktail buffet preceding auction included in \$15 reservation. Phone (302) 658-1913.

BRANDYWINE CONSERVANCY WILDFLOWER PLANT AND SEED SALE

Saturday, May 5, 9:30 am - 2 pm in courtyard of Brandywine River Museum, Chadds Ford, Pa. (Plants grown from seed, not collected).

PROVIDENCE GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL PLANT SALE

May 9, 10 am - 3 pm at the Tyler Arboretum, Painter and Forge Roads, Lima, Pa.

SHOWS

19th ANNUAL DAFFODIL SHOW

April 7, 1-5 pm at Peninsula Bank, Princess Anne, Maryland. Open to the public without charge.

SPRINGTIME IN THE VILLAGE

April 26 - 28 at Spread Eagle Village, Strafford. Sponsored by area garden clubs. For information call (215) 265-5722.

DELAWARE AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW

April 27 - 29, Community Room, Christiana Mall, Newark, Delaware.

LOCAL NEIGHBORHOOD AWARDED FOR GREENING EFFORT

The Philadelphia Council of the Boy Scouts of America recently presented Point Breeze, an 88 block neighborhood in South Philadelphia, with a national conservation award called Save Our American Resources (S.O.A.R.). This award was made in recognition of the tremendous efforts made by Point Breeze residents in creating their Greene Countrie Towne, which was dedicated in July, 1984.

Although the award is usually made to a boy or group of boys, the Philadelphia Council saw Point Breeze as conservation in action. Point Breeze neighbors started "greening" with Mrs. Bush-Brown in the 1950's. Recently, under the leadership of Mamie Nichols, president of the Point Breeze Federation, they have reached new heights. Congratulations — and especially for being the first inner city group to receive recognition.



CITY GARDENS CONTEST

Attention gardeners! The 1984 City Gardens Contest is gearing up for the tenth year of competition among Philadelphia's gardeners.

If you would like information on judging the Contest please check the appropriate box on page three in the Reservations Coupon.

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TOKYO, HERE THEY COME

Thanks to **Japan Air Lines, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Missimer** will be winging their way to the enchanted lands of Japan to begin their own very real "Trip to the Orient."

The Wayne, Pa. couple won the Flower Show Vacation Drawing held during the week of the Show. The Missimers' have been PHS members for 20 years and they tend a one-acre vegetable and flower garden at their home. Lodging for their eight-day vacation will be provided by the **Hotel Okura and The Plaza, Osaka**, members of **The Leading Hotels of the World**.

Aside from providing this valuable travel package, Japan Air Lines was responsible for transporting some of the giant staging that was featured in the Ikebana display. Some 21 cartons were shipped by JAL, causing us to wonder where the JAL pilot found room to sit. We look forward to the lucky gardeners' tales of the Orient upon their return.

And, on the subject of luck, PHS is very lucky to have had the expertise and assistance of the Philadelphia Chapter of Ikebana International (I.I.). Some 90 members of the I.I. Chapter worked tirelessly under the leadership of president, **Lorraine Toji**, to make our guests feel at home. They left the U.S. dazzled by Ikebana International's hospitality.

PEPPERPOT

Watching the Flower Show go together is an annual "high" for me and the PHS staff. Amid the moments of panic and minutes of chaos, there are endless hours of sheer joy of watching the months of planning come to fruition. This year we were fortunate to have a couple of extra move-in days so Show designer Ed Lindemann and the team from **Vick's Wildgardens**, who hang smilax and big trees, were able to

start at the Civic Center on Wednesday, February 29. By Monday, March 5 the hall was abuzz with bobcats, front end loaders and chain saws. On Wednesday, the Ikebana delegation arrived from Tokyo. Their faces were grim as they surveyed the site, then they disappeared to check on the materials that Ikebana International members had collected for them. On Thursday they started to build, and by late Friday evening their creativity got the better of them and they started to smile as they added the final touches to their presentation.

For many of us one of the highlights of the Show was the arrival of **John Naka's** bonsai trees from California, shipped by air in enormous open crates. John himself was a delight and I wish many more of you could have enjoyed his wonderful smile and tremendous excitement at having his bonsai on exhibit in Philadelphia.

One additional touch of the Orient was the arrival of **Mrs. Im, Wha Kong** from Korea. Mrs. Im teaches flower arranging in Korea and has published several books on the subject. Her beautiful displays were much admired on the membership booth and we were also fortunate to enjoy several of her demonstrations in Horticultural Hall.

Throughout the Show we entertained a parade of visitors from across the nation. **Hu Ding-Yi**, Minister of the Embassy of the Peoples Republic of China in the United States of America came on closing day with his wife. Managers of both existing and potential home and/or garden shows from Boston; Cleveland; Del Mar, California; Kansas City; New York and Rochester also came by to see how it's done in Philadelphia.

Special thanks and compliments go to the whole Flower Show family — our exhibitors in the big hall who dazzled visitors; our competitive exhibitors who sent our visitors away with new resolves regarding their own gardening activi-

ties, and to our trade exhibitors who satisfied many of the visitors' desires with a fine selection of products. Thanks also to the thousands of volunteers who helped with the competitive classes; to the Civic Center staff for their cooperation; to the carpenters, painters and plumbers who helped us put it all together, and finally to **J. Liddon Pennock, Jr.** who has been our leader as chair of the Show's Executive Committee for the past two years. Liddon's involvement with the Philadelphia Flower Show dates back to the early '40s, and we hope we have insured his continuing involvement in the show in future years by appointing him our perennial Principal Advisor. The Flower Show Preview Dinner Committee also pulled off a major triumph this year under the leadership of **Lisa Carr**. By late January the dinner was fully subscribed and the waiting list grew through February. **ARA Services** was our caterer for the first time and produced a delicious four course dinner for 1,960 guests.

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HARVEST SHOW CHALLENGE SEEDS AVAILABLE

Here's your chance to show off your gardening skills by taking part in the 1984 Harvest Show Seed Challenge. Competitors may choose to grow any one of five varieties of plants from seed. Plants will be judged on quality, size, condition and how typical the plant is of the variety standard. All selections are container grown, one plant to a container.

This year's selections are: Basil 'Dark Opal', Pepper 'Thai Hot' Edible, Marigold Happy Days 'Happy Red', Chinese Cabbage 'Two Seasons' and Ornamental Eggplant 'Easter Hybrid'.

If you are interested in entering this class call Alexandra Basinski at 625-8285. Quantities are limited.

New in the Library

The Beautiful Food Garden, Kate Rogers Gessert, New York, Van Nostrand Reinhold, 1983.

The Early English Kitchen Garden, Mary Palmer Kelley Cooper, Nashville, Trinity Press, 1984.

The Enchanted Garden, Bryan Holme, New York, Oxford University Press, 1982.

Flowers for Northern Gardens, Leon C. Snyder, Minneapolis, University of Minnesota Press, 1983.

Growing Chrysanthemums, Harry Randall, Portland, Oregon, Timber Press, 1983.

Landmarks of Botanical History, Edward Lee Greene, Stanford, California, Stanford University Press, 1983. Part 1 & 2. (Reference)

Lovers of Flowers throughout the World, Im Wha Kong, Tokyo, Shufunotome, 1983.

Northland Wild Flowers, John B. Moyle, Minneapolis, University of Minnesota Press, 1977.

Old Cottage Garden Flowers, Roger Banks, Surrey, England, World's Work, 1983.

Reflections of Nature, Ella M. Foshay, New York, Knopf, 1984.

The Youth Gardening Book, Lynn Ocone, Burlington, Vermont, Gardens for All, 1983.

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Wednesday, June 27, 8 pm — Business
Meeting

Pot luck dinner followed by Selma Dafilou and Tom Seiler presenting a slide show of members' light gardens and past flower show displays.

Registration Events

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10 am — 1 pm

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BASIC LANDSCAPE DESIGN

Tuesdays, June 5, 12, 7—9:30 pm

June 19 7—9 pm

Patricia Schrieber and Paul Wolfinger of Philadelphia Green will conduct a combined lecture and workshop course including individual critiques. Simple drafting instructions will be given so participants can do a preliminary drawing of their own property using PHS drafting materials.

Areas to be developed must not exceed 150 by 200 ft. nor need drastic change of grade.

Fee \$35.00; registration limited to 10 members.

12th ANNUAL MEMBERS EVENING AT THE PHILADELPHIA ZOO

Thursday, June 7, 6 pm

Charles W. Rogers, Jr., curator of horticulture at the Zoological Garden, will again be our articulate host for this event. Members and guests are asked to arrive promptly at 6 pm for a mono-rail ride to be followed by Chuck's walking tour of the Zoo's plantings including his topiary zoo and the hummingbird house (All other Zoo buildings will be closed).

The tour will end at the donation bar and picnic area. Picnic supper will be served at 7:15 pm. After supper Chuck will show slides of his recent trip to Africa, giving us a gardener's view of a wild African safari.

Fee of \$15.00 includes admission to Zoo, mono-rail ride and supper. Entrance directions will be mailed to registrants.

GARDEN TAPESTRY: ESPALIER COURSE AT CHANTICLEER

Saturday, June 9, 10 am — 3 pm

Howard J. Holden, horticulturist and superintendent of "Chanticleer", a private estate in Wayne, will conduct this course on espalier, the art of training trees or shrubs in one plane. Topics will include style, technique, and maintenance as well as suitable plants and their proper placement. A tour of Chanticleer's espaliers and demonstrations are also planned.

Bring a bag lunch; iced tea will be provided. Travel directions will be mailed to registrants.

Fee: \$15.00. Limited to 20 members.

Raindate: Saturday, June 16

**PROPAGATION WORKSHOP:
SOFTWOOD CUTTINGS**

Tuesday, June 19, 10 am and 6:30 pm

Learn the techniques for propagating trees and shrubs from softwood cuttings. **Lynn Lamstein**, experienced propagator, will conduct this workshop.

Bring a sharp knife or shears. All other materials including plants will be provided. Evening registrants should bring a sandwich; coffee, tea and cookies provided.

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WESTBURY GARDENS**

Thursday, May 17, 7:30 am — 6:30 pm

Our first stop will be Planting Fields Arboretum, noted for its five-acre Synoptic Garden and its huge collections of rhododendron and azaleas. Then we will visit Old Westbury to tour Westbury House, a recreation of an 18th century English country mansion with many interesting gardens.

Fee: \$30.00 for members and guests includes bus transportation, entrance fees and return-trip refreshments. Bring lunch or order a box lunch (\$6.50).

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Fee: \$11.00 _____

BASKETRY (3 sessions)

Fee: \$50.00 _____

PERENNIAL WORKSHOP

SOWING AND DIVIDING

Fee: \$15.00 _____

PRUNING AT AZALEA GARDEN

Fee: \$5.00 _____

BASIC LANDSCAPE DESIGN (3 sessions)

Fee: \$35.00 _____

MEMBERS EVENING — ZOO — JUNE

Fee: \$15.00 _____

ESPALIER AT CHANTICLEER

Fee: \$15.00 _____

PROPAGATION: SOFTWOOD CUTTINGS

Fee: 15.00 _____

10 am _____ 6:30 pm _____

FIELD TRIPS

BARNES ARBORETUM

Fee \$7.50 — WAIT LIST

PLANTING FIELDS AND OLD WESTBURY GARDENS

Fee: \$30.00 _____ Box Lunch \$6.50 _____

PINE BARRENS

Fee: \$15.00 _____

May 19 _____

June 2 _____

ANDALUSIA AND PENNSBURY

Fee: \$23.00 _____ Lunch \$6.50 _____

GARDEN VISITS

Tags: 1 individual, 3 family

JENKINTOWN

Tags _____ Guest tags \$5.00 _____

MAIN LINE

Tags _____ Guest tags \$5.00 _____

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GARDEN VISITS

JENKINTOWN AREA AND MAIN LINE

Sundays, May 6, June 10, 2 — 5 pm

Four gardens in the Jenkintown area will be open to members and guests on May 6. These diverse gardens will feature shaded woodland, unusual conifers and masses of azaleas.

Five gardens on the Main Line will be open to members and guests on June 10. Four gardens feature lush perennial borders and one has extensive herb and vegetable plantings. The fifth, a country estate, includes a woodland, roses, espaliers and two flower gardens.

Maps and tags (one free tag for individual membership and three for family members) will be mailed to those registering by mail only. Guest tags are \$5.00 each.

Other Events

HERB SOCIETY OF AMERICA, PHILADELPHIA UNIT

Thursday, May 3, 10 am — 2 pm at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Douglas, Pughtown Rd., Kimberton, PA.

This annual herb sale includes culinary and fragrant herbs, annuals and perennials, herb baskets and scented geraniums. Refreshments and boutique on premises. Rain or shine.

1984 PHILADELPHIA OPEN HOUSE May 4 — 13, 1984

Friends of Independence National Historical Park. Call 928-1188 for more information.

BRANDYWINE CONSERVANCY WILDFLOWER PLANT AND SEED SALE

Saturday, May 5, 9:30 am — 2 pm

in courtyard of Brandywine River Museum, Chadds Ford, Pa. (Plants grown from seed, not collected).

For more information call 215-388-7601 • 459-1900

PROVIDENCE GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL PLANT SALE

May 9, 10 am — 3 pm at the Tyler Arboretum, Painter and Forge Roads, Lima, PA

AMERICAN RHODODENDRON SOCIETY FLOWER SHOW AT TYLER ARBORETUM

Philadelphia and Valley Forge Chapters.

Saturday, May 12, 12:30 — 4:30 pm

Plant Sale at 11:00 am.

Call 642-4437 for more information.

DELAWARE VALLEY CHRYSANTHEMUM SOCIETY SALE OF ROOTED CUTTINGS

Saturday and Sunday, May 19 — 20, 10 am — 4 pm at Tyler Arboretum, Lima, Pa.

THE COUNTRY GARDENERS ANNUAL PLANT SALE — Saturday, May 5, 10 am — 3 pm

at the Tyler Arboretum, Lima, Pa.

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Landscaping, flower arrangement and plants in competition. Entries welcome. Information and show schedule: 1-215-862-2824 or write P.O. Box 164, New Hope, PA 18938.

Lectures — Meetings

DORETTA KLABER CHAPTER, AMERICAN PRIMULA SOCIETY

Saturday, May 5 spring meeting and garden visit. Information (215) 566-1995.

"GREAT GARDENS OF AMERICA" Saturday, May 26, 2 pm slide lecture and discussion by **Derek Fell** at Cock'n Bull Restaurant, Peddler's Village, Lahaska, Pa.



PRESSED PLANT CATEGORIES ANNOUNCED

Henrietta Deubler, chair of the Pressed Plant Class for the 1984 Harvest Show has announced that there will be five new categories in this Design Class. They are: Victorian Nosegay, Seen at the Zoo, Stained Glass Window, Tote or Shopping Bag Design and Wreath For All Seasons.

For more details contact **Virginia Tanner** at (215) 688-6293.

GOOFY & GORGEOUS — PUMPKIN PATCH PEOPLE & GOURDS

We want your craziest, goofiest gourds and your decorated pumpkins (carved, painted, or . . .) for two special Harvest Show classes. Top winners will receive prizes including Cuisinart Food Processors. For details on entry see Harvest Show Exhibitors Schedule.

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HARVEST SHOW IS HEADING THIS WAY

September 29-30, 1984

Bring your jellies, bring your jams, pack your pickles and plant some yams. There may be a blue ribbon waiting for you at the 1984 Harvest Show.

The Show will be held in four short months and with it comes a lively week-end of music, special events and horticultural demonstrations all in a delightful setting outdoors and in greenhouses.

This year's Show will be held once again in Fairmount Park's Horticulture Center. Gaily striped tents will line the Center's reflecting pool and the bounty of the gardening season will be on display in colorful artistic and educational settings.

Plan now to take part in this annual event by growing for the Harvest Show in your garden. Whether it be your 'Better Boy' tomatoes, a creatively carved pumpkin or one single rose there is a special place for all of them in the Harvest Show.

You should be receiving your Show Schedule in the mail any day now. If you need another for a friend give us a call at 625-8250.

CITY GARDENS CONTEST WEEK

This year marks the tenth City Gardens Contest. Mayor W. Wilson Goode proclaimed the week of April 23rd "City Gardens Contest Week" at a reception in his office attended by City Gardens Contest participants and members of

the Contest Committee and the Philadelphia Green Advisory Board. Nearly 175 gardeners from around the city crowded into the ceremony to applaud the proclamation and show their support for the Contest.

Herb Clarke, Contest chair and **Jean Byall**, Contest coordinator, invite all who garden within the City limits to enter the Contest. A team of judges will visit your garden during the summer and the winners will be announced in the fall. For an application write to Jean Byall at PHS or call (215) 625-8280.

Deadline for entrants and judging volunteers is June 10.

DRESS FOR SUCCESS IN THE GARDEN

This just in from the *Daily Local News*, West Chester, "Pesticide Warning" — St. Louis — An expert on pesticides Wednesday advised backyard gardeners not to tend their plants in the nude.

David A. Kurtz of Pennsylvania State University told a news conference during the annual meeting of the American Chemical Company that nude gardeners run the risk of picking up pesticides.

Tests at Penn State calculated that applying garden pesticides while not properly clothed would allow 16 milligrams of pesticides to accumulate on the body.

He said gardeners wearing a shirt, pants and shoes would pick up only 1 milligram.

Summer Hours

When summer comes, PHS staff members plan to make best use of the daylight hours by starting work at 8:30 a.m. From June 1 through Labor Day the offices, including the library, will close at 4:30 p.m.

Reminder—The Next PHS Newsletter-August

\$10,000 DOLLAR PRIZE TO BE AWARDED FOR NEW APPROACHES TO BATTLE DUTCH ELM DISEASE

A cash award of \$10,000 has been established by the Elm Research Institute, Harrisville, NH.

The cash prize will be awarded to the entry submitted to the institute that best demonstrates *both* new concept originality and imagination in the structuring of a practical new research program(s) which may conceivably lead to the discovery of a new repellent effective against the elm bark beetle. This new repellent must be capable of administration through systemic application.

A jury of nationally renowned entomologists and plant pathologists will evaluate each entry.

Every entry is expected to provide specific and detailed proposals describing the methodology of the proposed experiments in regard to:

- A) Water solubility of test chemicals in relation to systemic tree injection
- B) Phytotoxicity of test materials
- C) Point of feeding beetle deterrence
- D) Demonstrating chemical stability of test repellent
- E) Demonstrating practical bio-assay techniques for tracing distribution

All completed entries, should be forwarded to the Elm Research Institute, Harrisville, NH 03450, NO LATER THAN JULY 1, 1984. Any questions should be forwarded to E.R.I. at the above address or they can be answered during normal business-hours at (603) 827-3048.

New in the Library

The Adventurous Gardener, Christopher Lloyd, N.Y., Random House, 1984.

The Archaeology of Gardens, Christopher Taylor, United Kingdom, Shire, 1983.

Bromeliaceae Andreane, Francois Edovard Andre, Berkeley, Big Bridge, 1983. (non-circulating)

Gardening in Small Spaces, Michael Miller, N.Y., Putman, 1983.

Gertrude Jekyll on Gardening, Penelope Hobhouse, editor, Boston, Godine, 1984.

The Glass Flowers at Harvard, Richard Evans Schultes, New York, Dutton, 1982.

Growing Plants without Soil, Hans-August Rotter, West Yorkshire, EP publishing, 1982.

Herbs: An Indexed Bibliography 1971-1980, James E. Simon, Connecticut, Archon Books, 1984. (reference)

An Irish Florilegium, Wendy Walsh, London, Thames & Hudson, 1983. (non-circulating)

A Japanese Touch for your Home, Koji Yagi, Tokyo, Kodansha, 1983.

Plant Portraits from the Flora Danica 1761-1769, William T. Stearn, Great Britain, Mendip, 1983.

A Popular Guide to Chinese Vegetables, Martha Dahlen, N.Y., Crown, 1983.

Right Plant, Right Place, Nicola Ferguson, N.Y., Summit Books, 1984.

The Victorians and their Flowers, Nicolette Scourse, London, Croom Helm, 1983.

The Well-Chosen Garden, Christopher Lloyd, N.Y., Harper-Row, 1984.

PLANTS SICK?
Call the PHS Hotline
922-8043

WANTED: BACK ISSUES OF GREEN SCENE

If, after you've completed your spring cleaning, you find that you're left with a few back issues of the *Green Scene*, pass them on to us at PHS. Jean Byrne, editor of *Green Scene*, is always looking for extra copies to send to interested new members or to use for reference.

Activities

June

(Open without charge to all)

PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER, INDOOR LIGHT GARDENING SOCIETY

Wednesday, June 27, 8 pm — Business Meeting

Registration Events

BASIC LANDSCAPE DESIGN

Tuesday, June 5, 12, 7-9:30 pm,
June 19, 7-9 pm

Patricia Schrieber and Paul Wolfinger of Philadelphia Green will conduct a combined lecture and workshop course including individual critiques. Simple drafting instructions will be given so participants can do a preliminary drawing of their own property using PHS drafting materials.

Areas to be developed must not exceed 150 by 200 ft. nor need drastic change of grade.

Fee \$35.00, registration limited to 10 members.

12th ANNUAL MEMBERS EVENING AT THE PHILADELPHIA ZOO

Thursday, June 7, 6 pm

Charles W. Rogers, Jr. curator of horticulture at the Zoological Garden, will again be our articulate host for this event. Members and guests are asked to arrive promptly at 6 pm for a mono-rail ride to be followed by Chuck's walking tour of the Zoo's plantings including the topiary zoo and the hummingbird house (All other Zoo buildings will be closed).

The tour will end at the donation bar and picnic area. Picnic supper will be served at 7:15 pm. After supper Chuck will show slides of his recent trip to Africa, giving us a gardener's view of an African safari.

Fee of \$15.00 includes admission to Zoo, mono-rail ride and supper. Entrance directions will be mailed to registrants.

GARDEN TAPESTRY: ESPALIER COURSE AT CHANTICLEER

Saturday, June 9, 10 am — 3 pm

Howard J. Holden, horticulturist and superintendent of "Chanticleer", a private estate in Wayne, will conduct this course on espalier, the art of training trees or shrubs in one plane. Topics will

include style, technique, and maintenance as well as suitable plants and their proper placement. A tour of Chanticleer's espaliers and a demonstration are also planned.

Bring a bag lunch; iced tea will be provided. Travel directions will be mailed to registrants.

Fee: \$15.00. Limited to 20 members

Raindate: Saturday, June 16

PROPAGATION WORKSHOP: SOFTWOOD CUTTINGS

Tuesday, June 19, 10 am and 6:30 pm

Learn the techniques for propagating trees and shrubs from softwood cuttings. Lynn Lamstein, experienced propagator, will conduct these workshops.

Bring a sharp knife or shears. All other materials including plants will be provided. Evening registrants should bring a sandwich; coffee, tea and cookies provided.

Fee: \$15.00 Registration limited to 15 for each session.

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MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGIONAL LILY SHOW will be open to the public on Saturday, June 30 from 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm and on Sunday, July 1 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Hundreds of varieties will be on display including specimens of established and new hybrids.

The Show will be held at Fairmount Park Horticulture Center. Admission will be by donation. Call **Muriel Hapich** at 884-4344 for a show schedule.



HOUSE AND GARDEN TO FEATURE '84 FLOWER SHOW

Henry Mitchell, best known for his "Earthman" column in Sunday's *Washington Post*, has written a story on the Philadelphia Flower Show which will appear in the June issue of *House and Garden* magazine.

THE GREENING OF PHILADELPHIA'S NEIGHBORHOODS — an exhibit

On hundreds of blocks across the city, residents are pooling and investing their resources — time, energy, and money — to turn vacant lots into vegetable and flower gardens, and barren sidewalks into streets lined with trees, shrubs, and flowers to create twentieth century, "greene countrie townes."

This exhibit is a colorful photographic account of some of the work Philadelphia Green has been doing with groups throughout the city. Hours are 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday at PHS.

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FLOWER SHOW HORTICULTURAL CLASSES

Collections, which are Show stoppers every year at the Philadelphia Flower Show, plan to return in '85 with Class #200 — A Collection, a horticultural collection displayed for botanical interest using 10 or more plants, and Class #400 — As You Like It, a collection of plants used to create an imaginative display. There are still a few spaces open in these two classes. If you would like to enter, Call Marge Meer at 625-8292.

New this year is the Terrace Class #152. **Martha Roberts**, chair of this class, says that the class "Along the Mews" will depict a townhouse terrace with french doors centered on a rear wall and a hedge along each side. Only container plants may be used and seating for two must be provided.

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Pepperpot

It's almost time for the swimming pool, the beach or the mountains. Summer vacation plans once a mid-winter dream, suddenly approach reality. And meanwhile, down at 325 Walnut, we are dreaming our own, out of season dreams with the 1985 Philadelphia Flower Show.

Our new Flower Show executive committee is in place with **Mary Hyndman** as chair and **Herb Clarke**, vice chair. Having chaired the Show's competitive classes in 1980 and 1981, Mary is well versed in Flower Show facts and figures, challenges and opportunities, and has been a member of the Society's Council for the past two years. Herb Clarke, also a Council member, is an avid home gardener and has chaired the Society's City Gardens Contest for three years. When he is not digging in at the Society or in his own garden, Herb is giving us weather predictions from WCAU-TV, channel 10.

Our Show will be early next year, March 3-10, so we are counting on Herb to bring us an early spring.

Flower Show Executive Committee members are as follows: **Martha Barron, Richard J. Both, J. Richard Boylan, W. Thacher Brown, Tina Colehower, William F. Delafield, Jr., Leroy LaBold, Richard W. Lighty, Francis J. McKay, John D. Martin, Wayne R. Norton, J. Liddon Pennock, Jr., Robert W. Preucel, Susan Stauffer, Paul Tickle, Ralph R. Walker, Jane Ward, and L. Wilbur Zimmerman.** Thanks to them on behalf of the Society for the time and energy they will put into '85.

As we go to press, Ed Lindemann, Show designer, is on his way to England to savor the flavor of the Chelsea Flower Show in London, and to get into the mood for our 1985 theme, "A Touch of Britain — Our Garden Heritage."

The Chelsea Flower Show is produced annually in the third week of May by the venerable Royal Horticultural Society, and attracts 240,000 visitors in four days to its 11-acre site on the grounds of the Royal Hospital. In London Ed will meet with **Geoffrey Ace**, head of the landscape department, **Merrist Wood Agricultural College**, Surrey, to discuss the College's participation in next year's Show, in cooperation with the **Delaware Valley College of Science and Agriculture** in Doylestown. Del Val — as it is affectionately known

in these parts — is a long-time Flower Show exhibitor. Merrist Wood College has won five coveted Gold Medal Awards in the Chelsea Flower Show.

Jane G. Pepper
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Executive Director



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The full bulb list for the 1985 Show is listed below:

- 201 *Narcissus*, Tete-A-Tete (miniature) 4" pot
- 202 *Narcissus*, Mount Hood (trumpet) 8" bulb pan or azalea pot
- 203 *Narcissus*, Edward Buxton (small-cupped) 8" bulb pan or azalea pot
- 204 *Narcissus*, Trevithian (jonquilla) 8" bulb pan or azalea pot
- 205 *Hyacinthus*, Carnegie 8" bulb pan or azalea pot
- 206 *Tulipa*, Apricot Beauty 8" bulb Pan or azalea pot
- 207 *Amaryllis*, Any named variety 6" pot
- 208 Any named miniature *narcissus* not listed above
- 209 Any named standard *narcissus* not listed above
- 210 Any named *hyacinthus* not listed above
- 211 Any named *Tulipa* not listed above

- 212 Any named *muscari*
- 213 Any named *crocus*
- 214 Any named *iris*
- 215 Any other named hardy bulb. corm, rhizome or tuber
- 216 Any other named non-hardy bulb, corm, rhizome or tuber; pot 6" or under
- 217 Any other named non-hardy bulb, corm, rhizome or tuber; pot over 6"

The two challenge classes chosen for the 1985 Show include *Orchid Phalaenopsis* 'First Lady's' purchased from PHS in 1983 may be entered again in 1985. The other challenge plant is *Primula polyantha* and will be available at PHS after Labor Day. See the August PHS News for Challenge Class Order Form. Supply is limited.

PHS PAST PRESIDENT DIED AT 97

Dr. John Baker Carson, president of the Society from 1952 through 1954, died earlier this spring. An avid gardener, Dr. Carson served on the council for many years, as did his wife **Frances Tyson Carson**. Dr. Carson loved roses and was a director of the American Rose Society for more than 30 years. Peonies, iris, lilacs and daffodils also intrigued this prominent Philadelphian, and he played an important role in the creation of the Azalea Garden given by the Society to the City of Philadelphia in recognition of our 125th anniversary. The Carsons gardened together and served together on the PHS Council.

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SHARE THE EXCITEMENT, ENTER THE HARVEST SHOW

The Preserved Products Classes in the Harvest Show offer everyone the chance to enter the results from their prize-winning recipes. Whether it is grandmother's secret recipe for orange marmalade or your own tangy mustard sauce, you can enter it in one of the more than 50 classes in this Section.

Richard Bitner, chair of the Preserved Products Section, says there are several new classes to enter this year — low-salt sauce, dried fruit leathers and wet pot-pourri (May-June 1984 *Green Scene* contains an informative article on pot-pourri, wet or dry). Bitner reminds those who enter to be careful when preserving edibles and recommends *Putting Food By* by Hertzberg, Vaughn & Greene and published by The Stephen Greene Press, Brattleboro, VT. This book contains safe, up-to-date information on methods of canning, freezing, drying, root cellaring and smoking.

If you would like to enter your preserved products, read the Harvest Show Schedule carefully and be sure to enter at least three of a kind of your recipe and affix labels to each of your containers. For an extra copy of the Schedule, write to PHS, c/o Carol Lindemann or call 625-8299.

BRING A FRIEND TO THE HARVEST SHOW

This year's Member's Preview, to be held on September 28 from 4 — 7 pm, promises to be filled with entertaining highlights such as a lively brass band, colorful fall exhibits and tasty refreshments.

Enjoy the evening and bring a friend to this early showing of Philadelphia's own country fair.

Tickets for guests are \$5.00 and are available at the Show.

HARVEST SHOW POSTER AVAILABLE

Colorful posters are ready and waiting for members who wish to spread the word about the fall Show.

This delightful poster depicts the Show theme "Harvest Promenade — A Seasonal Stroll" and would make a handsome addition to your neighborhood library or in the window of a local store.

Help us spread the word by calling 625-8266 or stop by PHS at 325 Walnut St. to pick up some posters.

WIN A CUISINART AT THE HARVEST SHOW

Pumpkin Patch People and Goofy Gourds are the titles of our new special classes open to the public at the Harvest Show. No pre-registration is required to enter this Contest, simply bring your creative cucurbits to the Show between Thursday evening, September 27 and Sunday afternoon, September 30 (See the Show Schedule for entry times).

Judging criteria are based on creativity and Mother Nature. Pumpkins must be decorated, carved, painted, or . . . and gourds should be naturally hilarious. Top prize in both categories is a Cuisinart Food Processor. Winners will be announced on Sunday, September 30. For more information or a Show Schedule call Lisa Stephano at 625-8266.

**THE HARVEST SHOW
SEPTEMBER 29 & 30**



PHS HOSTS GREENING TOUR FOR POLITICIANS

The Society and **Mrs. W. Wilson Goode** co-hosted a tour in June through the Point Breeze Greene Countrie Towne for mayors, spouses and city officials attending the 52nd Annual U.S. Conference of Mayors in Philadelphia.

The activities began with a multimedia presentation at the Hershey Philadelphia Hotel about the Society's Philadelphia Green program before boarding Fairmount Park trolleys for the trip through Point Breeze. Guests visited garden blocks with flower-laden window boxes and wine barrel planters; they passed the 'Garden of Eatin'', a block-long community vegetable garden and a few guests stopped in to exchange ideas with neighbors working in the garden. The final trolley stop was at the 19th and Dickinson St. wedding garden. Mrs. Goode, who had greeted the guests earlier, read a proclamation from the Mayor naming the site "The Garden of the Cities" in honor of the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

Mrs. Goode also presented a bronze plaque to **Mamie Nichols**, Executive Director of the Point Breeze Federation, and **Haroldline Trower**, Chair of the Point Breeze Beautification Committee, to be installed in the garden.

As the group embarked on their trip back to the Hershey, their enthusiasm was evident. **Mayor and Mrs. Blessey** of Biloxi, Mississippi said "This is remarkable, not only the garden but the people of the neighborhood and the way they work together to get things done. We're just starting a project like this back home and we'll be taking back a lot of ideas."

New in Library

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Begonias 1984 Update, Mildred L. Thompson, Southampton, New York, published by author, 1984.

Bonsai in California vol. 18, Calif. Bonsai Society, Los Angeles, CA, 1984.

The Complete Shade Gardener, George Schenk, Boston, Houghton Mifflin, 1984.

The Encyclopedia of Natural Insect and Disease Control, Roger B. Yepsen, ed., Emmaus, PA, Rodale Press, 1984.

Flora of Japan, Jisaburo Ohwi, Washington, D.C., Smithsonian, 1984.

Frank N. Meyer: Plant Hunter in Asia, Isabel Shipley Cunningham, Ames, Iowa, Iowa State U. Press, 1984.

The Garden Book, John Brookes, New York, Crown, 1984.

Gardening for All Seasons, New Alchemy Institute, Andover, Mass., Brick House, 1983.

Gardening on the Eastern Shore, Marilyn R. Schmidt, Barnegat, N.J., Barnegat Light Press, 1983.

Handbook of Cultivated Sedums, Ronald L. Evans, Middlesex, England, Science Reviews Ltd., 1983.

Herb Garden Design, Faith Swanson & V. Rady, Hanover, N.H., U. Press of New England, 1984.

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HORTICULTURAL HOTLINE

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9:30 - Noon

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BOOK SALE BARGAINS

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Since we have not had a book sale for two years and have done extensive weeding of our collection, this will be an especially bountiful offering. In addition to "retired" books, (including several Exotica), special books from mem-

bers' collections, botanical prints and some new books will be offered. Donations of botanical books will be welcome through Sept. 7th. Pick-up of large donations can be arranged by calling 625-8268.

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Participants should bring a low container, needlepoint holder, clippers, and a plastic bag to carry the finished arrangement. All other materials will be supplied. Bring lunch; coffee and tea will be provided.

Fee — Members: \$45 for 3 workshops. Guests: \$50
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The workshop will include a mini-course on houseplant culture and care, insect control, feeding, exposure and microclimates.

Registration fee includes all materials.
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GREEN SCENE WRITING COURSE

Thursday, Nov. 15

Saturday, Nov. 17

9:30 am — 2:30 pm

Tuesday, Nov. 20

5:30 pm — 7:30 pm

First-time writers in *Green Scene* have subsequently had articles published elsewhere including the *New York Times* and the Brooklyn Botanic Garden handbooks. Experienced writers have since published books on horticulture. Here's an opportunity for the closet writer to get your ideas into article form and your name into print in *Green Scene* and other publications.

This three-session course will cover how to sharpen your ideas, write, edit and rewrite. It will be team-taught by Jean Byrne, editor of *Green Scene* and Elaine Rose, free lance writer and a former editor of *Sun Magazine* (of Sun Company) and other corporate publications. Group participation will be emphasized.

Fee — Members: \$50; limited to 12 persons. Bring a sandwich; PHS will provide beverages and dessert.

Field Trips

BARNES ARBORETUM BERRIES, DRUPES & POMES Friday, October 5, 10 am — 2 pm

Spend a fascinating half-day at Barnes in Merion. In the morning **Elizabeth Farley**, assistant director of the Barnes Arboretum and superb guide, will guide 25 PHS members and guests through the Arboretum where the seasonal attractions include colorful fruits of trees and shrubs.

Registrants should bring lunch; dessert and coffee will be provided. After lunch, walk around to the entrance of the Barnes Foundation's gallery and tour the collection at leisure.

Fee — Members: \$7.50; Guests: \$9.50. Travel directions will be mailed to participants.

Other Events

Open Gardens Day sponsored by the Garden Club of Mount Desert, Maine, **August 4, 1984**. Five private gardens will be open to the public from **10 am — 4 pm**, Fee: \$10 for the series; \$2.50 for a single garden. Proceeds benefit the civic planting for the entire island.

For further information — contact Mrs. Elliot R. Detchon, 1054 Rock Creek Rd., Bryn Mawr, Pa. 19010.

Red Rose Rent Day

This annual celebration will take place on **Saturday, September 8 at 10 am**. See historic payment of the rent of one red rose to a descendant of William Penn and exhibits, speakers and lots of roses in bloom at the Conard-Pyle Co., Star Roses, U.S. Route 1 & PA 796, Jennersville, just west of West Grove, PA. Public is invited. Free admission.

1984 Woodland Owners Conference

Open to the public, **Saturday, Sept. 29, 9:15 am — 2:30 pm**, Holiday Inn, Lancaster, Pa. Pre-registration required. Fee \$12.00. For more information contact Pa. Forestry Association, (717) 766-5371.

Orchid Society Now Forming In Center City

Beginners and non-beginners invited for membership. Activities for the season to be planned at the first meeting in Sept. at PHS. For more information, call 627-1981 or 563-1716.

ANNUAL PLANT GIVEAWAY AT PHS

The Members' plant giveaway will be held on **September 14 from 9 am to 7 pm** at Society headquarters.

Members may pick out a plant that has been grown by another member. The many varieties include houseplants, trees, shrubs and perennials. A complete listing of plants will appear in the September *PHS News*.



AROUND THE WORLD AT HOLIDAY TIME

The PHS Annual Holiday Show invites exhibitors to participate in the festivities. The 1984 theme is "Around the World at Holiday Time" and exhibitors may enter wreaths, tree ornaments, arrangements and container grown plants appropriate to the season. To receive a Holiday Show schedule check the box in the Reservation Blank on this page.

HARVEST SHOW HELPERS

Mary Disston, chair, PHS member committee, has openings for a few members who would like to help make the Harvest Show Members Preview on Friday, September 28 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm a smashing success. If you would like to join Mary please check appropriate box on the reservation form on this page. We will be in touch with you later.

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I would like to volunteer to help at the Harvest Show Members Preview.

Please send me a Holiday Show Schedule.

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November 15, 17, 20 _____

Fee \$50.00 _____

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October 5 _____

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Pepperpot

My family in Edinburgh, always eager to keep me posted on the latest horticultural developments in Britain, recently forwarded me the following letter from the *London Times*: Sir, The daffodils in our front garden are all pointing towards the street and away from our house. I bought them so that I could look at them out of the window, but they seem to reserve their beauty not for me but for passers-by, who did not fork out last autumn for the bulbs, as I did.

My wife tells me they are looking towards the sun, but that does not explain the behaviour of the daffodils in the back garden, which are also facing the other way. Is there something fundamentally wrong about the way we planted them, or are we doing something of which they disapprove?

Short of wringing their necks, or cutting off the flowers and placing them in a vase on the dining-room table, or changing our highly provocative lifestyle, can anything be done? We need an answer fast, as their attitude is already beginning to infect the primroses.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL CROFT,
9 Guildford Grove,
Greenwich, SE10.
April 17

Jane G. Pepper
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Executive Director

PARKING INFORMATION FOR YOUR VISIT TO PHS

A couple of years ago, prior to the onset of a transit strike, the Philadelphia Department of Streets changed the parking regulations, making it illegal to park on Walnut Street between 3:30 and 6:30 pm. Try as we may we have not been able to convince the Department of Streets to accommodate those who wish to visit the Society in the evening for programs and meetings by reverting to the more liberal parking regulations. Instead, the Parking Authority has offered us reduced evening rates at

their garage on Second Street between Chestnut and Walnut. Currently the rate is \$1.25 per hour, with a maximum of \$4.25 per day. If you leave the garage after 5:00 pm and have your ticket stamped by PHS they will only charge you \$2.25. The stamp will be available at the reception desk to accommodate all those who plan to leave PHS after 5:00 pm following a meeting in our building.

CONGRATULATIONS

Joanna McQuail Reed

Joanna Reed, a longtime PHS supporter, has been awarded the Herb Society of America's 1984 Helen de Conway Little Medal of Honor. Reed was cited as being a competent and knowledgeable gardener as well as a talented writer in horticulture, a lecturer and a creative artist. She is known throughout the horticultural community as a generous provider of plants and horticultural advice to civic groups and garden clubs throughout the Delaware Valley.

As a member of PHS, she has served on the Educational Exhibit Committee, as a contributing author of *Green Scene*, and as a guide of numerous garden tours at Longview Farm for PHS members.

BARBARA SPAULDING CRAMER

The Flower Show and PHS lost a great friend and supporter when Barbara died in June. Endlessly enthusiastic, wonderfully creative and everyone's friend are just a few ways to describe Mrs. Cramer. As an arranger she won top awards

in the Philadelphia and other shows, and she led the team that introduced our pedestal classes. She was also well-known as a judge, served on the national committee of the Garden Club of America, and on the board of directors of the Arthur Hoyt Scott Horticultural Foundation, Swarthmore College.

CHALLENGE PLANTS

The challenge plants listed below will be limited to two plants per exhibitor and can be picked up at PHS in September. For more information on Flower Show Horticultural Classes see the June 1984 issue of the *PHS News*.

Challenge Class Order Form
Clip and mail to:
PHS, 325 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106
Fill out coupon to reserve your
plant(s).

Primula Polyantha

\$5 per plant, # of plants _____

Limit two plants per person
amount enclosed _____

Name _____

Address _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

Club _____

For further information call
Marjorie Meer, 625-8292.

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HARVEST PROMENADE — A Seasonal Stroll

The 1984 Harvest Show will be held September 29 and 30 at the Horticulture Center, Belmont Avenue and Horticultural Drive, Fairmount Park.

Among the lush permanent plantings at the Center will be a sampling of the season's harvest entered by gardeners from all over the Delaware Valley. Displays of vegetables, fruit and flowers will be exhibited along with preserved products, baked goods, a scarecrow competition, as well as 16 major exhibits by local horticultural organizations. These exhibits will explore topics such as The History of the Straw Hat, Butterfly Gardening and Food for Fitness.

As visitors continue their promenade through the Show they will find nearly a dozen colorful striped tents lining the reflecting pool. Brass band music, bountiful harvest tables and strolling jugglers will bring the area alive with entertainment for the entire family.

Come to Show between the hours of 10 am to 5 pm on Saturday and Sunday or get a sneak preview at the Members' Preview on Friday, September 28 between 4 — 7 pm. Guest tickets for the preview are available at the door for \$5.00.

SPECIAL EVENTS

A full crop of special events will take place at this year's Show to delight visitors of all ages. Events will be held on Saturday and Sunday, September 29 and 30 unless otherwise noted.

10 am — 5 pm

Jack Eden, KYW Newsradio garden commentator, will answer gardening questions. (Saturday only)

11 am — 4 pm

Robert Harvey of Harvey's Honey will conduct hourly bee beard demonstrations.

11:30 — 1:30 pm

The Wheelmen will conduct antique bicycle demonstrations.

12 — 4 pm

Children's Activities Tent will feature face painting, bobbing for apples and squash painting.

12 — 1 pm

The Zoo on Wheels from the Philadelphia Zoo (Saturday only)

12 — 1 pm

Tree climbing demonstrations by the **International Society of Arboriculture**.

1 — 4 pm

Live music by **The Johannes Brass Ensemble**.

2:30 — 4:30 pm

Give-And-Take Jugglers.

HARVEST SHOW DEMONSTRATIONS

Local experts on food preparation, flower arranging and horticultural crafts invite you to attend their horticultural demonstrations throughout both days of the Show.

Saturday, September 29

- 1:00 pm Vegetable Wok Cooking
Rosemarie Vassaluzzo, food columnist for *The Advance of Bucks County*
- 1:30 pm Saying it with flowers: tussie-mussies
Mona Gold, director of horticultural therapy at Friends Hospital
- 2:00 pm Growing orchids in your home
Jerry Medeiros, greenhouse manager at Plume Orchids
- 3:00 pm Pumpkin Totem Poles
Joe Kerwin, PHS asst. horticulturist
- 3:30 pm Making potpourri
Jeannine Vannais, Philadelphia Green garden assistant

Sunday, September 30

- 12:30 Canning tips your grandmother never taught you (1 hr.) **Richard Bitner**, Chair, Preserved Products Making Moss Wreaths
Rita Precopio and **Leah Riband**, local workshop leaders
- 1:30 Introduction to modern Japanese flower arranging
Bernice Makin, professional flower arranger
- 3:00 Creating with pods and cones: holiday decorations
Helen Knauff, lecturer
- 3:30 Carving Vegetables the Chinese Way
Joseph K. K. Poon, Philadelphia restaurateur

HOW TO GET TO THE HARVEST SHOW

The Show is held at Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park at the intersection of Belmont Avenue and Montgomery Drive. A map is included in the exhibitor's schedule and on the back of each member's ticket.

There is plenty of free parking at the Center. For information about public transportation to the Show call PHS at 625-8250.

PHS PLANT GIVE-AWAY Friday, September 14, — 10 am to 7 pm

Visit The Society and select a plant from this year's collection. Family and Life members may select two plants and those with individual memberships may choose one. All plants must be picked up by members. Sorry — no reservations.

(See *Plant List* on pg. 4 col. 3)

PHS is open from 9 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday, starting September 4.

New in the Library

All about Roses, rev. ed., Ortho Books, San Francisco, Chevron Chemical Co., 1983.

Cacti and Succulents, Gunter Andersohn, East Ardsley, Wakefield, England, EP Publishing, 1983.

Camellias, Chang Hung Ta, Portland, Oregon, Timber Press, 1984.

Garden Design Illustrated, John and Carol Grant, Portland, Oregon, Timber Press, 1983.

Gardening in Containers, Ortho Books, San Francisco, Chevron Chemical Co., 1983.

Guerrilla Gardening, John F. Adams, New York, Coward-McCann, 1983.

Habitat 7: Landscape Gardening, Marta Ribalta, Barcelona, Editorial Blume, 1977.

The Heirloom Gardener, Carolyn Jabs, San Francisco, Sierra Club Books, 1984.

Home Ground, Allen Lacey, New York, Farrar, Straus, Giroux, 1984.

Activities

September-October

Lectures, Meetings

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KEYSTONE CHAPTER, AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY

Wednesday, September 12, 7:30 pm

Speaker: Tom Seiler

Workshop on rejuvenating plants

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Friday, September 28, 7:30 pm

James Barrett will give a lecture-demonstration on the development of a bonsai tree.

SYMPOSIUM: HORTICULTURAL CLASSES, PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

Wednesday, October 10, 10 am.

Prospective and experienced Flower Show exhibitors are encouraged to attend this annual horticultural symposium to review the schedule of classes and rules for exhibiting.

This year's expert speakers will be Dee Peck on growing and showing ferns and William Delafield on constructing a terrarium.

Coordinators: Margaret P. Bowditch and Susan P. Wilmerding, co-chairs of horticultural classes.

SYMPOSIUM: ARRANGEMENT CLASSES, PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

Monday, October 22, 10 am

Symposium coordinators Sanna Drake and Anne Letter, co-chairs of the niche and pedestal classes, invite new and experienced exhibitors to participate in this annual seminar. This is an opportunity to review the schedule of classes and rules for exhibiting and to pick up valuable tips on exhibiting from experts.

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FERNS: LECTURE-DEMONSTRATION

Tuesday, October 9, 10 am

Barbara Varga, experienced professional fern grower, will give an illustrated talk and demonstration on ferns. Emphasis will be on culture and general care including division and potting.

Fee — Members: \$10; Guests: \$12.

BASIC TOPIARY WORKSHOP

Thursday, October 11, 7 — 10 pm

Tuesday, October 16, 10 am — 1:30 pm

Betsy Nutt, who has taught topiary techniques for ten years, will conduct two basic workshops on making and maintaining small (table-top) animal topiaries for the home.

The workshop includes instruction on making topiary frames, proper planting techniques, general culture and maintenance.

Participants should bring pliers, wire cutters, and a cardboard box or dinner plate to transport completed project. All other materials will be provided.

Morning participants should bring a sandwich; beverages will be provided at both sessions.

Fee — Members: \$27; Guests: \$30.

Registration limited.

WORKSHOP: BASIC BONSAI FOR INDOOR CULTURE

Saturday, October 13, 9 am — 4:30 pm

Dorothy S. Young, internationally known bonsai teacher and writer, will provide hands-on instruction for shaping, wiring, pruning, potting, and developing bonsai.

In addition to the bonsai completed in class, participants will gain knowledge and skills enabling them to develop additional ones on their own.

Bring pruning shears. All other material provided.

Bring a sandwich; PHS will provide beverages and dessert.

Fee — Members: \$40; Guests: \$44.

Registration limited to 15 members and guests.

WORKSHOP: FORCING BULBS FOR WINTER ENJOYMENT

Wednesday, October 24, 10 am and 6:30 pm

Ed Lindemann, PHS horticulturist, will teach members and guests the essentials of forcing bulbs for indoor winter enjoyment in two workshops, scheduled for 10 am and 6:30 pm. Participants will plant three pots — tulips, *Iris reticulata*, and Muscari. All material provided.

Fee — Members: \$40; Guests: \$44

Registration limited to 15 per session.

MEMBERS EVENING MASTER PLAN FOR FAIRMOUNT PARK

Thursday, October 25

Ernesta D. Ballard, member of the Fairmount Park Commission, civic leader, and former president of PHS, will give an illustrated talk on Fairmount Park and its Master Plan for the coming decade.

Cocktails at 6 pm (donation bar); buffet, 6:45 pm; program, 7:45 pm.

Fee — Members: \$11; Guests: \$13

ORCHID LECTURE AND DEMONSTRATION

Saturday, October 27, 10 am — 12:30 pm

Beginner and intermediate orchid enthusiasts are invited to spend two and a half hours with John Leonard, expert orchid hobbyist, who will give an illustrated lecture and demonstration on growing orchids indoors. Topics will include culture, care, repotting, varieties,

sources for plants and information, and insect control. A question and answer period will follow.

Fee — Members: \$6; Guests: \$8

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5th Annual Neighborhood Harvest Show

September 15, noon — 5 pm

Sponsored by Wilmington Garden Center and University of Delaware Cooperative Extension Service, Howard Career Center, 401 E. 12th Street, Wilmington. Open to public free of charge.

For more information, call (302) 658-1913.

Perennials For The Landscape and Garden Center Industries Monday, October 15, 8:30 am — 4:30 pm

Conference to be co-sponsored by Scott Horticultural Foundation, Swarthmore College; Pennsylvania Horticultural Society; Pennsylvania Nurserymen's Association and Cooperative Extension Service, The Pennsylvania State University. Topics to be covered include designing with perennials, perennials for sun, shade and special situations; merchandising perennials and maintaining perennials in the landscape. Please check box on reservation form to receive brochure, or call Scott Horticultural Foundation 215-667-7025.

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WORKSHOP: FORCING BULBS

October 24 10 am _____ 6:30 pm _____

Members \$40 _____ Guests \$44 _____

ORCHID LECTURE- DEMONSTRATION

October 27 _____

Members \$6 _____ Guests \$8 _____

MEMBERS EVENING FAIRMOUNT PARK MASTER PLAN

October 25 _____

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PLEASE DON'T TAKE OFFENSE — TAKE A CHALLENGE

"Merge/Purge" is an issue that bedevils membership departments in museums, zoos, botanical gardens and all kinds of societies. As it plans a membership campaign an organization usually buys or borrows lists of names, prints a brochure, dashes off a letter then crosses its organizational fingers and waits for the results. Often the first response comes from its own members who have received solicitation letters and cannot understand why the organization is "wasting" precious funds on mailings to their own members.

The truth of the matter is that it is cheaper to send the mailing than to cross-check the bought or borrowed lists against a list of current members. Hence a flood of unwanted mail and irate members.

PHS is planning a small membership campaign this fall and asks you not to take offense, but to take a challenge. We have done our best, over the summer, to eliminate our own members from the mailing lists but I am sure some of you have slipped through the cracks. If you should receive our new membership brochure and an invitation to join PHS, please see if you can add one new member to our roles. We thank you for helping us grow.

Jane G. Pepper
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Executive Director

NOMINATIONS SUBMITTED FOR ELECTIONS TO PHS COUNCIL

Members will have an opportunity to elect 13 new members to Council at the Annual Meeting, to be held on November 14 at 5:15 p.m.

Raul Betancourt, Richard Both, Willie Mae Bullock, Mary Disston, Mary Hyndman, James Nutt and Anne Putnam are all eligible for re-election and have agreed to serve again.

Martha B. Barron has chaired the Philadelphia Flower Show Judges & Awards Sub-Committee for the past two years. Currently, she handles the Junior Horticulturist Award and will chair the 1985 Flower Show Exhibitors & Awards Luncheon. Barron is former president of the Green Countrie Garden Club and is the children's choir director and assistant organist at the Oak Lane Presbyterian Church.

J. Richard Boylan, vice chairman, Provident National Bank, is an avid home gardener whose interests range from orchids to perennials. With his wife Hildegard he has exhibited in the Flower Show orchid classes for the past two years. Boylan is a member of the Board of Managers, Friends Hospital, and a trustee of Widener University and The Johns Hopkins University.

Donald L. Felley is president of Rohm and Haas Company. As a gardener, Felley enjoys an old apple orchard on his family's farm in northeastern Pennsylvania. He is a member of the executive committee of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce and chairman of the board of directors, Greater Philadelphia First Corporation. He is also a trustee of the Abington Memorial Hospital.

John P. Swan is an avid vegetable gardener in Chester County and has exhibited his produce in the Harvest Show. He is marketing communications manager at the Du Pont Company, has contributed to *Green Scene* and is a member of the PHS Public Information Committee. In addition, he is a board member of the Chester County S.P.C.A.

Sharon E. Turner is a charter member of the Philadelphia Green Advisory Board and is currently community garden chair of the Harvest Show Committee. Turner chaired the Philadelphia Green Flower Show exhibit in 1983 and 1984 and gardens in North Philadelphia. She is a graduate of the Haarlem Hospital School of Nursing and is currently Clinic Nurse, City of Philadelphia Health Department.

Jane D. Ward is chair of the 1985 Competitive Classes for the Philadelphia Flower Show. As a director of the Garden Club of America, she has served on the executive and finance committees for this organization. She is past president of the Providence Garden Club of Pennsylvania and was chair of the Flower Show rooms and tables section.

To **John Collins, Carter Dorrance, Richard Lighty and J. Liddon Pennock, Jr.**, who will retire from the Council at the end of the year, the Society expresses many thanks for their valuable participation.

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Plants have been grown and donated by PHS members and this year's plant list includes:

Perennials — *Asclepias tuberosa*, *Belamcanda chinensis*, *Campanula cochleariifolia*, *Helleborus niger*, *Funkia*, *Iris cristata*, *Lavandula angustifolia*, *Lavandula hortensis*, *Lilium formosanum*, *Mentha pulegium* 'Cunningham', *Penisetum alopecuroides*, *Phlox stolonifera* 'Sherwood Purple', *Potentilla medalantha*, *Salvia acure* var. *grandiflora*, *Viola rugulosa*

Shrubs — *Indigofera pseudotinctoria*, *Rhododendron* x 'Corsage', *Rhododendron* x 'Pink Pancake', *Rhododendron mucronulatum*, *Spirea japonica*, *Taxus baccata* 'Bloodgood'

Tree — *Magnolia virginiana* 'Milton'

Houseplants — *Punica granatum nana*, *Sinningia pusilla*

Greenhouse — *Begonia partita*, *Ehretia thyrsoiflora*, Malaysian *Rhododendrons*

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JUNIOR FLOWER SHOW WILL BE "THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH"

Calling all children aged pre-school through 12th grade . . . the 10th annual Junior Flower Show is coming to town on November 8 — 10 at the First Bank of the U.S. on Third Street between Chestnut and Walnut. PHS invites children to participate in this event by entering their horticultural and artistic creations in any of the 30 Show categories.

Come into the "Spotlight — Center Stage" with a pressed plant design, swing on "The Flying Trapeze" with a natural tree ornament or have fun "Clownin Around" with an arrangement in a hat. These are just a few of the artistic classes offered. Horticultural classes include dish gardens, terrariums, edible sprouts, garbage gardening and container grown plants.

For an entry schedule contact "The Ringmaster" at 625-8280 or write to PHS. Show hours are Thursday, November 8 from 1 — 5 pm; Friday, November 9 from 11 am — 5 pm and Saturday, November 10 from 10 am to 2 pm. Admission is free.

MAJOR AWARDS TO BE MADE AT PHS ANNUAL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 14

Sandra C. Ward, chair of the PHS Awards Committee announced the committee's decision to present three major awards this year at the Society's annual meeting.

Mary Louisa Hill will receive the 1984 Distinguished Achievement Medal. Polly Hill is well known nationally and internationally as a keen and thoughtful

observer of plants, and has received the formal accolades of professional and amateur horticulturists. For more than 20 years she has grown and evaluated a host of genera, including *Rhododendron*, *Cornus*, and *Magnolia* as well as dwarf and standard conifers at her Arboretum at Barnard's Inn Farm, Martha's Vineyard. Her meticulous records and her attention to the objective assessment of a plant's ornamental worth has resulted in the introduction and commercialization of many outstanding woody plants suitable for mid-Atlantic gardens, including several varieties of low, spreading azaleas.

F.M. Mooberry and **Mildred L. and Edward T. Thompson** will both receive Certificates of Merit.

F.M. Mooberry is a gardener with a mission — to deepen our appreciation of native plants so we will have a greater concern for, and interest in, their preservation. This gardener's mission has led her to rally a volunteer corps to develop beautiful wildflower plantings in the parking lot of the Brandywine River Museum. She has also given workshops, organized collecting trips, seed sowing activities and co-authored several publications including *Brandywine Wildflowers*, *Brandywine Trees*, *Landscaping with Native Plants* and *Grow Native Shrubs in Your Garden*.

Mildred and **Edward Thompson** are self-taught begonia experts, who have collected, grown and studied begonias for more than 25 years. They have also written extensively about these marvelous plants and in 1981 they co-authored *Begonias, The Complete Reference Guide* which is a landmark reference work in this field. Their collection at The Thompson Begonia Museum, with 1,600 different species and cultivars, is believed to be one of the largest collections of begonias in the world. The Thompsons have lectured widely and frequently open their Southampton, Long Island greenhouse to horticultural and educational groups.

Pepperpot

It was a close finish and my judging team argued heatedly on that hot August day as to who should be the first place winner in our category of the City Gardens Contest. We had seen a one-acre hillside garden above the railroad tracks in West Shore, a one-house lot in Powelton Village complete with raised beds, and then a tiny garden tucked away on a back alley in North Philadelphia where the cosmos grew among the cucumbers, and the parsley among the peppers.

In Philadelphia's community gardens, horticulture is a team effort. Judging for the contest is also a team effort and now, for the past two years, support for the contest has been a team effort. **Sun Company, Inc.** joined the Society's team in 1983 with a generous contribution, and we are happy to report their continued support for the upcoming year with a donation of \$10,000 to the Society, earmarked for the City Gardens Contest. In addition, Sun Company is working in partnership with the Society and the West Shore Civic Association to develop the West Shore Greene Country Towne whose completion we will celebrate in summer '85. The neighbors of West Shore are providing the energy, drive and enthusiasm; PHS is providing the soil, fencing, plants and seeds, and technical advice to develop gardens and green areas; Sun Company is providing technical assistance and financial help to restore porches and paint for the neighbors to redecorate house exteriors. West Shore will be green and gleaming by next August. We hope you will come and celebrate with us.

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Executive Director

New in the Library

Bonsai, Christine Stewart, London, Orbis, 1981.

Cabbage or Cauliflower?, Judith Eldridge, Boston, Godine, 1984.

Canadian Garden Perennials, A.R. Buckley, Saanichton, B.C., Canada, Hancock House, 1977.

Cattleya, Guido J. Braem, Hildesheim, West Germany, Brucke-Verlag Kurt Schmiersow, 1982.

Cooking with Herbs, Susan Belsinger, N.Y., Van Nostrand, 1984.

Eighteenth Century Life, Williamsburg, Va., William & Mary College and the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, 1984.

A Field Guide to Orchids of Britain & Europe, John G. Williams, London, Collins, 1978.

Greenline Parks, National Parks & Conservation Assoc., Washington, D.C., NPCA, 1983.

Growing Begonias, Eric Catterall, London, Croom Helm, 1984.

Growing Roses, Michael Gibson, London, Croom Helm, 1984.

Linnaeus: The man and his work, Tore Frangsmyr, editor, Berkeley, Ca., U. of California, 1983.

Mexican Landscape Architecture, Rosina Greene Kirby, Tucson, Arizona, U. of Arizona Press, 1972.

Plant Propagation for the Amateur Gardener, John I. Wright, Dorset, England, Blandford Press, 1983.

The Wild Garden, William Robinson, London, Century Publishing, 1983.

Activities

October-November Lectures, Meetings

(Open without charge to all)

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY

Wednesday, October 17, 7:30 pm

Speaker: **Jim Klawitter**

Wednesday, November 7, 7:30 pm

Workshop on Water-Maids

PHILADELPHIA INDOOR LIGHT GARDENING SOCIETY

Wednesday, October 24, 8 pm

Guest speaker: **Tom Maczko, Jr.**

Wednesday, November 28, 8 pm

Terrarium workshop

Special Events

SYMPOSIUM: HORTICULTURAL CLASSES, PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

Wednesday, October 10, 10 am

Prospective and experienced Flower Show exhibitors are encouraged to at-

tend this annual horticultural symposium.

This year's expert speakers will be **Dee Peck** on growing and showing ferns and **William Delafield** on constructing a terrarium.

Coordinators: **Margaret P. Bowditch** and **Susan P. Wilmerding**, co-chairs, horticultural classes.

SYMPOSIUM: ARRANGEMENT CLASSES, PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

Monday, October 22, 10 am

Symposium coordinators **Sanna Drake** and **Anne Letter**, co-chairs of the niche and pedestal classes, invite new and experienced exhibitors to participate in this annual seminar.

Experts will demonstrate and discuss information valuable to exhibitors: **Katie King** on mechanics for niches; **Joly Stewart** on changes in miniature classes; and **Carolyn Waite** and **Sally Humphreys**, rooms and tables.

Pat McCloud will demonstrate arranging for a pedestal.

157TH PHS ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, November 14, 5:15 pm

The Annual Meeting will be held to elect new Council members and to present three important PHS awards.

A reception will be held in the Board Room with refreshments (cash bar) following the meeting.

JUNIOR FLOWER SHOW

Thursday, November 8 —

Saturday, November 10

Come visit the Junior Flower Show at the First Bank of the U.S. on 3rd Street between Walnut and Chestnut.

Hours: Thursday, 1-5 pm; Friday, 11 am-5 pm; and Saturday, 10 am-2 pm.

Registration Events

IKEBANA WORKSHOPS

Mondays, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 10 am-1 pm

The highest ranking teachers in this area in their respective schools will teach the basics of the three major ikebana schools: **Bernice Makin** (O'Hara), Oct. 1; **Mary Witkowski** (Sogetsu) Oct. 8; and **Helen Flaig** (Ikenobo) Oct. 15.

Participants should bring a low container, needlepoint holder, clippers, and a plastic bag to carry the finished arrangement. All other materials will be supplied. Bring lunch; coffee and tea will be provided.

Fee — Members: \$45 for 3 workshops. Guests: \$50.

PROPAGATION WORKSHOP: HARD-TO-FIND HOUSEPLANTS FROM CUTTINGS

Thursday, October 4, 10 am

PHS members **Joanne C. Marano** and **Margaret P. Bowditch**, both experienced growers and exhibitors, will teach propagation techniques, and participants will plant cuttings from a variety of hard-to-find and unusual houseplants to take home.

Registration fee includes all materials.

Fee — Members: \$16. Guests: \$18. Limited to 25 participants.

FERNS: LECTURE-DEMONSTRATION Tuesday, October 9, 10 am

Barbara Varga, experienced professional fern grower, will give an illustrated talk and demonstration on ferns. Emphasis will be on cultural and general care including division and potting.

Fee — Members: \$10; Guests: \$12.

BASIC TOPIARY WORKSHOP

Thursday, October 11, 7 — 10 pm

Tuesday, October 16, 10 am — 1:30 pm

Betsy Nutt, experienced instructor of topiary techniques, will conduct two basic workshops on making and maintaining small (table-top) animal topiaries for the home.

Participants should bring pliers, wire cutters, and a cardboard box or dinner plate to transport completed project. All other materials will be provided.

Morning participants should bring a sandwich; beverages will be provided at both sessions.

Fee — Members: \$27; Guests: \$30.

Registration limited.

WORKSHOP: BASIC BONSAI FOR INDOOR CULTURE

Saturday, October 13, 9 am — 4:30 pm

Dorothy S. Young, internationally known bonsai teacher and writer, will provide hands-on instruction for shaping, wiring, pruning, potting, and developing bonsai.

In addition to the bonsai completed in class, participants will gain knowledge and skills enabling them to develop additional ones on their own.

Bring pruning shears. All other material provided.

Bring a sandwich; PHS will provide beverages and dessert.

Fee — Members: \$40; Guests: \$44.

Registration limited to 15 members and guests.

WORKSHOP: FORCING BULBS FOR WINTER ENJOYMENT

Wednesday, October 24, 10 am and 6:30 pm

Ed Lindemann, PHS horticulturist, will teach the essentials of forcing bulbs for indoor winter enjoyment in two workshops. Participants will plant tulips, *Iris reticulata*, and Muscari. All material provided.

Fee — Members: \$40; Guests: \$44.
Registration limited to 15 per session.

**MEMBERS EVENING
MASTER PLAN FOR FAIRMOUNT PARK**

Thursday, October 25

Ernesta D. Ballard, member of the Fairmount Park Commission, civic

leader, and former PHS president, will give an illustrated talk on Fairmount Park and its Master Plan for the coming decade.

Cocktails at 6 pm (donation bar); buffet, 6:45 pm; program, 7:45 pm.

Fee — Members: \$11; Guests: \$13.

ORCHID LECTURE AND DEMONSTRATION

Saturday, October 27, 10 am — 12:30 pm

Beginner and intermediate orchid enthusiasts are invited to spend a Saturday morning with John Leonard, expert orchid hobbyist, who will give an illustrated lecture and demonstration on growing orchids indoors.

Fee — Members: \$6; Guests: \$8.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEMBERS EVENING

Thursday, November 1

Friends of the Library will receive invitations to hear Ellen Samuels describe some of the gardens she has become acquainted with while co-authoring with Rosemary Verey the *American Woman's Garden*. Three PHS members' gardens are included in this soon-to-be published book, the newest in a series which includes the *Englishwoman's Garden* and the *Englishman's Garden*.

Reservations from Friends of the Library will receive preference until October 15. After the 15th this event will be open to all PHS members. If you would like to become a Friend of the Library, contact Mary Lou Wolfe at 625-8268.

Cocktails at 6 pm (donation bar); buffet, 6:45 pm; program, 7:45 pm

Fee — Members: \$11; Guests: \$13.

Reservations:

Clip and mail reservations to:
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Reservations accepted by mail only; include full payment. Use this form below to speed processing. All events are held at PHS unless otherwise stated. Confirmations for events at PHS are not mailed; unless you hear otherwise, we will expect you. Field trip confirmations with important trip information are mailed. There is limited space for all activities (except garden visits.) Each activity is listed in two consecutive issues of the *PHS News*.

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IKEBANA WORKSHOPS

Members \$45 _____ Guests \$50 _____

**PROPAGATION WORKSHOP:
HOUSEPLANTS FROM CUTTINGS**

Members \$16 _____ Guests \$18 _____

FERNS: LECTURE-DEMONSTRATION

Members \$10 _____ Guests \$12 _____

BASIC TOPIARY WORKSHOP

October 11, 7-10 pm _____

October 16, 10 am - 1:30 pm _____

Members \$27 _____ Guests \$30 _____

BASIC BONSAI WORKSHOP

Members \$40 _____ Guests \$44 _____

WORKSHOP: FORCING BULBS

10 am _____ 6:30 pm _____

Members \$40 _____ Guests \$44 _____

MEMBERS EVENING —

ERNESTA D. BALLARD

Members \$11 _____ Guests \$13 _____

ORCHID LECTURE-DEMONSTRATION

Members \$6 _____ Guests \$8 _____

MEMBERS EVENING —

ELLEN SAMUELS

Members \$11 _____ Guests \$13 _____

BASKETRY WORKSHOPS (3 sessions)

9:30 _____ 1 pm _____

Members \$55 _____ Guests \$60 _____

FLOWER ARRANGING FOR ENJOYMENT

Members \$32 _____ Guests \$36 _____

MEMBERS EVENING —

MARY HOPKINS

Members \$6 _____ Guests \$8 _____

MEMBERS EVENING —

ALLEN PATERSON

Members \$11 _____ Guests \$13 _____

BEGONIA LECTURE —

DEMONSTRATION

10 am _____ 1:30 pm _____

Members \$10 _____ Guests \$12 _____

GREEN SCENE

WRITING COURSE

Members \$50 _____

Please send brochure for Perennials Conference.

Please send Holiday Show entry form.

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BASKETRY WORKSHOPS

Tuesday, November 6, 13, 20

Susan Schnur, folk basketry expert, has taught at Lock House II, the Smithsonian, Philadelphia College of Art, and Museum of Contemporary Crafts in N.Y.

Back by popular demand, Susan will teach two three-session courses on folk basketry November 6, 13, and 20.

The beginner series (9:30 am — 12:30 pm) will include techniques for completing the Shaker cheese, wickerwork, and Scottish melon baskets with emphasis on local natural materials. Bring lunch; coffee and tea provided.

The intermediate series (1-4 pm) will feature some sophisticated miniatures, Appalachian egg, and Cherokee splint baskets with emphasis on local natural materials.

All participants must bring a bucket, scissors, and a matte or utility knife. All other materials will be provided.

Fee for three classes — Members: \$55; Guests: \$60.

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FLOWER ARRANGING FOR ENJOYMENT

Wednesday, November 7, 14 10 am — 12:30 pm

Kate Swope, designer, consultant, author, and instructor, will help beginners create and enjoy their compositions in a non-competitive, relaxed atmosphere.

Students should bring the following: 1st session, clippers; 2nd session, flowers and container.

Bring lunch; coffee and tea provided.
Fee — Members: \$32; Guests: \$36.

MEMBERS EVENING

Thursday, November 8, 5:30 — 7:30

Mary B. Hopkins, noted landscape design consultant and lecturer, will give an illustrated talk, "The Classical Garden and its Contribution to Garden Design Throughout the Ages".

Mary's knowledge of gardening has evolved over many years of practical experience, extensive research and travel.

Fee — Members: \$6; Guests: \$8.

MEMBERS EVENING

Wednesday, November 14, 6 pm

Allen Paterson, director of the Royal Botanical Gardens in Hamilton, Ontario, and former curator of London's Chelsea Physic Garden, will present an illustrated talk, "Chelsea Physic Garden, Past and Present".

Cocktails: 6 pm (donation bar); buffet, 6:45 pm; program, 7:45 pm.

Fee — Members: \$11; Guests: \$13.

BEGONIA LECTURE-DEMONSTRATION

Thursday, November 15, 10 am and 1:30 pm

Mildred and Edward Thompson, renowned begonia experts will present two lecture-demonstrations on begonias. Topics will include general culture, varieties, and begonias for terrariums. A question and answer period will follow.

Mildred and Ed Thompson are co-authors of *Begonias: The Complete Reference Guide* and own and operate the Thompson Begonia Museum believed to be one of the largest collections of begonias in the world.

Fee — Members: \$10; Guests: \$12.

GREEN SCENE WRITING COURSE

Thursday, Nov. 15, 5:30 — 7:30 pm

Saturday, Nov. 17, 9:30 am — 2:30 pm

Tuesday, Nov. 20, 5:30 — 7:30 pm

Here's an opportunity for the closet writer to get ideas into article form and his/her name into print in *Green Scene* and other publications.

This three-session course will cover how to sharpen your ideas, write, edit and rewrite. It will be team-taught by Jean Byrne, editor of *Green Scene* and Elaine Rose, free lance writer and a former editor of *Sun Magazine* (of Sun Company) and other corporate publications. Group participation will be emphasized.

Fee — Members: \$50; limited to 12 persons. Bring a sandwich; PHS will provide beverages and dessert.

Other Events

Perennials for The Landscape and Garden Center Industries

Monday, October 15, 8:30 am — 4:30 pm

Conference to be co-sponsored by Scott Horticultural Foundation, Swarthmore College, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, Pennsylvania Nurserymen's Association, and Cooperative Extension Service, The Pennsylvania State University. Topics include designing with perennials, perennials for sun, shade and special situations; merchandising perennials and maintaining perennials in the landscape. Please check box on reservation form to receive brochure, or call **Scott Horticultural Foundation 215-447-7025.**

"Beautiful Gardens in Europe and Britain", a series of three lectures at PHS, is being offered by the College of General Studies of the University of Pennsylvania **October 16, 23, 30.** Jane Pepper (Executive Director of PHS), Colvin Randall (Publicity Coordinator of Longwood Gardens), and Judith Zuk (Executive Director of the Scott Foundation) will take you in this slide-illustrated lecture series to the gardens of England, Scotland, and France. For information, call Marion Bell, 898-6479/6493.

ENTER THE PHS HOLIDAY COMPETITION December 3 — 28, 1984

Join us on a trip "Around the World at Holiday Time" by entering the 1984 PHS Holiday Show.

We hope to provide each visitor with some measure of holiday inspiration, to stress horticultural information and to suggest design ideas suitable for the home.

Exhibitors may enter any of the 11 horticultural and design classes. The trees of Christmas; piñatas, gingerbread houses and door decorations are just a few of the categories.

Let your imagination roam to far away lands and enter this festive holiday display. Request an entry form on the reservations blank on page three or call 625-8250. Entries will be staged November 28 and 29 from 9 am to 5 pm. For further information call Joe Kerwin at 625-8262.

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HARVEST SHOW HIGHLIGHTS

In spite of a rather wet growing season, the Harvest Show boasted some 1995 entries of crisp garden vegetables, artistic arrangements, delicate blossoms and exquisite samples of homemade preserves, breads, wines and vinegar.

Our new look, a dozen tents lining the Horticulture Center's reflecting pool, gave visitors a seasonal stroll through exhibits of dried flowers, honeybees, hardy hollies, and horticultural therapy. This autumn scene was enhanced by two days of sunshine and a park full of visitors.

PHS AWARDS

The PHS Harvest Show Certificates of Excellence were awarded to **Bartram's Garden** for their exhibit "Harvesting the Maples: Maple Sugaring" and **Friends Hospital** for their exhibit "Say it with flowers — Tussie Mussie." **William D. Coppens** took the PHS Gardener's Sweepstakes for his 15 blue ribbons. For the second year in a row **The Seedlings**, of Kennett Square picked up the PHS Club Sweepstakes Certificate, and **4300-4310 Sansom Street** garden once again received the PHS Community Garden Sweepstakes for its 17 blue ribbons.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE GARDEN CLUB AWARDS

Robin Engle Lippincott won the Creativity Award for her entry in the "Down the Garden Path" design class and **Elise Payne** won the Award of Horticultural Excellence for her entry of five squashes in a basket. The Award of Merit was given to **Marjorie Egee** for her celosia; **William D. Coppens** for his marigold; **Mrs. Robert Galloway** for her zinnia; **Erich Meitzner** for his dahlia and **Mr. and Mrs. Jack M. Bilson, Jr.** for roses.

The Arboreal Award was given to **Irene Slater** of The American Rock Garden Society and **Friends Hospital** received the Educational Award. The Junior Achievement Award for design was given to **Elizabeth Flounders** and to **Ann Coyne** for horticulture; the Intermediate Meritorious Award for grades 7 through 9 went to **Denise Vila** and **Jonathan Fingerhut** for design and horticulture respectively.

GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION OF PENNSYLVANIA AWARDS

Mabel Engle received the Special Recognition Award for an artistic design; The Educational and Conservation Silver Award went to **The Melmark Home**.

DISTRICT 1 AWARD

Mabel Engle and **Robin Engle Lippincott** won the District 1 Trophy for their design in the table class.

CIVIC CENTER GETS A NEW LOOK

The Philadelphia Civic Center is sporting a rather handsome new face these days — a much greener face, compliments of PHS.

Recognizing the need for an attractive exterior to one of Philadelphia's most visible buildings, PHS entered an agreement with the City to plant and maintain the Civic Center landscaping year round.

The plantings consist of 12 Kwanzan cherry trees, 200 Pfitzer junipers and assorted Japanese yews and Leyland cypress trees.

AREA CHILDREN GEAR UP FOR JUNIOR FLOWER SHOW

This month's Show will take visitors on a magical tour of artistic and horticultural creations by nearly 800 local

children ranging in age from preschool through 12th grade.

This annual competition permits young people to compare and exchange their horticultural knowledge and artistic ability with one another.

The Junior Flower Show will be held on Thursday, November 8 from 1 — 5 pm; Friday, November 9 from 11 am — 5 pm and Saturday, November 10 from 10 — 2 pm at The First Bank of the U.S. on Third Street between Chestnut and Walnut Sts. Admission is free.

SHOW OFF YOUR ARTISTIC TALENTS AT THE 1984 PHS HOLIDAY SHOW

Entries are still being accepted for this year's Show "Around the World at Holiday Time." Exhibitors may enter in any of 11 artistic and horticultural categories.

Categories range from festive door decorations to a New Year's Eve table setting.

The Holiday Show will be held December 3 through 29 from 9 am to 5 pm and on the weekend of **December 15 and 16 from 11 am to 4 pm**. Call Joe Kerwin for an exhibitor's schedule at 625-8262 or check the box on page three in the Reservations Section.

PHS IS OFFERING A \$1,000 AWARD TO THE OUTSTANDING JUNIOR HORTICULTURIST IN THE DELAWARE VALLEY

To qualify for this award, students must be high school seniors who best demonstrate a real interest in horticulture and dedication to one or more horticultural projects or activities.

Interested students are asked to write for an application and details before December 14, 1984 to Lisa Stephano at PHS or call 625-8250. Deadline for returning application and related materials is January 11, 1985. Winner will be notified by March 1, 1985.

New in the Library

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Botany Illustrated, Janice Glimn-Lacy, New York, Van Nostrand, 1984.

Bridges and Cupolas, Richard Strombeck, Delafield, Wisconsin, Sun Designs, 1981.

Classic Garden Design, Rosemary Verey, New York, Congdon and Weed, 1984.

The Complete Handbook of Garden Plants, Michael Wright, New York, 1984.

Foliage Pot Plant Manual, Grower Books, London, Grower Books, 1983.

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How to Propagate Plants, Jack Plumridge, Melbourn, Australia, 1983.

More than Meets the Eye, J. Ward-Harris, Toronto, Oxford University Press, 1983.

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Activities

November-December

Lectures, Meetings

(Open without charge to all)

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY

Wednesday, November 7, 7:30 pm

Wednesday, December 12, 7:30 pm

PHILADELPHIA INDOOR LIGHT GARDENING SOCIETY

Wednesday, November 28, 8 pm

Terrarium workshop

For information call Barbara Cheyney
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Special Events

JUNIOR FLOWER SHOW

Thursday, November 8-

Saturday, November 10

Come visit the Junior Flower Show at the First Bank of the U.S. on 3rd Street between Walnut and Chestnut.

Hours: Thursday, 1-5 pm; Friday, 11 am-5 pm; and Saturday, 10 am - 2 pm.

157th PHS ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, November 14, 5:15 pm

The Annual Meeting will be held to elect new Council members and to present three important PHS awards.

A reception will be held in the Board Room with refreshments (cash bar) following the meeting.

OPEN HOUSE AND CANDLELIGHT STROLL

Thursday, December 20, 3-6 pm

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The PHS Open House from 4-6 pm offers a prime time to see "Around the World at Holiday Time", this year's PHS holiday exhibit. Refreshments will be served.

Registration Events

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEMBERS EVENING

Thursday, November 1

Ellen Samuels will describe some of the gardens she has become acquainted with while co-authoring with Rosemary Verey the *American Woman's Garden*.

If you would like to become a Friend of the Library, contact Mary Lou Wolfe at 625-8268.

Cocktails at 6 pm (donation bar); buffet, 6:45 pm; program 7:45 pm.

Fee — Members:\$11; Guests: \$13.

BASKETRY WORKSHOPS

Tuesday, November 6, 13, 20

Susan Schnur will teach two three-session courses on folk basketry November 6, 13 and 20.

The beginner series (9:30 am — 12:30 pm) will include techniques for com-



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What better way to celebrate the holidays than by giving a friend a year's membership in PHS. This year round pleasure provides a free plant, subscriptions to the award-winning *Green Scene* magazine and *PHS News*, a free ticket to the Philadelphia Flower Show and The Harvest Show, as well as advance notice on clinics, trips and many other activities.

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pleting the Shaker cheese, wickerwork, and Scottish melon baskets with emphasis on local natural materials. Bring lunch; coffee and tea provided.

The intermediate series (1-4 pm) will feature some sophisticated miniatures, Appalachian egg, and Cherokee splint baskets with emphasis on local natural materials.

All participants must bring a bucket, scissors, and a mat or utility knife. All other materials will be provided.

Fee for three classes — Members: \$55; Guests: \$60.

**WORKSHOP:
FLOWER ARRANGING FOR
ENJOYMENT**

Wednesday, November 7, 14 10 am — 12:30 pm

"Fresh flowers add color and beauty to a home, and a little skill can transform an ordinary "bunch" into a beautiful arrangement. Flower arranging is easy to learn, does not have to be expensive, and has few set rules," says **Kate Swope** — designer, consultant, author, and instructor.

Kate will help beginners create and enjoy their compositions in a non-competitive, relaxed atmosphere. Students bring their own materials; 1st ses-

sions: clippers; 2nd session: desired flowers and container.

Bring lunch; coffee and tea provided.
Fee — Members: \$32; Guests: \$36.

**MEMBERS EVENING
THE CLASSICAL GARDEN**

Thursday, November 8, 5:30 — 7:30

Mary B. Hopkins, noted landscape design consultant and lecturer, will give an illustrated talk "The Classical Garden and its Contribution to Garden Design Through the Ages."

Mary's knowledge of gardening has evolved over many years of practical experience, extensive research and travel.

Fee — Members \$6; Guests: \$8.

**MEMBERS EVENING
CHELSEA PHYSIC GARDEN**

Wednesday, November 14, 6 pm

Allen Paterson, director of the Royal Botanical Gardens in Hamilton, Ontario, and former curator of the historic Chelsea Physic Garden, will present an illustrated talk, "Chelsea Physic Garden, Past and Present."

Cocktails: 6 pm (donation bar); buffet, 6:45 pm. program, 7:45 pm.

Fee: Members \$11; Guests \$13.

**BEGONIA LECTURE—
DEMONSTRATION
Thursday, November 15, 10 am and 1:30 pm**

Mildred and Edward Thompson, renowned begonia experts, will present a lecture-demonstration on begonias at 10 am and 1:30 pm. Topics will include general culture, varieties, and begonias for terrariums. A question and answer period will follow.

Mildred and Ed Thompson are co-authors of *Begonias: The Complete Reference Guide* and own and operate the Thompson Begonia Museum believed to be one the largest collections of begonias in the world.

These lectures are a very special treat. Be sure to reserve early.

Fee: Members \$10; Guests \$12.

**GREEN SCENE WRITING COURSE
Thursday, Nov. 15, 5:30 — 7:30 pm
Saturday, Nov. 17, 9:30 am — 2:30 pm
Tuesday, Nov. 20, 5:30 — 7:30 pm**

Here's an opportunity for the closet writer to get ideas into article form and his/her name into print in *Green Scene* and other publications.

This three-session course will cover how to sharpen your ideas, write, edit and rewrite. It will be team-taught by Jean Byrne, editor of *Green Scene* and Elaine Rose, free lance writer and a former editor of *Sun Magazine* (of Sun Company) and other corporate publications. Group participation will be emphasized.

Fee — Members: \$50; limited to 12 persons. Bring a sandwich; PHS will provide beverage and dessert.

**GREEN WREATH WORKSHOPS
December 13, 10 am and 6 pm**

Two workshops will be given by **Peggy Devine** and **Joe Kerwin**, PHS assistant horticulturist. Ribbon, a 10" frame, greens and decorative materials will be provided. Bring your own clippers. After a how-to demonstration, you can create your own wreath.

Seasonal refreshment. Fee — Members: \$18; Guests: \$20.

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Members \$11 _____ Guests \$13 _____
BASKETRY WORKSHOPS (3 sessions)
9:30 _____ 1 pm _____
Members \$55 _____ Guests \$60 _____
WORKSHOP: FLOWER ARRANGING FOR ENJOYMENT
Members \$32 _____ Guests \$36 _____
MEMBERS EVENING — ALLEN PATERSON
Members \$11 _____ Guests \$13 _____
MEMBERS EVENING MARY HOPKINS
Members \$6 _____ Guests \$8 _____

BEGONIA LECTURE — DEMONSTRATION
10 am _____ 1:30 pm _____
GREEN SCENE WRITING COURSE
Members \$50 _____ Guests \$55 _____
GREEN WREATH WORKSHOPS
10 am _____ 6 pm _____
Members \$18 _____ Guests \$20 _____
FIELD TRIP — BRANDYWINE-WINTERHUR-LONGWOOD
Members \$36 _____ Guests \$39 _____

Please send me a 1984 Holiday Show exhibitor's schedule.

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Pepperpot

PHS Committee members are supposed to have some downtime in the summer so they can get out into the garden. Members of the Long Range Planning Committee however knew they could not afford to rest if they were to reach agreement on their final report for presentation to Council in September.

The full text of the Committee's report containing Mission, Principles and a statement of Strategic direction, is on file at the Society, and we will be happy to share it with our members. The abbreviated version of the Society's purpose, as determined by the committee reads as follows:

- to collect and disseminate information about horticulture and to make that knowledge available to as many people as possible;
- to inspire a taste for horticulture; and
- to cause people to act on that inspiration.

Thanks to the Committee, **William MacDowell, Chair; Raul Betancourt, Jean Bodine, Herb Clarke, Richard Lighty, Elizabeth Lippincott, Mamie Nichols, Anne Putnam, Robert Ryan, Susan Stauffer, Eugene Szymkowiak, Sharon Turner, Frederick Voight and Clarence Wurts** the Society has a carefully considered blueprint to follow and the task ahead is to make sure we meet the goals expressed in the committee's report. PHS volunteers are at it again, working away to keep the organization in peak bloom. We thank you.

PHS has lost several good friends in the past few months: **Lois T. Burpee**, who generously shared her horticultural knowledge and her garden with so many of our members, also played an important role at PHS recently when she grew all the vegetables for the Philadelphia Green show exhibit in the 1983 Philadelphia Flower Show.

Dorothy Sims Keith was active in the Garden Club of America and a distinguished exhibitor in the Philadelphia Flower Show. She was also a shining example to many younger gardeners, patiently demonstrating the techniques that had helped her to win so many blue ribbons.

John Kistler, who served two terms as a PHS Council member, also played an important role in the Philadelphia Flower Show as its designer from 1976

to 1979. A contributor to *Green Scene* and an enthusiastic member of the American Rock Garden Society, John also generously shared the garden he and his wife Anita developed near West Chester.

Jane

Jane G. Pepper
Executive Director

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Field Trip

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS AT BRANDWINE RIVER MUSEUM, WINTERTHUR AND LONGWOOD
Tuesday, December 5, 8:45 am
— 7 pm

A full day beginning with 'A Brandywine Christmas' in Chadds Ford. Then to Winterthur for an early lunch in the Garden Pavilion and browsing in Winterthur's shops. We have scheduled a tour of 18 American Sampler rooms in the Washington Wing followed by a 'Yuletide' tour of 15 rooms in the Main Museum decorated for the season.

At Longwood Gardens the Conservatory display of poinsettias and other holiday flowers and "Twas the night Before Christmas" display will be seen.

Departure after sundown when 80 outdoor trees are sparkling with 35,000 lights.

Directions for bus pick-up in Center City and Horticulture Center will be sent to registrants. Fee of \$36.00, members and \$39.00 for guests, includes

transportation, all entrance fees and guides, and refreshments on the return trip (lunch not included).

AN AWARD TO A LANDLORD

On Wednesday, November 14 at the Society's Annual Meeting, Jane Pepper will present an award to the Independence National Historical Park for being "the perfect landlord" for PHS for 20 years.

The Park has provided the Society with a gracious, elegant and well appointed home here on Walnut Street. They have taken care of our every need — be it carpenters to fix our doors and shelves or heating and air conditioning specialists to keep us toasty in winter and cool in summer.

We admire the overall appearance of the Park and its buildings, which are home away from home for more than four million visitors each year. And we thank the Independence National Historical Park for our special home on the anniversary of our 20th year as a tenant in the Park.

AN ITALIAN AFFAIR

In late May, 1985, Executive Director **Jane Pepper** will lead a tour to the gardens and villas of Italy in cooperation with Marchesa Nicoletta Pucci and Tours a la Carte of Strafford, Pa. Rome, Florence and the beautiful Hotel Villa d'Este near Lake Como, will be our watering spots for this 14-day excursion. Among the attractions we will visit: Villa Lante, Villa Pietra, Gamberaia, and Villa Garzoni. Brochures will be mailed to all PHS members shortly.

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CAPTURE THE SPIRIT AND VISIT THE PHS HOLIDAY SHOW — December 3 - 21

Strings of garland, natural wreaths and decorated trees will deck the hall of PHS during this festive holiday month.

This year's exhibitors, **Ellen Combs Davis, Mario DiPuppo, Kathleen Mayfield, Cheryl Phillips, Patricia Young** and **Rosemarie Vassalluzzo** will interpret the Show theme "Around the World at Holiday Time" with their natural creations.

Show hours are 9 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday and on **Saturday and Sunday, December 15 and 16 from 11 am to 4 pm.**

PHILADELPHIA GREEN COMMUNITY GARDENERS CAP OFF ANOTHER TERRIFIC YEAR

Some 440 gardeners attended this year's Annual Recognition Dinner held in October at the Philadelphia Centre Hotel under the leadership of Dinner chair **Mary W. Brown.**

Constance E. Clayton, Superintendent of Schools for Philadelphia, delivered a powerful speech as this year's guest speaker, stressing her commitment to quality education for Philadelphia's school children. Clayton commended the Society for the Green the School Grounds Program noting that it enabled students to take pride in their school as well as their community.

J. Blaine Bonham, Director of Philadelphia Green, praised gardeners for their tremendous contribution to the greening of Philadelphia and announced that due to this year's greening

efforts nearly three and one-half acres of land have come under cultivation as vegetable gardens, sitting gardens and lot improvement projects. Over 2,000 additional wine barrels, cement planters and window boxes planted with flowers and shrubs and 110 street trees now line 70 more streets. These successful projects bring the total number of the Society's ongoing greening projects to almost 900.

Members of the Philadelphia Green Dinner Committee, **Mary Brown, Rod-nell Griffin, Marie Bryant, Willie Mae Bullock, Rena Ennis, Brenda Nealy, Donna Thorpe, Janet Williams** and **Grover Willis** presented some 140 awards to community gardeners. Of these, four special Green Thumb of the Year awards were given to **Rachel Bagby, James Taylor** and **Leonard Shirrod**, and to the **West Shore Beautification Committee**. **Chinatown Community Gardeners** were given the Green Thumb of the Decade Award for maintaining their site at 10th & Vine for 10 years. Sadly, the garden will fall next year to the construction of the Vine Street Expressway.

POINT BREEZE WINNER

November 13 was a banner day for **Mamie Nichols** when she became the first recipient of the **Mellon Bank Good Neighbor Award**, established in honor of "an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the area's quality of life." As executive director of the **Point Breeze Federation**, Mamie has done wonders in her community, including the completion of the Point Breeze Greene Countrie Towne in cooperation with the Federation and their Beautification Committee under the leadership of **Haroldine Trower**. Mellon's Good Neighbor Award includes a \$10,000 grant to a nonprofit organization associated with the individual recipient. The Point Breeze Federation will benefit greatly from this generous donation.

PHS WILL BE CLOSED

December 24, 25, 31 and January 1

DOES THIS GARDEN LOOK FAMILIAR?

THE AMERICAN WOMAN'S GARDEN co-authored by **Rosemary Verey** and **Ellen Samuels** has arrived at PHS and three of our members' gardens are beautifully represented. **Pamela Copeland's** woodland pond garden at Mt. Cuba adorns the cover, **Ann McPhail's** unique city garden is pictured from a crow's perspective and **Joanna Reed's** garden, Longview Farm shines in the country garden section. These contributors chosen from the Delaware Valley are in the company of some of the best gardeners in the United States. **Rosemary Verey**, whose garden at Barnsely House in the Cotswolds has been visited by many Philadelphians, gives her English view of the American woman's garden and says "It is the elements the gardeners contend with, not their approach, that is different." Each woman whose garden is included writes informally about her garden and **Ellen Samuels** concludes with "Notes of an American Garden Traveler."

THE AMERICAN WOMAN'S GARDEN can be borrowed from the library or purchased from the PHS sales counter.

To borrow books by mail call 625-8256.

SPECIAL TOUR

Winter Gardens and Greenhouses in Society Hill, Main Line, Chestnut Hill/Jenkintown Sunday, January 27. Check details in January *PHS NEWS*.

New in the Library

Anything Grows, Sheryl London, Emmaus, PA, Rodale Press, 1984.

A Colour Atlas of Fruit Pests, David V. Alford, London, Wolfe, 1983.

A Colour Atlas of Poisonous Plants, Dietrich Frohne, London, Wolfe, 1983 (reference)

Drawn from Nature, Charles Van Ravenswaay, Washington, D.C., Smithsonian, 1984.

Fences & Gates, Walkways, Walls & Drives, E. Annie Proulx, Emmaus, PA, Rodale Press, 1983.

From Flower to Fruit, Anne Ophelia Dowden, New York, Crowell, 1984. (Juvenile)

Horticultural Reviews, vol. 5, Jules Janick, ed., Westport, CT, AVI Publishing, 1983.

In a Gloucestershire Garden, Canon Ellacombe, London, Century, Deer Park, Wis., Capability's Books, c.1982, c.1895.

Natural Basketry, Carol & Dan Hart, New York, Watson-Guptill, 1976.

Nature into Art, Handasyde Buchanan, New York, Mayflower, 1979.

The Pine Tree Book, Russell Peterson, New York, Brandywine, 1980.

Texas in Bloom, College Station, Texas, Texas A & M Univ. Press, 1984.

Trees in the Landscape, Graham Stuart Thomas. London, Jonathan Cape, 1983.

The PHS Hotline will be closed for the month of December. January 2, we will resume normal hours of operation — Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.
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Activities

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HOLIDAY EXHIBIT

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HOUSE PLANT CLINIC

Sunday, January 13, 1-5 pm

Bring your ailing house plants (or a specimen) for PHS horticulturists **Ed Lindemann** and **Joe Kerwin** to diagnose your plant problems on Sunday afternoon between 1 and 4:30 pm. Be sure to package your plants carefully to protect them from the cold weather.

Parking is permitted on the south side of Walnut Street on Sundays.

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Seasonal refreshments. Fee — Members: \$18; Guests: \$20.

MEMBERS' LATE AFTERNOON PROGRAM HERBS — LEGEND AND HISTORY

Tuesday, January 15, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

"Herbs — Legend and History", will be the first in a series of programs in '85 in the Society's Celebration of Herbs.

Our guest speaker, **Bertha P. Reppert** is an herb expert who has written two books, *A Heritage of Herbs* and soon to be published *Herbs Today*. She is also the owner of Rosemary House in Mechanicsburg, Pa. and is an experienced gardener, lecturer, and columnist.

The program will begin at 5:30 pm, followed by wine and nibbles.

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MEMBERS EVENING — HISTORY OF ENGLISH GARDENS

Wednesday, January 23, 6 pm

"Off the Garden Path", will be the subject of an illustrated talk by **Elizabeth McLean**, garden historian, researcher, and tour organizer. In tune with the '85 Flower Show theme, "A Touch of Britain", Ms McLean will give an historian's view of English gardens including the history of the Chelsea Flower Show.

Cocktails: 6 pm (donation bar); buffet, 6:45 pm; program, 7:45 pm.

Fee — Members: \$13; Guests: \$15

PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Saturday, January 26, 9 am - 3 pm

Dick Keen, Longwood Gardens staff photographer, will repeat last year's highly successful one day workshop covering these aspects of photography: camera selection and operation, lenses, film, lighting, exposure, composition, special effects, slide showmanship and a section on portraits and close-ups. His teaching aid is a multi-image nine projector set-up.

Registration is limited. Bring lunch; coffee and tea provided. Fee: Members \$35.00, Guests \$38.00.

Snow date: February 23

WORKSHOP/DEMONSTRATION: ENGLISH TROUGH GARDEN CONSTRUCTION

Saturday, February 2, 10 am — 3 pm

English trough gardens are becoming very popular in America. They are fun to construct and to plant, and require little care after planting. Extremely adaptable to both the city patio and the country garden, troughs have an interesting effect on the plants in them.

Alan Slack, experienced propagator and longtime member of PHS, will provide detailed instructions, and the construction and planting of a trough will be fully demonstrated. Come and experience the fun of constructing and planting a trough.

Bring a sandwich; beverages and dessert will be provided.

Fee — Members: \$14; Guests: \$16.

Fields Trips

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS AT BRANDYWINE RIVER MUSEUM WINTERTHUR AND LONGWOOD

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STATE FARM SHOW AND CAPITOL Thursday, January 17, 8 am — 6 pm

This will be PHS's fourth bus trip to Harrisburg to see the State Farm Show (held in mid-winter when farmers are not busy with planting, births or harvests) and the Capitol. Pennsylvania's Capitol, considered the most beautiful capitol building in the U.S., will be the first stop. Featured are murals by Violet Oakley and Edwin Austin Abbey and tile mosaics in the rotunda floor made at the Mercer Tile Works. A tour given by chief capitol guide **Sara Kugler** will be a delight for all.

Box lunch will be eaten on the bus; then we go to the largest indoor farm show in the country to see hundreds of exhibits including beautifully groomed percherons, just-hatched chicks, and continuous competition in the arenas.

Fee of \$25.00 for members and \$27.00 for guests includes refreshments on the bus. Bring a box lunch or order one for \$6.50. Directions for bus pick-up from Center City and Fairmount Park Horticulture Center will be mailed to registrants.

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OF ENGLISH GARDENS

Members: \$13 _____ Guests: \$15 _____

PHOTOGRAPHY SEMINAR

Members: \$35 _____ Guests: \$38 _____

DEMONSTRATION: ENGLISH

TROUGH GARDEN

CONSTRUCTION

Members: \$14 _____ Guests: \$16 _____

FIELD TRIP — HOLIDAY

DECORATIONS AT BRANDYWINE,

WINTERTHUR, LONGWOOD

Members: \$36 _____ Guests: \$39 _____

FIELD TRIP — STATE FARM SHOW

AND CAPITOL

Members: \$25 _____ Guests: \$27 _____

Box lunch \$6.50 _____

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LEADERSHIP CHANGES

The health and success of your Society depends not only on the vitality and strength of its volunteer leadership, but also on the principle of rotation. Council members are invited to serve for a three-year term, with the option to serve one additional consecutive term. Starting in January, we will welcome the following as new Council members:

Martha Barron, Richard J. Boylan, Donald L. Felley, John Swan, Sharon Turner and Jane Ward.

Our officers will also change this year and I wish to express special thanks to **Jean Bodine**, who has served as a Council member for several years and as a vice president for the past four years. With her enthusiasm for PHS programs — the Flowers Show, the Preview Dinner and latterly our community outreach projects — Jean has played an important role in the development of the Society over the past ten years.

Henry H. Reichner, Jr., who has served as the Society's president for the past four years, after two terms on Council, will also be greatly missed as he relinquishes his post at the end of the year. Hank has been a great leader for volunteers and staff, needing a little here, goading a little there, but in the end enabling all parties to reach agreement and progress in harmony. This is a rare skill and we are grateful to have had his enthusiastic participation. We hope that both Jean and Hank will continue to be involved in the Society when they retire from their formal positions.

Starting in January the new team will be as follows: **Robert S. Ryan**, chair; **Anne B. Putnam** and **J. Liddon Pennock, Jr.**, vice chairs; **Richard W. Lighty**, Secretary; **Elizabeth H. Lippincott**, treasurer, and **Jane G. Pepper**, president. Stay tuned for the January News for a profile of the Society's new chair.

Jane

Jane G. Pepper
Executive Director

CALENDARS FOR SALE

Two striking 1985 calendars are hot off the press from The Winterthur Museum and Gardens and The Fairmount Park Council for Historic Sites.

Winterthur's calendar called "The Winterthur Garden Sampler" features seasonal scenes of Winterthur, photo-

graphed by **Gottlieb Hampfler**, with horticultural information provided on the plantings pictured. This wall calendar measures 10" x 12" and is available at PHS (\$7.95) and by calling 1-800-441-8229; Delaware residents call 656-8591 ext. 405 or write to Winterthur Book and Plant Shop, Winterthur Garden Sampler, Style #212-0170, Winterthur Museum and Gardens Winterthur, DE 19735. The price is \$5.95 plus \$1.50 for shipping.

The Fairmount Park 1985 Calendar is a beautiful collection of seasonal photos of the Park by **Peter N. Odell**. This calendar measures 8 1/2" x 11" and is available either at the PHS Gift Shop (\$6.95) or through the mail from John Bartram House and Garden, 54th & Lindbergh Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19143 (\$7.50). Profits from the calendar support educational programs of the Fairmount Park Council for Historic Sites.

Other Events

HOLIDAY GREENS SALE AT BARTRAM'S GARDEN

54th & Lindbergh Blvd., Phila.

December 14, 15, 16

10 am — 4 pm

For information call (215) 729-5281.

HORTICULTURE CENTER CHRISTMAS SHOP

November 30, December 1st and 2nd

10 am — 4 pm

At Fairmount Park Horticulture Center, Horticultural Drive and Belmont Avenue; admission 50¢. Phone (215) MU6-1776, ext. 81-287.

MORRIS ARBORETUM HOLLY AND GREENS SALE

At the Hillcrest Pavillion, Hillcrest Ave., off Germantown Ave., Chestnut Hill (215) 247-5777.

PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW AIDES NEEDED

Aides are needed in the Show's Horticultural Section on Friday, March 1 from 12:45 to 3:00 pm and on Saturday, March 2; Tuesday, March 5 and Friday, March 8 from 6:45 to 10:00 am. Horticultural experiences is desirable.

Aides are needed for Arrangement Section on Saturday, March 2 through Saturday, March 9 (except Sunday, March 3) from 7:00 to 10:00 am.

Hospitality aides are needed Saturday, March 2 through Saturday, March 9 (except Sunday, March 3) from 7:00 to 9:30 am. Barrier aides are needed on Saturday, March 2 through Sunday, March 9 (except Sunday, March 3) from 8:00 am to noon and from 9:15 am to noon.

If interested, please check the appropriate box on page 3 in Reservations section.

JUNIOR HORTICULTURIST ENTRY DEADLINE DRAWS NEAR

Students interested in applying for the 1984 Junior Horticulturist Award should apply for application details by December 14, 1984. Write to Lisa Stephano at PHS for application and information. Deadline for returning completed applications is January 11, 1985.

This year's winner will receive a cash award of \$1,000.

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PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

March 3 — 10, 1985

A magnificent Touch of Britain — Our Garden Heritage opens at the Philadelphia Civic Center on March 3 for a week long look at the best in American and British gardening traditions.

Starting off the Show in the main aisle is the central feature created by **Gale Nurseries of Gwynedd, Pa.** Here, elegant knot gardens, colorful perennials, stately walled gardens and a formal rose garden will greet Show visitors.

The knot garden, a manicured design of begonias, dusty miller and English boxwood leads into a rush of perennials that include pink, blue and white delphiniums, snapdragons and foxglove. Pillar roses of Rhonda and Golden Showers rise above a crop of peachy pink Sonia roses. Callery pear trees will line the display.

The exhibit is enhanced by a collection of mythological statues and stone figures depicting the four seasons.

This display will lead the way to some 50 major exhibits created by local florists, nurseries and non-profit, educational organizations.

ADVANCE SALE TICKETS

Tickets for the 1985 Philadelphia Flower Show may be purchased at PHS now through February 27, at discount prices. Adult tickets are \$5.75 (minimum mail order: 10 adult tickets); children under 12, \$3.25.

Box office admission price is \$6.50 for adults and \$3.25 for children under 12.

THIS YEAR'S NEW FACES

The Flower Show welcomes two new major exhibitors to this year's Show — Chrome Run Nursery of Media and Plume Orchids of Maple Glen.

The display by Chrome Run will feature dwarf conifers. Jared Berd, exhibit chair, has participated as an exhibitor in previous years with the Delaware Valley Chapter, American Rock Garden Society.

Plume's exhibit, titled "An Orchid Collector's Fantasy" follows the journey that early British plant explorers took on their search for rare orchids in South America. Ted Plume, chair of the display, says that some 150 varieties of orchids will be on exhibit.

Returning after a year's hiatus is Waldor Orchids of Linwood, NJ. Waldor will display an orchid collector's hut surrounded by lush plantings, a mountainside waterfall and hundreds of colorful orchids.

Im Wha Kong of Seoul, Korea will once again demonstrate her artistic skills in flower arranging by creating a series of innovative arrangements in her originally designed porcelain containers. Her exhibit is entitled, "International Friendship through Flowers."

SNEAK PREVIEW FOR MEMBERS

PHS members are the first to enjoy the Flower Show each year and this year we look forward to greeting members at "A Touch of Britain — Our Garden Heritage" on Saturday, March 2 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Saturday afternoon is the preview for members and their guests. Each individual member receives one ticket and family and contributing members receive three single admission tickets. Life members receive a weekly pass as well as one members' ticket.

If you would like to bring a guest to the preview, the charge is \$25.00 per

adult and \$10.00 for children under 12. Guest tickets may be purchased by members only in advance at PHS or at the Civic Center box office on March 2.

Your tickets, which are good for use on any one day throughout the Show, and membership cards will be mailed to arrive in late January. Be sure to bring your membership card to the Show for admittance to the Hospitality Tent.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR FLOWER SHOW INFORMATION AND MEMBERSHIP BOOTH

Mary Disston, chair of the Members' Committee asks interested members to sign up now for a three-hour stint in the Flower Show information booth.

Your time will be spent answering visitors' questions about the Show and membership in PHS. In return for your time, we will provide you with complimentary admission to the Show on the day of your assignment.

To volunteer, check the appropriate box on the Reservations form on page three.

SPECIAL TOUR

WINTER GARDEN TOUR

Sunday, January 27, 1-4 pm

Snowdate: Sunday, February 3, 1-4 pm

Here is an opportunity to see what keeps gardeners going in winter. A conifer garden, window gardens, plant rooms, and greenhouses of all sizes will be open to a limited number of registrants. Three areas to be visited are Society Hill, the Main Line, and the Jenkintown-Chestnut Hill-Ambler area.

Descriptions of all the gardens will be sent to registrants who may choose which to visit.

Fee — Members: \$5; Guests: \$7.

New in the Library

The American Woman's Garden, Rosemary Verey and Ellen Samuels, Boston, MA, Little, Brown, 1984.

Art into Landscape, Landscape into Art, A.E. Bye, Mesa, Arizona, PDA Publishers, 1983.

Backyard Fruits and Berries, Diane E. Bilderback, Emmaus, PA, 1984.

Container Gardening, Sunset, Menlo Park, CA, Lane Publishing Co., 1984.

Dragon Hunters, Frank Graham, Jr., New York, NY, Dutton, 1984.

A Field Guide to Southwestern and Texas Wildflowers, Niehaus, Ripper and Savage, Boston, MA, Houghton Mifflin Co., 1984.

Georgian Gardens, David Jacques, Portland, Oregon, Timber Press, 1983.

How to Design and Install Outdoor Lighting, Ortho Books, San Francisco, CA, Chevron, 1984.

How to Grow Fruits, Nuts and Berries, Sunset, Menlo Park, CA, Lane Publishing Co., 1984.

Ikebana: The Art of Japanese Flower Arrangement, Georgie Davidson, Cranbury, N.J., A.S. Barnes & Co., 1967.

Ikebana: A Practical and Philosophical Guide to Japanese Flower Arrangement, Stella Coe, Woodstock, N.Y., Overlook Press, 1984.

The Natural Science Picture Sourcebook, Janet Evans, New York, Van Nostrand, 1984.

Orchidiana Philippiana vol. 1 & 2, Helen L. Valmayor, Manila, Philippines, Eugenio Lopez Foundation, 1984. Non-circulating.

Peonies of Greece, William T. Stearn, Kifissia, Greece, Goulandris Natural History Museum, 1984.

Wildflowers along Forest and Mesa Trails, Nelson T. Bernard, Albuquerque, University of New Mexico Press, 1984.

The Victory Garden Landscape Guide, Thomas Wirth, Boston, MA, Little Brown, 1984.

LANDSCAPE

DESIGNER/CONSULTANT LISTING

PHS is asked from time to time to suggest individuals and firms that do landscape design consultation. We are redoing our listing for 1985. If you are a landscape designer/consultant and would like to receive the questionnaire from which we will compile our listing, please contact Mary Lou Wolfe, PHS Library (625-8268) before February 15, 1985.

Activities

January-February

Lectures, Meetings

(Open without charge to all)

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY

Wednesday, January 9, 7:30 pm

Wednesday, February 13, 7:30 pm

PHILADELPHIA INDOOR LIGHT GARDENING SOCIETY

Wednesday, January 23, 8 pm

Wednesday, February 13, 7:30 pm

Special Events

HOUSE PLANT CLINIC

Sunday, January 13, 1-5 pm

Bring your ailing house plants (or a specimen) for PHS horticulturists **Ed Lindemann** and **Joe Kerwin** to diagnose your plant problems on Sunday afternoon, January 13 anytime between 1 and 4:30 pm. Be sure to package your plants carefully to protect them from the cold weather.

Parking is permitted on the south side of Walnut Street on Sundays.

PHS Exhibit Opening:

BIRDS EYE VIEW

Monday, January 7, 5-7:30 pm

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Registration Events

EARLY MEMBERS EVENING

ROMANCE OF HERBS — HISTORY OF FOLKLORE

Tuesday, January 15, 5:30 — 7:15 pm

This presentation will be the first in a series of programs in 1985 on herbs.

Our guest speaker, **Bertha P. Reppert** is an herb expert who has written *A Heritage of Herbs* and recently has completed the manuscript for her second book *Herbs Today*. The owner of Rosemary House in Mechanicsburg, Pa., Reppert is an experienced gardener, lecturer, and columnist.

The program will begin at 5:30 pm followed by wine and nibbles.

Fee — Members: \$6; Guests: \$8

MEMBERS EVENING — HISTORY OF ENGLISH GARDENS

Wednesday, January 23, 6 pm

"Off the Garden Path" will be the subject of an illustrated talk by **Elizabeth McLean**, garden historian, researcher, tour organizer and leader. She will give an historian's view of English gardens including Chelsea Flower Show. Cocktails: 6 pm (donation bar); buffet, 6:45 pm; program, 7:45 pm.

Fee — Members: \$13; Guests: \$15

PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Saturday, January 26, 9 am — 3 pm

Dick Keen, Longwood Gardens staff photographer, will repeat last year's excellent one day workshop which covers camera selection and operation, lenses, film, lighting, exposure, composition, special effects, slide showmanship and a section on portraits and close-ups. His teaching aid is a multi-image nine projector set-up.

Registration is limited. Bring lunch; coffee and tea provided. Fee — Members: \$35.00; Guests \$38.00.

Snow date: February 23

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Sheila Macqueen — Lecture/Demonstration

The Artistry of English Flower Arrangements

Monday, March 4 — 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 6 — 11:00 a.m.

Recipient of the Garden Club of America Medal for education in the field of flower arranging and The Royal Horticultural Society's Victoria Medal of Honour, Sheila Macqueen is recognized throughout the world as a master arranger. From her home in England, Mrs. Macqueen travels extensively on lecture tours. She is an Associate of Honor for her help to the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies of Great Britain. Her books, *Flower Arranging from Your Garden* and *Sheila Macqueen's Complete Flower Arranging* and *Flowers for Arrangement*, have been enjoyed by artists in many countries.

Rosemary Verey — Lecture

Sunday, March 3 — 11:00 a.m. — The Royal Horticultural Society's Chelsea Flower Show

Tuesday, March 5 — 2:00 p.m. — Some English Gardens

Rosemary Verey is the epitome of the English gardener — enthusiastic, knowledgeable, imaginative — and loves to get the dirt under her fingernails. The garden at her home, Barnsley House, nr. Cirencester, Gloucestershire, has been admired by visitors from around the world. Mrs. Verey is also a lecturer and author with popular titles such as *The English Woman's Garden*, *The English Man's Garden* and *The Scented Garden* to her credit. Another volume, *The American Woman's Garden* has just been published. Mrs. Verey is on the Council of the Garden History Society and the Herb Society, and has staged an exhibit at London's Chelsea Flower Show.

1985 Philadelphia Flower Show Lectures/Demonstrations — Reservation Form



Date	Time		Fee	No. of Reservs.	Total \$
March 3	11 a.m.	Rosemary Verey	\$4	# _____	_____
March 4	11 a.m.	Sheila Macqueen	\$4	# _____	_____
March 4	5 p.m.	Sheila Macqueen	\$4	# _____	_____
March 5	2 p.m.	Rosemary Verey	\$4	# _____	_____
March 6	11 a.m.	Sheila Macqueen	\$4	# _____	_____

TOTAL PAYMENT \$ _____

Please note: Show entrance fee is not included in lecture price. Show tickets available at the door. For group sales information please contact 215-625-8253.

Enclosed please find \$ _____ to cover _____ reservations. Please be sure to specify number of persons for each lecture. Make checks payable to Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS).

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____ Zip Code _____

Return to: Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, 325 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106. Please enclose self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Deadline for reservations: February 22, 1985

Pepperpot

WELCOME BOB RYAN:

Waterlilies in his back yard, orchids in his greenhouse, a spider plant in his downtown office, and a twinkle in his eye . . . meet your new chair **Robert S. Ryan**. Bob's associations with PHS go back to 1970, when he became a member of the Council. Since joining Council, he has chaired a range of committees and served as vice-chair for the past two years. When he's not floating amid his lily pads Bob practices law, as a partner in Drinker, Biddle and Reath. A graduate of Harvard Law School, Bob's area at Drinker, Biddle and Reath is primarily litigation and banking. He and his wife Priscilla, who is a violinist and composer, have three sons. With the Council and staff I look forward to working with Bob.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Garden clubs, Flower Show exhibitors and several non-profit organizations generously shared their membership lists with PHS last summer to assist us with our membership campaign. By Labor Day we had accumulated 26,000 names, to whom we proudly mailed our new brochure, developed with the help of **Art Kaplan**, advertising promotions manager for the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, through Business Volunteers for the Arts. The results were excellent and well above the one percent response we were told to expect from such a mail solicitation. As we go to press 460 new members have joined the Society as a result of the campaign.

To our new members we say welcome. PHS has lots of activities and information we want to share with you. And, more important, we want to hear from you. To our old faithfuls we say thanks to those who have responded to our renewal notices promptly. To the few of you have yet to reply — as the reminder notice said "leaf lovers never forget."

Jane G. Pepper
President

A special note to all our members:

Suffice it to say that we had printing problems with the December News. Our apologies for the inconvenience.

HORTICULTURAL PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

"THE WAY I SEE IT", a horticultural photography contest open to all will be staged at PHS from June 10 through July 29, 1985. Winners in each of the six major categories will receive valuable prizes and also be eligible for the Best In Show Award. Come and join the fun, show off your gardens and plants and photo talents. All entries must be received no later than May 31, 1985. The winning photograph will be featured in *GREEN SCENE*. For a listing of Photo Contest rules and entry categories please write to Joe Kerwin at PHS or call 625-8250.

NEW ENGLAND TRIP

May 20 — 23

Members from PHS and the Brandywine Conservancy — Brandywine River

Museum will bus to Connecticut and then on to the Boston area for four days of garden visits. Included are tours of the Garden in the Woods, several private gardens, and two well-known nurseries. If you are interested in knowing more about the arrangements and itinerary, please request information on the reservation form on page 3.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FLOWER SHOW MEMBERS' TENT

Help us greet our special guests and fellow members by offering them a spot of tea or a bit of lunch in the Members' Tent during the Flower Show.

If you are interested in volunteering to be on our 'hospitality crew' please call Mary Lou Wolfe at (215) 625-8268.

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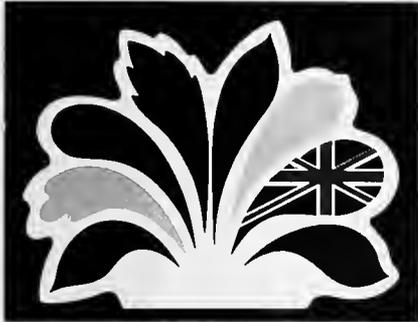
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THE BRITISH ARE COMING . . . TO THE PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

This year we welcome a distinguished group of horticulturists, flower arrangers and lecturers from the United Kingdom to join us in celebrating "A Touch of Britain - Our Garden Heritage."

Robin Herbert, president of The Royal Horticultural Society, will join a panel of judges chosen to present a special Wilkinson Sword award to the "best commercial exhibit that exemplifies the horticultural traditions of Great Britain, preserved by American gardeners."

Students from **Merrist Wood Agricultural College** of Surrey, will work with students from **Delaware Valley College of Science and Agriculture**, Doylestown to create "A Touch of Britain" in the major exhibit area of the Show. The exhibit presents a view of a cottage garden in both traditional and contemporary designs. Merrist Wood won the Gold Medal for their division and The Croft Original Trophy for best exhibit of a garden design in the 1984 Chelsea Flower Show.

Sheila Macqueen, world renowned flower arranger and recipient of the Royal Horticultural Society's Victoria Medal of Honour, will demonstrate her talent in a display entitled "Getting Ready for Chelsea".

The exhibit features massive arrangements freshly created by Ms. Macqueen in a setting resembling a section of the Chelsea show grounds. Sheila will also judge in the Show's competitive area.

Rosemary Verey, author and garden designer from Gloucestershire, will talk

on the "Chelsea Flower Show" and "Some English Gardens", during a series of special lectures and demonstrations conducted by Mesdames Macqueen and Verey. See January *News* for reservation forms or write to PHS, c/o Lisa Stephano.

FLOWER SHOW HAS A NEW ENTRANCE

Crowding has always been a problem in the Civic Center lobby, and especially in the morning when the early birds are waiting in line at the top of the escalator. At the suggestion of the Civic Center management, we've established a new visitors' entrance in the Center Building, one building east of the main entrance near the top of the escalator. In the Center Building there's ample room for ticket and program sales, for bus groups to assemble, for coat checking and additional rest rooms. Visitors will have their tickets checked in the Center Building and will proceed through the main lobby and down the escalator. Exhibitors and judges will still be able to enter through the Plaza entrance in early morning.

COMPETITIVE CLASS HIGHLIGHTS

Take a look at The Chelsea Challenge in the Niche Classes.

Ann Letter, co-chair of niches, says container plants and all materials will be given to exhibitors to create their own view of the famed Chelsea Flower Show.

In the Room and Table Classes, Command Performance takes the stage as exhibitors interpret a theatrical production of their choice.

And, new this year is the Terrace Class which features "Terrace Along the Mews". Exhibitors will stage their displays in a setting of townhouse terraces with French doors.

MAJOR EXHIBITORS GET READY FOR SHOWTIME

Paul Tickle of **J. Franklin Styer Nurseries** in Concordville, feels right at home preparing the Styer exhibit for the Flower Show. Tickle, a native of Southampton, England, returned to his hometown to research authentic English landscapes for the display. "An Old Bridge" will depict a waterway in Cambridgeshire and will be centered in an island garden.

Carol and **Jim Chojnacki** of **C & J Florists**, Berlin, NJ, are busy building staging for their display, "A London Florist" sponsored by **Teleflora**. The exhibit will show a London flower shop bursting with European flowers and foliage.

A magnificent ornamental grass "lawn" will be the focus of an exhibit by **Rose Valley Nurseries** of Media. A small English cottage named "Cotswold" sits nestled among blooming plants overlooking a lawn that boasts a dozen varieties of grass.

And, now in her second year with the newly formed **Nancie Ohliger Landscapes** of Plymouth Meeting, **Nancie Ohliger** demonstrates the beauty of a well mown golf course in "Tee Time." The carefully planned and maintained course will provide an excellent palette on which to display unusual plants for year-round use.

AN ITALIAN TRIP TO REMEMBER

May 19-June 1

We have just a couple of spaces remaining for the Society's splendid Italian trip to visit gardens near Rome, Florence and Lake Como. **Marchesa Nicoletta Pucci** will be our guide in Italy; **Tours a la Carte** of Strafford are making all travel arrangements and **Jane Pepper** will accompany the group from Philadelphia to visit a wide variety of gardens, including many small private gardens not often open to the public. For more information please call 215-625-8250.

New in the Library

The Book of Edible Nuts, Frederick Rosengarten, York, Walker, 1984.

Flowers that Last, Pauline Mann, London, Batsford, Ltd., 1984.

Forgotten Fruit, Francesca Greenoak, London, Andre Deutsch, 1983.

Garden Design, William L. Douglas, New York, Simon & Schuster, 1984.

Gardening in America 1830-1910, Patricia M. Tice, Rochester, N.Y., Strong Museum, 1984.

Herbs & Herb Gardens of Britain, Elizabeth Peplow, Exeter, England, Webb & Bower, 1984

Horticultural Reviews vol. 6, Jules Janick, Westport, Conn., AVI, 1984.

The John Tradescants, Prudence Leith-Ross, London, Peter Owen, 1984.

The Northern Gardener, Jennifer Bennett, Ontario, Camden House, 1982.

Orchids from Curtis Botanical Magazine, London, Curren Books, 1981.

Our Green and Living World, Edward Ayensu, Washington, D.C., Smithsonian, 1984.

Spring Wildflowers of New Mexico, William C. Martin, Albuquerque, N.M., University of New Mexico, 1984.

Victorian Christmas Crafts, Barbara Bruno, New York, Van Nostrand, 1984.

The Victory Garden Landscape Guide, Thomas Wirth, Boston, Mass., Little Brown, 1984

Wildflowers of Britain, Roger Phillips, London, Pan Books, 1981.

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Call 625-8256

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Lectures, Meetings

(Open without charge to all)

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, AFRICAN

VIOLET SOCIETY

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This lecture, jointly sponsored by PHS and the Philadelphia Unit of the Herb Society of America, will begin at 5:30 pm followed by wine and nibbles.

Fee - Members: \$8; Guests: \$10

WORKSHOP: CONTEMPORARY FLOWER ARRANGING

February 7, 14, 21 - 6:45-8:45 pm

Bernice Makin, master judge of the Garden Club Federation and teaching master of two schools of oriental flower arranging, will teach this basic three-session course on contemporary arranging.

Bernice will stress the new look in flower design by using fewer flowers for dramatic effect for today's homes.

Beginners and more experienced arrangers will learn to work in a variety of styles using fresh plant material and the student's choice of containers.

Each student should bring a large, low container, needlepoint holder, clippers plus a bag or plate to transport finished arrangement.

The fee of \$32 (\$35 for guests) includes fresh flowers and refreshments for all three sessions.

Note: On-street parking is permitted on the south side of Walnut Street after 6:30 pm.

PROPAGATION WORKSHOP: GROWING FROM SEED

Tuesday, February 19, 2 pm, 6 pm

There are many reasons to propagate plants from seed: for economy, to obtain rare or unusual plants not available at most nurseries, or for personal satisfaction. Whatever your motivation, learn basic easy techniques for growing your own plants from seed from expert **Roxie Gevjan** whose blue ribbon entries in the Philadelphia Flower Show are nearly all grown from seed, including her bulb entries. She achieves a high rate of germination, the result of trial and error and using varied techniques.

After a lecture demonstration which includes the techniques of transplanting seedlings, participants will plant three containers of unusual seeds rarely available in the trade.

All materials provided.

Limited registration for members and guests. Fee \$18 members: \$20 guests. Evening registrants may bring a sandwich; coffee and cookies provided.

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Members: \$5.00; Guests: \$7.00

Field Trip

DUKE GARDENS AND PRINCETON ART MUSEUM

Wednesday, February 13, 8:45 am-6 pm

Never-never land in February. PHS has an appointment at the Duke Gardens Foundation in Somerville, NJ where 11 perfect gardens under glass recreate the horticultural tastes of 11 countries and areas.

En route charter bus will go to the Princeton University Art Museum to see the permanent collections and a special exhibit. Lunch on your own in Princeton.

Details of bus pick-up in Fairmount Park Horticulture Center and Center City will be mailed to registrants. Please indicate on the reservation form where you will board the bus.

Fee: \$24 members and \$26 guests includes bus transportation, entrance and guide fees, return-trip bus refreshments. Lunch not included.

TRIPS

NEW ENGLAND TRIP May 20-23

Members from PHS and the Brandywine Conservancy - Brandywine River Museum will bus to Connecticut and then on to Boston for four days of garden visits. Included are tours of the Garden in the Woods, Arnold Arboretum, and Isabelle Stewart Gardner Museum plus a stop at the Quincy Market. Private garden visits will feature a variety of gardens - wildflower, woodland, perennial, and rock gardens.

Are you interested in knowing more about the arrangements and itinerary? Request information on the reservation form, on this page.

Other Events

SPRING SEMINAR SERIES

February 14 - May 23, 1985

Thursdays at 3 pm, Longwood Gardens Longwood Graduate Program, University of Delaware, and Longwood Gardens will sponsor seminar series "Public Horticulture: Plan On It", exploring aspects of planning that figure in the development of public gardens and arboreta. Free to the public. Call (302) 451-2517 for brochure.

BARTRAM'S GARDEN WINTER SCHEDULE

November 1 - March 31

Open Tuesday - Friday, 10 am-4 pm
Admission: \$4 for adults; \$1 children
(215) 729-5281

SPECIAL DELIVERY HEADED YOUR WAY Flower Show tickets have been mailed

Begin watching your mailbox for your complimentary Flower Show tickets which should arrive in early February. Life members will receive a weekly pass and one members' ticket. Individual members receive one ticket each, family and contributing members, three tickets. Those families with more than three

members living under one roof (children under the age of 21) who want additional tickets should apply in writing, enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope, to Jane G. Pepper, president, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, 325 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106 stating the names and ages of all family members and the number of additional tickets needed.

Members' tickets are good for any one day throughout the Show week but we urge you to come to the special Members' Preview on Saturday, March 2 from 12:30 to 3:30 pm. Members who wish to bring guests to the Preview may purchase additional tickets for \$25.00 per person in advance at PHS or at the Civic Center on the day of the Preview.

Thirty-seven Ticketron outlets in Greater Philadelphia will carry Flower Show tickets. Ticketron advance sale: \$6.75; during the Show: \$7.50; Children (under 12): \$4.25.

Advance sale tickets are now available at PHS reception desk and at many local garden centers and nurseries: \$5.75 for adults (\$6.50 at Show); \$3.25 for children under 12, same price before and during Show. The minimum mail order from PHS is 10 adult tickets. Order before February 20 to allow for timely delivery.

Reservations:

Clip and Mail reservations to:
PHS, 325 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19106

Reservations accepted by mail only; please include full payment. Use this form below to speed processing. All events are held at PHS unless otherwise stated. Confirmations for events at PHS are not mailed; unless you hear otherwise, we will expect you. Field trip confirmations with important trip information are mailed ten days prior to the event. There is limited space for all activities (except spring garden visits) Each activity is listed in two consecutive issues of the *PHS News*.

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DEMONSTRATION: ENGLISH TROUGH CONSTRUCTION

MEMBERS: \$14 _____ GUESTS: \$16 _____

EARLY MEMBERS EVENING - THE GARDEN OF CHINESE SCHOLARS

MEMBERS: \$8 _____ GUESTS: \$10 _____

WORK SHOP: CONTEMPORARY FLOWER ARRANGING

MEMBERS: \$32 _____ GUESTS: \$35 _____

PROPAGATION WORKSHOP: GROWING FROM SEED

MEMBERS: \$18 _____ GUESTS: \$20 _____

2 P.M. _____ 6 P.M. _____

PLEASE SEND INFORMATION ABOUT ITALIAN TRIP.

PLEASE SEND INFORMATION ABOUT NEW ENGLAND TRIP

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ADDRESS _____

ZIP _____ TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

PANEL DISCUSSION: SMALL FRUITS FOR THE HOME GARDENER

MEMBERS: \$5 _____ GUESTS: \$7 _____

FIELD TRIP - DUKE GARDENS AND PRINCETON ART MUSEUM

MEMBERS: \$24 _____ GUESTS: \$26 _____

I WILL BOARD THE BUS AT

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CENTER CITY

A NEW LOOK FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION

The Membership/Information Booth will have a new look for '85. **Ed Lindemann** has designed a 20' oval which will be partitioned by decorative lattice-work. One side will be used for Membership, staffed by **Linda Davis** (membership secretary) and **Betsy Gullan** (members' activities coordinator) plus countless volunteers; Information, directed by horticulturist **June Vail** and volunteers will occupy the other side.

Stop by to say hello to Linda, Betsy, and June, and view the array of new items suitable for gifts or souvenirs. Be sure to come often, and bring your friends. Items to be sold at the Philadelphia Flower Show will be on display at PHS during the last three weeks of February.

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Pepperpot

There's no sweeter music in my ears than the sound of Flower Show visitors oohing and aahing over the displays, gradually putting the dreariness of winter behind them as they enjoy the bulbs, green grass and creativity of our exhibitors.

Conversely, there's no worse sound than a phone call from an irate potential visitor who could not find a parking place and went home dissatisfied.

Parking in West Philadelphia is difficult, for Show visitors, for the hospitals and for the universities, and we hope you, our members, will join the Society in our campaign to try and encourage Show visitors, where possible, to take public transportation to the Civic Center. With SEPTA's new commuter tunnel in full operation it's now much easier for visitors to reach 30th Street Station from points all around the Delaware Valley. At 30th Street you can pick up the **Route 30** bus, which will be running more frequently during Show hours, directly to the Civic Center.

Another bus route that makes stops at the Civic Center is **Route #42** on Chestnut Street from Penn Center Station. This bus travels west on Chestnut Street from 7th to 17th Street, turns and continues west on Walnut Street to the Civic Center.

Gardeners are a hardy lot and I look forward to having you help us spread the word - Come to the Show by bus or train. If you need help with specific routes call SEPTA's hotline - (215) 574-7800.

Congratulations to Council member **Jane Ward** - recently elected First Vice President of The Garden Club of America.

Jane

Jane G. Pepper
President

THANKS FROM PHILADELPHIA GREEN

As we begin another planting year it's time to say thank you to the many supporters who helped us complete another 140 greening projects in 1984 through Philadelphia Green, the Society's community outreach gardening program. Plantings in the fall raised our total of community greening projects over 900, all of which we continue to keep in touch with through monthly newsletters, special events, competitions, workshops and

individual visits. Philadelphia really is becoming a greener city, thanks to the cooperation and support of many individuals and organizations.

Funding for the Philadelphia Green program is a marriage of resources. About fifty percent of the budget is met through a drawing account with the **Philadelphia Office of Community Development**. The Society also receives support from foundations and corporations. Recently, we received \$32,000 from **The Pew Memorial Trust**, the final payment towards a three-year grant of \$96,000.

During the past year, three local corporations provided generous support for special programs: **Sun Company** contributed \$10,000 to assist us with the City Gardens Contest, for which we received 600 entrants throughout Philadelphia. **SmithKline Beckman** continues as a major supporter of the Garden Interns program, also with \$10,000, through which we were able to hire and train nine community gardeners to work with us on projects throughout the year. **Atlantic Richfield Foundation** provided \$5,000 to assist in general Philadelphia Green programs.

Our list of corporate supporters, each of whom contributes a minimum of \$500 to the Society in support of Philadelphia Green, continues to grow and included the following corporations in 1984:

The Anchor Packing Company
Bell of Pennsylvania
W. Atlee Burpee Company
Campbell Soup Company
CIGNA Corporation
Ernest and Whinney
The Fidelity Bank
General Accident Group

Hunt Manufacturing Company
Foundation

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Philadelphia Life Insurance Company
Philadelphia Suburban Corporation
PMA Foundation
PNB Charitable Trust
PSFS Charitable Trust
The PQ Corporation
Provident National Bank
Quaker Chemical Foundation
Rohm and Haas Company
Rorer Group, Inc.
Wawa, Inc.

LECTURES AND DEMONSTRATIONS IN HORTICULTURAL HALL

PHS and Allied Florists will present free daily demonstrations at the Flower Show on a variety of subjects including, ikebana, herbs, pruning and perennials.

Daily schedules will be posted outside Horticultural Hall and announcements will be made just before each lecture or demonstration.

Sundays, March 3 and 10:

11:00 am	2:30
12:00	4:00
1:30 pm	5:00

Monday, March 4 through Saturday, March 9:

10:30 am	3:30
12:00	5:00
1:00 pm	6:00
2:30	7:30

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A TOUCH OF BRITAIN

ALL THE WAY WITH BA

Special visitors deserve to travel in style so we are delighted that six of our visitors from Britain will be travelling to participate in the Show courtesy of **British Airways** on its direct London-Philadelphia flight. On behalf of the Flower Show we thank BA, and invite you to stop by the BA booth in the Civic Center lobby on your way to the Show to arrange for your next trip via British Airways.

PHILADELPHIA/CHELSEA COMPETITION

The contest is an annual event, but the prize for '85 has an added bonus. Each year about 250 British gardeners and designers make entries in *The Sunday Times* (London) garden competition. The winner has the satisfaction of seeing his/her design created at the Chelsea Flower Show, held annually during the third week of May. The 1985 winner will also receive an all-expenses-paid trip for two to the Philadelphia Flower Show. **TWA** will sponsor the flight, the **Palace Hotel**, a member of the British Trusthouse Forte chain, will provide luxurious accommodations on the Parkway, and the winning designer will be PHS's guest at the Show during set up and for our Preview event. This is an exciting tie between London and Philadelphia and we look forward to welcoming the winner, **Russell Davidson**, a landscape designer from Glasgow, and his wife, to our Show.

PHS' GREENING PROGRAM TAKES ROOT AT FLOWER SHOW

Two twenty-foot pea pods depict the theme "Community Gardening - Bigger Than You Think" in this year's Flower Show display by Philadelphia Green.

Exhibit Committee Members: **Willie Mae Bullock, Rena Ennis, Ruth Flounders, Frank Kaiser, James LaRosa, Eugene Szymkowiak, Sharon Turner** and the Philadelphia Green staff will show the diversity and scope of Philadelphia's community gardening movement through a photographic display of Philadelphia Green's projects. The pea pods dramatize, with a touch of whimsy, the grand scale of this movement.

THE OFFICIAL FLOWER SHOW KEEPSAKE

Along with your scented memories and vast array of gardening tips from the Flower Show, be sure to bring home a copy of the *1985 Flower Show Program*. This 80 page, full color magazine includes stories of our international exhibitors, a guide on how to grow roses, color photos of past Flower Shows and a floor plan centerfold which details the Flower Show's five acre layout.

Pick up your copy as you enter the Show.

TO AND FRO ACROSS THE "POND" AN EXHIBIT TAKES SHAPE

Anyone who has seen the major landscape exhibits at the Flower Show knows that it takes a miraculous combination of engineering, creativity and experience to produce these displays. But imagine creating such displays from 3,000 miles away with a group of people you have never met. That's just what the **Merrist Wood Agricultural College** of Surrey,

England and the **Delaware Valley College of Science and Agriculture** of Doylestown, PA have been doing for the past year.

These two schools teamed up last Spring when designer, Ed Lindemann proposed a joint exhibit to Delaware Valley College after seeing Merrist Wood's prize winning display in the 1984 Cheslea Flower Show.

After deciding on a design created by **Kathleen Askew** of Merrist Wood, Delaware Valley students set about locating materials for the display. Materials for a stone wall and paving proved the biggest challenge for the students as they faced foreign construction terms for the English stone wall.

But, after a flood of letters passed back and forth across the Atlantic, questions were answered, plans were finalized and a magnificent English cottage garden will be transformed from blueprint to lifesize brilliance for this year's Show.

18th CENTURY GARDEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Ann McPhail, 18th Century Garden volunteer, is looking for a few men and women who enjoy gardening and would like to help maintain the formal and vegetable gardens at the Society headquarters. Gardening begins in mid-April and continues through October.

A knowledge of basic garden skills is preferred. If you would like to join the group please check the appropriate box on page three in the Reservations coupon.

LIBRARY FUN

Order Your Books By Mail

Call 625-8256

Activities

March-April

Lectures, Meetings

(Open without charge to all)

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY

March 27, 8 p.m.

April 10, 7:30 p.m.

PHILADELPHIA INDOOR LIGHT GARDENING SOCIETY

March 27, 8 p.m.

April 24, 8 p.m.

Special Events

PHS Exhibit:

THE ART OF DALLAS ANN PIOTROWSKI

March 1 - March 29

Monday - Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

PHS EXHIBIT:

HISTORY OF HORTICULTURAL HALL

April 2 - May 3

MEMBERS' PREVIEW, PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

Saturday, March 2, 12:30-3:30 pm

The Members' Preview is the very best time to see the Flower Show because it is the least crowded day during the Show week.

If you wish to bring a guest there is a charge of \$25 for adults and \$10 for children under 12.

MEMBERS' LOUNGE, PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

Sunday, March 3 - Sunday, March 10

A quiet oasis does exist at the Philadelphia Flower Show. PHS members are invited to the Members' Lounge in the Hospitality tent to relax with a cup of coffee or tea. The Members' Lounge is open each day Sunday through Sunday from noon-4 pm.

Registration

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by **Jane Pepper**, PHS president and garden columnist for the *Philadelphia Inquirer*.

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PLANNING A PERENNIAL GARDEN

Wednesday, April 3, 10, 17 - 10 am and 1 pm

Three 2-hour sessions on planning and planting a perennial garden will be conducted by **Jane Reed Lennon**, whose horticultural background includes a lengthy training at Hillier's Nursery, England.

Each participant will be able to make a drawing for a perennial bed or border in his or her garden.

To be covered: selection of compatible plants for sunny and shady locations, soil and feeding, propagation, and low maintenance plants. All materials will be provided.

Members: \$35; Guests: \$38.

DISCOVERING PERENNIALS FOR THE INFORMAL GARDEN

Thursday, April 4, 6 pm

Charles O. Cresson, horticulturist at Meadowbrook Farm, will give an illustrated talk on unusual perennials for unusual situations. Drawing from his varied gardening experiences at Wisley in England, Nemours, and his own garden in Swarthmore, Cresson will show how to use perennials in unique or difficult spots such as wet areas, woodland, or meadow gardens. Come and enjoy Cresson's broad approach to perennial gardening as he discusses alternatives to a labor-intensive formal perennial border.

Bring a sandwich; coffee provided.

Members: \$10; Guests: \$12

Note: Charles Cresson's "Hedleigh Spring" is one of the private gardens to be visited April 24. See **Field Trips**.

BASIC ANIMAL TOPIARY WORKSHOP

Thursday, April 11, 10 am-1:30 pm

Create a small animal topiary that will be happy on a table or windowsill in your own home. **Betsy Nutt**, experienced instructor of topiary techniques, will teach you how to design, shape, plant (using *Ficus pumila*), and maintain small animal topiaries.

Bring pliers, wire cutters, and a cardboard box or dinner plate to transport completed project. All other materials will be provided.

Bring a sandwich; coffee and tea will be provided.

Members: \$27; Guests: \$30

DISCUSSION: REDESIGNING FOR LOW MAINTENANCE

Tuesday, April 16, 6-9 pm

Join **Patricia Schrieber** and **Paul Wolfinger** of Philadelphia Green for an informal, problem-solving discussion of low maintenance landscaping. Topics will include plant selection, changing existing plantings, choosing low maintenance construction materials, and rejuvenating larger plants.

Bring pictures or sketches of problem areas and lots of questions. Coffee, tea, and cookies will be provided.

Members: \$10; Guests: \$12

WORKSHOP: FLOWER ARRANGING FOR ENJOYMENT

Thursday, April 18, 25, 10 am-noon

Add fun and excitement to arranging flowers at home. In a non-competitive atmosphere, **Kate Swope** will take you through the steps to create your own masterpiece. Materials provided for first session, which includes instruction in mechanics, conditioning of plant material, and basic principles of design. In the second session participants will critique their creations in a relaxed forum.

Kate is a designer, consultant, author, and instructor who has won blue ribbons in this country and abroad including the Creativity Award given by the State of New Jersey.

Students should bring clippers for both sessions and will be encouraged to gather own materials for the second session.

Members: \$32; Guests: \$35.

PANEL: YEAR—ROUND VEGETABLE GARDENING

Thursday, April 18, 5:30-7:15 pm

Extend the harvest in the vegetable garden, peas in November, carrots in January, and lettuce March through December are all possible if you plan ahead. Join **Jane Pepper**, PHS president and **Nancy Greenwood**, avid home gardener who specializes in extending the season in her vegetable garden, and get their help in planning your year-round harvest. Refreshments following program.

Members: \$5; Guests: \$7

EARLY MEMBERS EVENING: THE ROMANCE OF ITALIAN GARDENS

Monday, April 22, 5:30-7:15 pm

Mary Hopkins, landscape designer, consultant, lecturer, and teacher, will give an illustrated talk on "The Romance

of Italian Gardens" as an introduction to the Society's trip to Italian gardens in May. She will trace the development of Italian gardens as an art form, emphasizing its influence in the development of many great gardens of the world.

Mary's knowledge of gardens has evolved over many years of practical experience, extensive research, and travel. She has led study groups abroad for 12 years, establishing herself as a research historian.

Join us in Italy. Call 625-8250 for a brochure.

The program will start at 5:30 pm, followed by wine and nibbles.

Members: \$6; Guests: \$8

**EARLY MEMBERS EVENING
SHAKESPEARE AND HIS GARDEN**

Tuesday, April 30, 5:30-7:15 pm

Mary Carmel Sullivan of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden will delight and entertain with her program on "Shakespeare and

His Garden". The costumed Ms. Sullivan will focus on the spirit of gardening from Shakespeare's time to the present including information on herbs, plant symbols, herbal delights and tussie mussies.

Program will start at 5:30 pm followed by wine and nibbles.

Members: \$6; Guests: \$8.

GARDEN VISITS

Sunday, April 28, 1-4 pm

Four gardens in Valley Forge, West Chester, and Phoenixville will be open to PHS members and guests on April 28. Three of the gardens are rock gardens, and the fourth an interestingly constructed house and garden.

Maps and tags (one for individual and three for family members) will be mailed after April 15 to those registering by mail only.

Guests tags are \$5.00 each. Tags are free to members.

Field Trips

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Trips

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May 20-23, 1985

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ENGLISH GARDENS

September 5-19, 1985

(See Pepperpot, page 4)

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Refunds and cancellation:

If you wish to withdraw from a registration event, an administrative fee will be deducted from your refund as follows:

\$2 fee for all events other than one-day field trips provided your request is received no later than two days prior to the event.

\$5 fee for one-day field trips provided your request is received no later than four days prior to the event.

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WORKSHOP: PLANNING A PERENNIAL GARDEN (3 Sessions)

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Please send information on following trips:

- Italy, May
- New England, May '85
- I'm interested in working as a garden volunteer at the Society. Please send more information.
- England, September '85

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

ZIP _____ TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

PANEL: YEAR-ROUND VEGETABLE GARDENING

Members: \$5____ Guests: \$7____

EARLY MEMBERS EVENING - ROMANCE OF ITALIAN GARDENS

Members: \$6____ Guests: \$8____

EARLY MEMBERS EVENING- SHAKESPEARE AND HIS GARDEN

Members: \$6____ Guests: \$8____

GARDEN VISITS - April 28

Tags: 1 Individual, 3 Family
Tags____ Guest tags \$5____

FIELD TRIP: SCOTT FOUNDATION AND PRIVATE GARDENS

Members: \$12____ Guests: \$14____

FIELD TRIP-GEORGETOWN GARDEN TOUR

Members: \$35____ Guests: \$39____
Pick up at Hort. Center____ CC____

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A 10-day trip to see The Family in Britain over the Christmas holidays provided many opportunities, including the chance to confirm arrangements for the Society's tours to the Gardens of East Anglia and Yorkshire in September '85.

In London I met with our three horticultural guides **Nancy Kennedy**, **Barbara Moth** and **Colette Thom** and we spent a happy wintery day talking about the glories of English gardens in September. Visions of perennials, just coming to the peak of their late summer bloom, and of rose gardens danced before our eyes as a miserable wind howled through the streets of London. A quick visit with old friends provided introductions to several other private gardens and gradually the tour started to take shape.

Marietta Meltzer of **The Elegant Traveller**, Philadelphia and **Betsy Gullan**, PHS membership/activities coordinator will accompany the group from Philadelphia. The pace will be leisurely, with ample time to shop and roam around on your own between garden visits. In addition, we have arranged accommodations in just three cities - Cambridge, Harrogate and London - so you will have a minimum of packing and unpacking.

The trip will be a study in contrasts starting with lush perennials in the Cambridge/Norfolk/Suffolk area at Bressingham Gardens, Beth Chatto's garden and at Chequers, Jenny Robinson's garden described by her in *The Englishwoman's Garden*.

In Yorkshire you will tour gardens designed in the eighteenth century with Barbara Moth, a landscape designer from Chester who studied in America as a Garden Club of America exchange student for the Zone V region.

Last stop before returning home will be four days in London where you will visit the Royal Horticultural Society's Great Autumn Show as a special guest of the Society's president, Robin Herbert, as well as the Society's country establishment - Wisley. Nancy Kennedy, a graduate of the Longwood Program in Ornamental Horticulture now living in London, has arranged visits to private gardens in the Hampstead and Regent's Park areas, as well as a day north of the city to include Hatfield House.

I hope you will join us. If you would like further information please call 215-625-8250 or check the appropriate box on the Reservation Form on page 3.

Jane

Jane G. Pepper
President

Field Trips

SCOTT FOUNDATION AND PRIVATE GARDENS

Wednesday, April 24, 10 am-3 pm

A very special day has been arranged for 25 PHS members and guests. Participants will meet at the Scott Foundation for a fascinating day in the Swarthmore area.

In the morning **Erica Glasener**, horticulturist and educational coordinator for the Arthur Hoyt Scott Horticultural Foundation, will lead a tour through the Arboretum, located on 110 acres at Swarthmore College. Spring attractions include flowering cherries, crabapples, lilacs, magnolias, and rhododendrons. Next the group will visit Mrs. John C. Wister's garden, which includes a large selection of herbaceous plants and hundred of daffodil cultivars. Many of the rhododendrons which serve as the evergreen backbone for the garden were developed at Swarthmore by Dr. Wister.

After lunch at Scott, we will have a chance to see "Hedgeleigh Spring",

Charles Cresson's garden described in *Green Scene* (March 1983) as "a garden of surprises." The Cresson garden has evolved through four generations and contains treasures for all seasons.

Bring a sandwich; beverages and dessert will be provided. Travel instructions will be sent to registrants April 15.

Members: \$12; Guests: \$14.

57th GEORGETOWN GARDEN TOUR Saturday, April 27, 7:45 am-7 pm

This favorite annual trip includes a walking tour of Georgetown on your own to see traditional and innovative gardens including Mrs. Peter Belin's "Evermay" and nine other varied, interesting gardens. Highlights of the tour are "Prospect House" overlooking the Potomac and "Tudor Place", home of Martha Washington's daughter, open for the first time. The tour is organized by and benefits the Georgetown Children's House.

Details of bus pick up at Fairmount Park Horticulture Center and Center City will be mailed to registrants.

The fee includes transportation, tour ticket, tea at Children's House following the tour, and return-trip refreshments. Lunch on your own.

Members: \$36; Guests: \$39.

Other Events

RARE PLANT AUCTION OF THE WILMINGTON GARDEN CENTER

April 15, 1985 at the Delaware Museum of Natural History. Cocktail supper preceding auction included in \$18 reservation. Phone (302) 658-1913.

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JUNIOR HORTICULTURIST

Cheryl D. Phillips, a senior at W.B. Saul High School of Agricultural Sciences, was recently presented with \$1,000 as winner of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's Junior Horticulturist Award, given each year to a high school senior who shows great promise in the field of horticulture. Cheryl has exhibited in the Junior Flower Show, the Harvest Show and PHS' Holiday Show. She has also been a member of the floor manager's crew at the Philadelphia Flower Show. Cheryl plans to major in floriculture in college and hopes to operate a flower shop.

Runner-up for the Award was **Justin Carpenter Mooney** of Germantown Friends School who received \$750.

LOOKING FOR THE BEST

Each year the Styer Committee meets to select those plants that will receive preliminary commendation for the J. Franklin Styer Award of Merit.

Richard W. Lighty, committee chair, says the plants chosen this year are: *Arctostaphylos uva-ursi* 'Vancouver Jade' and *Genista pilosa* 'Vancouver Gold' entered by the University of British Columbia Botanical Garden; *Clematis* hybrid Gabrielle and *Clematis* hybrid Starfish submitted by Polly Hill; *Itea virginica* submitted by the Scott Horticultural Foundation and *Zelkova serrata* 'Green Vase' submitted by Princeton Nurseries.

Any person or organization may submit plants for consideration for the Award.

If you would like more information regarding the Styer Award please contact Joe Kerwin at (215) 625-8250

CITY GARDENS CONTEST

Attention gardeners! The 1985 City Gardens Contest is gearing up for the tenth year of competition among Philadelphia's gardeners.

We hope you will join us as a judge - for more information please check the appropriate box on page three in the Reservations Coupon.

Pepperpot

What a Show

It was our best yet, with beautiful displays and a record crowd. To everyone - exhibitors, volunteers, PennDOT crews, the Philadelphia Police Department and the staff at the Civic Center we say thank you. You made it a smashing success and we so appreciate your support and enthusiasm for Philadelphia's greatest tradition.

You may still be hibernating indoors but at Philadelphia Green spring plans are going full steam ahead for another busy gardening season. Planting schedules have been set, trees and shrubs ordered, and workshops scheduled. The success of the Society's community outreach horticultural program is dependent on the help of many individuals, foundations and corporations. One corporation in particular is in our minds at this time of year as we enjoy a generous seed credit with **W. Atlee Burpee Company**, which makes it possible for the Society to provide complimentary seeds to all first- and second-year gardens started through Philadelphia Green. In addition, Burpee provides encouragement to many city gardeners each year by donating gift certificates and prizes for the City Gardens Contest. Thanks to the Burpee Company for helping us help make Philadelphia greener.

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1985 HARVEST SHOW CHALLENGE CLASSES

The 1985 Challenge Classes are: Edible pepper "Tequila Sunrise", one plant to a container; Basil "Spicy Globe",

one plant to a container; Japanese greens, "Mizuna", one plant to a container; Dahlberg daisy, "Golden Fleece", more than one plant to a container and ornamental pepper, "Jigsaw", one plant to a container.

Quantities are limited, so place your orders early by calling Alexandra Basinski at 625-8285 or 625-8280.



Trips—Near and Far

NEW ENGLAND

May 20-23, 1985

Members from PHS and the Brandywine Conservancy-Brandywine River Museum will bus to Connecticut and then on to Boston for four days of garden visits. Included are tours of the Garden in the Woods, Arnold Arboretum, and Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum plus a stop at the Quincy Market. Private garden visits will feature a variety of gardens - wildflower, woodland, perennial and rock gardens.

For more information check the appropriate box on reservation form on page three.

ENGLAND

September 5 - 19, 1985

PHS has planned a special British tour, focusing on magnificent private gardens in East Anglia, Yorkshire, and London with accommodations in Cambridge, Harrogate, and London. We will visit gardens featured in *The Englishwoman's Garden*, Castle Howard (where "Brideshead Revisited" was filmed), Chicheley Hall, Hatfield House, Wisley, Bressingham Gardens and Alan Bloom's famous nursery. By special invitation, we will preview the Royal Horticultural Society's Great Autumn Show. We hope you will join us. Check the box on the reservation form to receive itinerary.

New in The Library

A Brocade Pillow: Azaleas of Old Japan, Ithei, Ito, New York, Weatherhill, 1984.

The Bulbous Plants of Turkey, Brian Mathew & Turhan Baytrop, London, Batsford, 1984.

The Cacti of Arizona, Lyman Benson, Tucson, AR, U. of Arizona Press, 1981.

Cucumbers in a Flower Pot, Alice Skelsey, New York, Workman, 1984.

The Cultivated Hemlocks, John C. Swartley, Portland, OR, Timber Press, 1984.

Ferns to Know and Grow, Gordon F. Foster, 3rd rev. ed., Portland, OR, Timber Press, 1984.

Gertrude Jekyll on Gardening, Penelope Hobhouse, ed., Boston, MA, Godine, 1984.

The Herb Garden, Sarah Garland, New York, Penguin Books, 1984.

In Search of the Wild Asparagus, Roy Lancaster, London, Michael Joseph/Rainbird, 1983.

Orchids in Colour, Brian and Wilma Rittershausen, Dorset, England, Batsford, 1979.

Activities

April - May

Lectures, Meetings

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Registration Events

PLANNING A PERENNIAL GARDEN

Wednesdays, April 3, 10, 17,
10 am and 1 pm

Three 2-hour sessions on planning and planting a perennial garden will be conducted by **Jane Reed Lennon**, horticulturist and professional grower.

This course will cover selection of compatible plants for sunny and shady locations, soil and feeding, propagation, and low maintenance plants. All materials will be provided.

Members: \$35; Guests: \$38

DISCOVERING PERENNIALS FOR THE INFORMAL GARDEN

Thursday, April 4, 6 pm

Charles O. Cresson, horticulturist at Meadowbrook Farm, will give an illustrated talk on unusual perennials for unusual situations. Charles will show how to use perennials in unique or difficult spots such as wet areas, woodland, or meadow gardens. Come and enjoy his broad approach to perennial gardening as he discusses alternatives to a labor-intensive formal perennial border.

Bring a sandwich; coffee provided.

Members: \$10; Guests: \$12

Note: Charles Cresson's "Hedgeleigh Spring" is one of the private gardens to be visited April 24. See Field Trips.

BASIC ANIMAL TOPIARY WORKSHOP

Thursday, April 11, 10 am - 1:30 pm

Betsy Nutt, experienced instructor of topiary techniques, will teach you how to design, shape, plant (using *Ficus pumila*) and maintain small animal topiaries.

Bring pliers, wire cutters and a cardboard box or dinner plate to transport completed project. All other materials will be provided.

Bring a sandwich; coffee and tea will be provided.

Members: \$27; Guests: \$30

DISCUSSION: REDESIGNING FOR LOW MAINTENANCE

Tuesday, April 16, 6-9 pm

Join **Patricia Schrieber** and **Paul Wolfinger** of Philadelphia Green for an informal, problem-solving discussion of low maintenance landscaping. Topics include plant selection, changing existing plantings, choosing low maintenance construction materials and rejuvenating larger plants.

Bring pictures or sketches of problem areas and lots of questions. Coffee, tea and cookies will be provided.

Members: \$10; Guests: \$12

WORKSHOP: FLOWER ARRANGING FOR ENJOYMENT

Thursday, April 18, 25, 10 am-noon

In a non-competitive atmosphere, **Kate Swope** will take you through the steps to create your own masterpiece. Materials provided for first session, which includes instruction in mechanics, conditioning of plant material and basic principles of design. In the second session participants will critique their creations in a relaxed forum.

Kate is a designer, consultant, author and instructor.

Students should bring clippers for both sessions and will be encouraged to gather own materials for the second session.

Members: \$32; Guests: \$35

PANEL: YEAR-ROUND VEGETABLE GARDENING

Thursday, April 18, 5:30-7:15 pm

Join **Jane Pepper**, PHS president, and **Nancy Greenwood**, avid home gardener who specializes in extending the season in her vegetable garden, and get their help in planning your year-round harvest. Refreshments following program.

Members: \$5; Guests: \$7

EARLY MEMBERS EVENING THE ROMANCE OF ITALIAN GARDENS

Monday, April 22, 5:30-7:15 pm

Mary Hopkins, landscape designer, consultant, lecturer and teacher, will give an illustrated talk on "The Romance of Italian Gardens" as an introduction to the Society's trip to Italian gardens in May. She will trace the development of Italian gardens as an art form, emphasizing its influence in the development of many great gardens of the world.

She has led study groups abroad for 12 years, establishing herself as a research historian.

The program will start at 5:30 pm, followed by wine and nibbles.

Members: \$6; Guests: \$8

NOTE: The PHS Library will be open until 6:45 this evening.

EARLY MEMBERS EVENING: SHAKESPEARE AND HIS GARDEN

Tuesday, April 30, 5:30-7:15 pm

Relax and sit back as **Mary Carmel Sullivan** of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden transports you to Shakespeare's England and the romance of the herbs he knew. Through slides and quotations, Mary focuses on the spirit of gardening in Shakespeare's time, including information on herbs, plant symbols, herbal delights, and tussie mussies.

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Apr. 28: Tags____ Guest tags____
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Travel directions will be sent to registrants.

Field Trips

57th GEORGETOWN GARDEN TOUR
Saturday, April 27, 7:45 am-7 pm

This trip includes a walking tour of Georgetown on your own to see traditional and innovative gardens including Mrs. Peter Belin's "Evermay" and nine other varied, interesting gardens. Highlights of the tour are "Prospect House" overlooking the Potomac and "Tudor Place", the home of Martha Washington's daughter. open for the first time. The tour is organized by and benefits the Georgetown Children's House.

Details of bus pick up at Fairmount Park Horticulture Center and Center City will be mailed to registrants.

The fee includes transportation, tour ticket, tea at Children's House following the tour, and return-trip refreshments. Lunch on your own.

Members; \$36; Guests: \$39

BARNES ARBORETUM

Friday, May 10, 10 am-2 pm

After last fall's successful trip to Barnes, many members want to return to see the garden in its spring splendor. In the morning **Elizabeth Farley**, assistant director of the Barnes Arboretum and superb guide, will lead 25 PHS members and guests through the Arboretum where the seasonal attractions include spring flowering shrubs and trees.

Registrants should bring a sandwich; dessert and coffee will be provided. After lunch, walk around to the entrance of the Barnes Foundation's gallery and tour the collection at leisure.

Fee: Members: \$10; Guests: \$12.

Travel directions will be mailed to participants.

JOHN BARTRAM'S GARDEN

Thursday, May 30, 9:50 am-2 pm

A Fairmount Park trolley will transport 25 PHS members and guests to John Bartram's Garden, America's first botanic garden. The two-hour guided tour will start in the 19th century stable and then on to the botanic garden and house.

After the tour, enjoy your box lunch in the garden and browse through the Museum Shop before the return trip by trolley.

Fairmount Park trolley will pick up and discharge participants in Center City or Fairmount Park Horticulture Center. Information will be mailed to registrants May 15. Fee includes trolley ride, entrance and guide fees, box lunch and beverages.

Members: \$19; Guests: \$21

GARDEN VISITS

Sunday, April 28, 1-5 pm

Four gardens in Valley Forge, West Chester, and Phoenixville will be open to PHS members and guests on April 28. Three of the gardens are rock gardens, and the fourth is an interestingly constructed house and garden.

Maps and tags (one for individual, three for family members) will be sent April 15 to those registering by mail only.

Sunday, May 12, 1-5 pm

Visit seven gardens in an area from Chadds Ford and Kennett Square to Greenville and Wilmington. Enjoy the diversity of garden sizes, styles and settings as you go from small city gardens to large country places.

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BE IT CUISINART OR COPPER KETTLE, PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

It's time to get out Grandma's recipe from the attic, blow off the dust and get down to some serious baking for the Harvest Show.

This year's Baked Goods classes will feature herb bread, vegetable muffins and squash pie. The main ingredient in each entry must be grown in your garden and each person may enter one item in each category.

Start practicing your recipes today. Deadline for all entries is July 1. Send advance registration form from Harvest Show Schedule and recipe(s) to Alexandra Basinski at PHS.

JUDGES NEEDED FOR CITY GARDENS CONTEST

Help us comb the City in search of those gardens that rank among the very best. It's the eleventh annual City Gardens Contest and you are invited to judge.

Jean Byall, coordinator of the Contest, says if you've never judged before now is the time. More than 600 gardeners are expected to enter this year making the Contest judging a stimulating, educational experience as you will have the opportunity to see garden treasures tucked into almost every neighborhood across the City.

If you would like to judge, check the appropriate box on the Reservations form on page three.

HORTICULTURAL PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

"THE WAY I SEE IT", a horticultural photography contest open to all will be staged at PHS from June 17 through July 29, 1985. Winners in each of the six major categories will receive valuable prizes and also be eligible for the Best In Show Award. Come and join the fun,

show off your gardens and plants and photo talents. All entries must be received no later than May 31, 1985. The winning photograph will be featured in *GREEN SCENE*. For a listing of Photo Contest rules and entry categories please write to Joe Kerwin at PHS or call 625-8250.

LOIS WOODWARD PAUL

She was always smiling, rarely ruffled - and always full of good cheer and wisdom for those of us who sought to follow in her footsteps. Lois's death numbed her PHS friends, especially as it came in late February when so many were involved in setting-up the Flower Show, an event she had supported and loved for many years.

Lois's associations with PHS go back to the 1950s, when she served as a field lecturer. Her husband Fully enrolled her as a life member in 1947. In 1966 she received our Distinguished Achievement Award. Later, as a member of Council and chair of the Awards Committee, she was a key participant in Society activities. As a judge at many shows, including the Flower and Harvest Shows, it was a privilege to serve on her panel. Her comments were carefully phrased, as she passed out the criticism gently and the praise loudly.

Mrs. Paul's horticultural career was distinguished, as a faculty member of the Ambler Campus of Temple University and as head of the Department of Education at Longwood Gardens. Just as important, to so many PHS members and staff, was the opportunity to share with Lois the joys of gardening, of education and an approach to life that was so appealing. We will miss her.

The many generous donations to the Society in Lois's name will be placed in a fund for the Lois Paul Memorial Lecture, to be given each year in conjunction with the Society's Annual Meeting, an event Lois was deeply involved in as chair of Awards.

Pepperpot

FLOWER SHOW

Special thanks, in the competitive classes of the Show, go to **Jane Ward** who has completed her second year as chair of this section. A member of the Providence Garden Club, Jane is a skillful organizer with a personality that few can resist, even when called for some of the most challenging jobs. We are fortunate to have enjoyed Jane as a key Show volunteer for several years and look forward to her continuing involvement as a Council member and as coordinator for a special exhibit in Flower Show '86.

My thanks also go to **Thacher Brown** who led the Preview Dinner committee to produce another superb affair in conjunction with ARA Services, Inc. Contributions made to the Society by our Preview Dinner subscribers play a key role in supporting Philadelphia Green projects.

And finally, congratulations to **Gale Nurseries** for their splendid entrance feature, which was awarded the Wilkinson Sword for the "Commercial exhibit that best exemplifies the horticultural traditions of Great Britain preserved by American gardeners."

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COST OF BOOK MAILING INCREASES

Recent postal rate increases have forced the Library to raise the charge for mailing books to PHS members. As of June 1, 1985 this charge will be \$1.00 per book. If you would like a copy of *SELECTED BOOKS*, a 1978 annotated listing of the library's most used books, we would be glad to include one with your next mailing of books. To borrow books by mail, send your request on a postal to the Library or phone 625-8256 or 625-8268.

New in the Library

The Fine Art of Salad Gardening, Annie E. Proulx, Emmaus, PA, Rodale press, 1985.

The Garden Seed Inventory, Kent Whealy, editor, Decorah, Iowa, Seed Saver, 1985. (reference)

The Homeowner's Complete Handbook for Ad-on Solar Greenhouses and Sunspaces, Emmaus, PA, Rodale Press, 1985.

The Japanese Art of Stone Appreciation, Vincent Covello, Rutland, VT, Tuttle, 1984.

The Manual of Cultivated Broad-Leaved Trees and Shrubs, vol. 1, Gerd Krussman, Beaverton, Oregon, 1976.

The Meaning of Flowers, Claire Powell, London, Jupiter Books, 1977.

Name the Succulent, Gordon D. Rowley, Cheltenham, England, Stanley Thornes, 1980.

Ortho's Complete Guide to Successful Houseplants, San Francisco, Ortho Books, 1984.

Perennial Garden Plants, rev. ed., Graham Stuart Thomas, London, J.M. Dent & Sons, 1982.

Pick Your Own Farming, Ralph L. Wampler, University of Oklahoma Press, 1984.

The Pine Cone Book, Nancy Long Boyd, Baltimore, MD, Prospect Hill, 1983.

Rhetoric and Roses, Edwinna von Baeyer, Markham, Ont., Canada, Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 1984.

Saxifrages and Related Genera, Fritz Kohlen, London, Batsford, 1984.

Shrubs in the Landscape, Joseph Hudak, New York, McGraw-Hill, 1984.

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Members: \$12____ Guests: \$14____

WORKSHOP: CONTEMPORARY FLOWER ARRANGING

Members: \$32____ Guests: \$35____

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Members: \$6____ Guests: \$8____

IN DEFENSE OF ANNUALS

Members: \$10____ Guests: \$12____

DEMONSTRATION: HARVESTING HERBS

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MEMBERS EVENING THE NATIONAL HERB GARDEN

Members: \$13____ Guests: \$15____

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PRUNING IN FAIRMOUNT PARK AZALEA GARDEN

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Trip to England, September 1985

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Field Trips

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Friday, May 10, 10 am-2 pm

In the morning **Elizabeth Farley**, assistant director of the Barnes Arboretum and superb guide, will lead 25 PHS members and guests through the Arboretum where the seasonal attractions include spring flowering shrubs and trees.

JOHN BARTRAM'S GARDEN

Thursday, May 30, 9:50 am-2 pm

A Fairmount Park trolley will transport 25 PHS members and guests to John Bartram's Garden, America's first botanic garden. The two-hour guided tour will start in the 19th century stable and then on to the botanic garden and house.

After the tour, enjoy your box lunch in the garden and browse through the Museum Shop before the return trip by trolley.

Fairmount Park trolley will pick up and discharge participants in Center City or Fairmount Park Horticulture Center. Information will be mailed to registrants May 15. Fee includes trolley ride, entrance and guide fees, box lunch and beverages.

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Trips—Near and Far

NEW ENGLAND

May 20-23, 1985

Members from PHS and the Brandywine Conservancy-Brandywine River Museum will bus to Connecticut and then on to Boston for four days of garden visits. Included are tours of private gardens plus Garden in the Woods, Arnold Arboretum, and Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum plus a stop at the Quincy Market.

For more information call PHS (215) 625-8250.

ENGLAND

September 5-19, 1985

PHS has planned a special British tour of magnificent gardens in East Anglia, Yorkshire and in and around London with accommodations in Cambridge, Harrogate and London.

We will visit grand gardens of Britain, but also smaller gardens not regularly open to the public. Several receptions and dinners have been arranged in private houses.

Highlights of the tour include visits to gardens featured in *The Englishwoman's Garden*, Castle Howard, Chicheley Hall, Hatfield House, Wisley and Bressingham Gardens.

By special invitation, we will preview the Royal Horticultural Society's Great Autumn Show. We hope you will join us. Check the box on the reservation form to receive the itinerary.

A Correction

In the April PHS News, plants entered by University of British Columbia Botanical Garden were listed incorrectly with those plants selected by Styer Awards Committee for preliminary commendation.

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A MOUNTAIN OF HOPE FOR WEST SHORE COMMUNITY

A pile of rocks with nowhere to go and no one to move it was a nuisance to the neighbors of Markoe Street. Slowly it evolved into a treasured rose-covered mound now known as Markoe Mountain.

The community of West Shore in Southwest Philadelphia has had plenty of experience at turning monumental problems such as abandoned homes and trash strewn lots into green space giving hope and pride to the entire neighborhood.

On July 26, West Shore will become the third of the Society's Greene Countrie Townes with a celebration to be held at the "OK Coral", a flower garden on the 4600 block of Linmore Street. **Charlotte Donald**, chair of the West Shore Greene Countrie Towne project, and **Helen Feggans**, president of the West Shore Civic Corporation, have worked with Philadelphia Green since 1982 to turn this ten-block community into an oasis of greenery.

Once known as a grey area of Philadelphia, West Shore now boasts some 275 window boxes and wine barrel planters, 50 street trees, three community vegetable gardens and eight flower and sitting parks.

If you would like to attend the dedication ceremony on July 26 please call Betty McGill at (215) 625-8282.

PHS SUMMER HOURS

Visit the Society during our summer hours 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. These hours will be in effect May 28 through Labor Day.

REMINDER - Next PHS News - August

AABGA MEETS AT HAVERFORD COLLEGE

Under the leadership of **Jane Pepper**, PHS president, a committee was formed many months ago to prepare for the annual meeting of the **American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta** to be held in this region in June. Representatives from the **Arboretum of the Barnes Foundation, Campus Arboretum Association Haverford College, Chanticleer, Longwood Gardens, Morris Arboretum, Philadelphia Zoo, Scott Foundation, Tyler Arboretum, Wilmington Garden Center and Winterthur Museum and Gardens**, have developed a four-day program around the theme "An Organization's Public Face." Home base for the June 19 - 22 meeting will be **Haverford College** where 200 participants from around the nation will enjoy Haverford's beautiful campus and arboretum. Pre- and post-conference tours have been arranged to private gardens and to the Pine Barrens. PHS members are welcome to attend all or part of the conference. For more information please call or write AABGA, P.O. Box 206, Swarthmore, PA 19081; (215) 328-9145.

INFORMATION WANTED ON DR. EDGAR T. WHERRY

The Delaware Valley Chapter of the American Rock Garden Society has volunteered to locate and catalog letters and other written material, slides, photographs and memorabilia relating to the life and work of the late botanist, Dr. Edgar T. Wherry.

Anyone interested in providing such materials should contact Milton Laden at (215) 247-7616. Arrangements have been made to house and service the Wherry Collection in the library of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia for the benefit of future students and researchers.



A WINNING SHOW LINED UP FOR FALL

The 1985 Harvest Show will be held on Saturday and Sunday, September 28 and 29 at Horticulture Center in West Fairmount Park. **Ann Marlar**, Show Chair says this year's theme, A Harvest Rainbow, "will herald the season with a spectrum of color and activities to delight members of the entire family."

In the design classes exhibitors may enter any of eight artistic categories that capture the spirit of the Show with titles like Beach Party, Color Me, Cosmic and Pot of Gold.

While gathering flowers from your garden keep in mind the Pressed Plant classes and create a design for Harvest Rainbow, Go Fly a Kite, Stitchery or Kaleidoscope. Also, with dried flowers make a design for A Country Fair Hat.

The Preserved Products classes are always a Show stopper and this year will be no exception with mouth-watering entries of jellies, jams, preserves and pickles staged in the greenhouse with homemade breads and vegetable cookies in the Baked Goods section.

When you've finished making all those blue ribbon entries take a stroll through the Show and enjoy many activities—jugglers, a children's activities tent, and hourly horticultural demonstrations. A brass band will entertain visitors both afternoons and during the Members Preview on Friday, September 27.

Mark the Show dates on your calendar, it's an event you won't want to miss.

VISIT ENGLISH GARDENS WITH PHS - See pg. 3

New in the Library

Arkansas Ferns and Fern Allies, Carl W. Taylor, Milwaukee, Wis., Milwaukee Public Museum, 1984.

An Axe, a Spade & Ten Acres, George Courtland, New York, Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 1983.

Botany in the Field, Jane Scott, Englewood Cliffs, N.J., Prentice-Hall, 1984.

Garden Design, Kenneth Midgley, London, Pelham Books, 1984.

An Herb Garden Companion, Audrey O'Connor, New York, Cornell University, 1984.

The House of Boughs, Elizabeth Wilkinson and Marjorie Henderson, editors, New York, Viking, 1985.

An Illustrated Guide to Alpines, Michael Upward, London, Salamander, 1984.

Leaves, Ghillean Tolmie Prance, New York, Crown Publishers, 1985.

Lee Bailey's Country Flowers, Lee Bailey, New York, Clarkson N. Potter, 1985.

Little English Backyards, Roddy Llewelyn, Salem, N.H., Salem House, 1985.

More Flower Arranging from your Garden, Sheila Macqueen, London, Ward Lock, 1984.

Oriental Flower Arrangement II, Im Wha Kong, Tokyo, Shufunotomo Ltd., 1984.

The Overlook Water Gardener's Handbook, Philip Swindells, Woodstock, N.Y., Overlook Press, 1984.

Perennials, How to Select, Grow and Enjoy, Pamela Harper & Frederick McGourty, Tucson, Ariz., HP Books, 1985.

The Total Tomato, Fred DuBose, New York, Harper & Row, 1985.

Window Gardens, Lizzie Boyd, New York, Clarkson N. Potter, 1985.

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Activities

June

Lectures, Meetings

(Open without charge to all)

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, AFRICAN
VIOLET SOCIETY

June 9, 10 am-4 pm, Annual Show

PHILADELPHIA INDOOR LIGHT
GARDENING SOCIETY

June 26, 8 pm

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Pepperpot

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To our new members, I offer a warm welcome. Some 570 of you joined during the fall membership campaign; 308 more at the Flower Show and another 628 signed up through various routes during the past nine months. We look forward to seeing you as the year progresses and to hearing how we can help you.

Some day when you are downtown, be sure to stop in and inspect your building, a restored townhouse in Society Hill. Nowadays, it's hard to picture the Society anywhere else, but we didn't arrive at 325 Walnut Street until 1964, when we leased the building from Independence National Historical Park in cooperation with the Philadelphia Society for Promoting Agriculture. At that time our quarters seemed spacious for the staff of five. Today with 28 full-timers and several part-timers, we also occupy offices across the street. In our rental agreement with INHP we guarantee to keep the building and library open for the public, to maintain exhibits in our lobby and to maintain the delightful garden on Walnut Street.

As you explore the benefits of membership, don't forget the horticultural hotline (215-922-8043), handled by a terrific team of volunteers from 9:30 to noon Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Then there's the library which holds the answers to almost all your horticultural questions.

That's my love note to you for the summer season. When the spirit moves, keep in touch and let us know if we are fulfilling your horticultural needs.

Jane

Jane G. Pepper
President



FLOWER SHOW HORTICULTURAL CLASSES

The Collection Classes at the '85 Flower Show were a big hit and it looks like 1986's will be equally exciting. There are a few openings in Class 200 - a horticultural collection displayed for botanical interest and in Class 400 - Kaleidoscope, a collection presenting a variety of colors and patterns. If you would like to enter, call Marge Meer at (215) 625-8292.

Another newcomer in the hort section next year is "All America Selections." Ex-

hibitors may enter any forced plant from the All America Selection list, available at PHS. This list has been compiled over a 50-year period and ranges from flowering plants to vegetables.

The bulbs listed below for the 1986 Show may be entered on any of the three horticultural entry days.

- Class-01 *Narcissus* 'Little Gem' (Miniature)
- Class-02 *Narcissus* 'Unsurpassable' (trumpet)
- Class-03 *Narcissus* 'Carlton' (large cup)
- Class-04 *Narcissus* 'Peeping Tom' (cyclamineus)
- Class-05 *Hyacinthus* 'Delft Blue'
- Class-06 *Tulipa* 'De Wet'
- Class-07 *Amaryllis* Any named variety
- Class-08 Any named miniature narcissus not listed above
- Class-09 Any standard narcissus not listed above
- Class-10 Any named hyacinthus not listed above
- Class-11 Any named tulipa not listed above
- Class-12 Any named muscari
- Class-13 Any named crocus
- Class-14 Any named iris
- Class-15 Any other named hardy bulb, corm, rhizome or tuber
- Class-16 Any other named non-hardy bulb, corm, rhizome or tuber; pot 6" or under
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GARDENS OF ENGLAND, September 5-19

PHS members and guests will travel to England in September to visit gardens in East Anglia, Yorkshire, and London. The itinerary stresses the diversity of English gardens from the lush perennial borders at Bressingham Gardens and the sweeping landscapes of Castle Howard to the historic gardens of Hatfield House, the residence of the Marchioness of Salisbury.

Hatfield House, the Jacobean palace built in 1607-1611, was the home of Robert Cecil, Chief Minister to Queen Elizabeth I and James I. Cecil entrusted the planting of his gardens to John Tradescant the Elder, who traveled overseas to hunt for plant treasures for the gardens of Hatfield House. The elegant gardens and park contain many specimen trees including 250 year-old copper beeches and a mulberry tree planted by James I. Fine portraits, furniture, tapestries, and armour are highlights within the house. The gardens of Hatfield House are featured as the cover story of *House and Garden*, June 1985.

Two of the many private gardens we'll visit are included in *The Englishwoman's Garden*. We will have tea at Jenny Robinson's home, Chequers, Boxford, as we view her walled garden with central lawn and well-filled beds. We will also visit Beth Chatto's garden, famous for its five acres of attractively landscaped areas with unusual plants, shown in a wide range of conditions.

These are just a few of the many places we will visit; the pace will be brisk with just the right amount of free time to catch your breath and to wander on your own. For a copy of the itinerary, call Cheryl Monroe at 625-8299, or check the appropriate box on the Reservation Coupon on Page Three.

ALL SYSTEMS ARE GO FOR THE 1985 HARVEST SHOW

Countdown to our annual fall event has begun and after months of planning, our team of enthusiastic leaders is ready to take visitors on a trip over the Harvest Rainbow.

Beginning in November of 1984, **Martha Clark**, design chair, met with Harvest Show committee members to brainstorm suggestions for the 1985 classes. December brought the Committee together again as **Ann Benzel**, chair of the horticulture classes, encouraged the group to comb through the rules, regulations, judging criteria and specific classes listed in the Exhibitor's Schedule. As the Flower Show whirlwind passed, Harvest Show action picked up as **Ann Marlar**, Show chair and **Ann Swan**, vice-chair worked out the nuts and bolts operations with the PHS staff.

Now, with the Show only one month away, recipes for the Baked Goods classes are all in and major exhibitors are busy designing their displays. A Harvest Rainbow will light up the grounds of The Horticulture Center on Saturday and Sunday, September 28 and 29.

FROM THE LAND OF OZ

Calling all scarecrow enthusiasts. The 1985 Harvest Show's scarecrow class will feature the classic theme "The Wizard of Oz." Design your favorite character(s) from over the rainbow and enter it.

Consult your Harvest Show Schedule for registration requirements.

BLOOPER ALERT

The SEEDHEADS Class was inadvertently omitted from the 1985 Harvest Show Schedule. Entries may be made in Class 208 Sunflower, 6" stem, one specimen and Class 209 Amaranth, 6" stem, one specimen.

WANTED: HARVEST SHOW HELPERS TO SHARE THE LAUGHTER

Join the fun in the Children's Activities Tent at the Harvest Show. Volunteers are needed to assist our young visitors with pumpkin painting; to decorate their rosy cheeks with face paint and to keep them from diving head first into the apple bobbing barrel. The activities run from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, September 28 and 29.

To volunteer, call Peggy Devine at (215) 625-8256 or sign up on Reservation coupon on Page Three.

PHILADELPHIA GREEN RECEIVES \$10,000 FROM ARCO

Philadelphia's corporate community generously supports Philadelphia Green and we are especially grateful to the **Atlantic Richfield Foundation** for a recent gift of \$10,000 to forward our community projects. ARCO has been a long time supporter and we welcome not only their continued involvement but also an increased contribution.

Grateful thanks also to **Provident National Bank** who have made it possible to plant gardens in West Philadelphia and Logan with a grant of \$1,600.



FLOWER SHOW MINIS ANNOUNCED

Lucie and **Jim Steele**, advisors for the 1986 Miniature Arrangement class, recently announced the four new titles for this class. They are: *Allspice* - a design incorporating herb(s) and/or spice(s); *Sticks and Stones* - a composition using stick(s) and or stone(s); *Fire and Ice* - a design suggesting fire and/or ice and *Potpourri* - a mass arrangement.

ENJOY THE TREASURES OF YOUR LIBRARY

Wondering how to make elderberry wine, rosehip syrup, nettle soup or grill fish on fennel? Roger Phillips' *Wild Foods* London, Pan Books, 1983 will inspire wonderful end-of-summer feasts. Englishman Phillips has combined superb photographs with tempting recipes showing wild edibles on site and ready to eat. For herb harvesting, potpourri and more domesticated herb recipes consult Ann Bonar's *Macmillan Treasury of Herbs* N.Y., 1985. As your garden reaches its summer peak camera buffs may want to consult Heather Angel's *A Camera in the Garden*, London, Quiller Press, 1984. The examples are handsome and the advice is practical and detailed. All of these books may be borrowed by phone (mailing charge, \$1.00 per book) or in person. The Library is now open until 6:45 on Members' evenings. To borrow books by phone: 625-8256 or 625-8268.

New in the Library

Beatrix Farrand's American Landscapes: Her Gardens & Campuses, Diana Balmori, Sagaponack, NY, Sagapress, 1985.

Bonsai: The Complete Guide to Art and Technique, Paul Lesniewicz, Poole, England, Blandford Press, 1984.

A Camera in the Garden, Heather Angel, London, Quiller Press, 1984.

The Complete Urban Gardener, Joan Puma, New York, Harper & Row, 1985.

Edible Flowers, Claire Clifton, London, The Bodley Head, 1983.

Gardening with Perennials, Joseph Hudak, Portland, Oregon, Timber Press, 1985.

A guide to Enjoying Wildflowers, Donald Stokes, Boston, Little, Brown & Co., 1985.

Herbs: their cultivation and usage, John & Rosemary Hemphill, Poole, England, Blandford Press, 1985.

The Macmillan Treasury of Herbs, Ann Bonar, New York; Macmillan, 1985.

Primulas of Europe and America, G.F. Smith, Surrey, England, Alpine Garden Society, 1984.

Species of Special Concern in Pennsylvania, Carnegie Museum, Pittsburgh, Carnegie, 1985.

Water Conservation in Landscape Design and Management, Gary O. Robinette, New York, Van Nostrand, 1984.

Water, Earth and Fire, Jonathan Berger, Baltimore, John Hopkins U. Press, 1985.

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Fee: \$10 members; \$12 guests. Registration is limited to 15 persons. Travel directions will be sent to participants Sept. 3.

Other Events

DAHLIA SHOW

Greater Philadelphia Dahlia Society

King of Prussia Plaza at Wanamakers

Sat., Sept. 14, 3-9:30 pm

Sun., Sept. 15, noon-5 pm

PLANT SALE

Associates of Scott Foundation

Rare and unusual plants

Saturday, Sept. 28

10 am-4 pm, Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, Pa. 447-7025

KOI FESTIVAL

September 7, 8

Lilypons Water Gardens

6800 Lilypons Rd.

Lilypons, Maryland

(301) 874-5133

ACTIVITIES NOTES

As we put the finishing touches on the calendar of events for 1985-86, we want you to have a peek at what is to come.

1985 was designated as a "Celebration of Herbs," and herb programs were scheduled monthly throughout the winter and spring. Many thanks to the Philadelphia Unit of the Herb Society of America for their help and guidance, and for co-sponsoring some of these events. Two more herb programs have been planned for the fall, and a special day in October has been set aside for PHS members by the Herb Society for workshops and demonstrations in Chester County. See the September News for details.

Our first tour for 1985-86 will take place in September when PHS travels to England for 14 days in East Anglia, Yorkshire and London, and in August, Peggy Bowditch and Betsy Gullan will take members to Maine for four days of private garden visits.

For 1986 PHS will have an American series as a tie-in with the theme of the 1986 Philadelphia Flower Show, "Hometown, USA"; special lectures, workshops and field trips will focus on native plants and crafts.

Field trips to the Barnes Foundation, Scott Foundation, Meadowbrook Farm and the White House grounds and Herb Garden in Washington, D.C. had long waiting lists and will be repeated next spring, and several trips with new destinations are planned.

Watch for announcements of events in the *PHS News*: all events (with rare exception) are advertised in two consecutive issues of the *News*. Itineraries for the Maine tour will be ready late in November.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR FALL

Ambler Campus/ Temple University

Butler Pike and Meetinghouse Road
Ambler, PA 19002.

Registration through August 28.

Accredited courses in horticulture and landscape design.

Non-accredited courses include Dwarf Shrub Gardening and Low-Maintenance Gardening.

Call (215) 643-1200, ext. 300 for brochure

Delaware Valley College of Science and Agriculture

Route 202 and New Britain Road, Doylestown, PA 18901

Registration September through beginning of December. Courses offered include The Art of Wiring Flowers; Starting Your Own Florist Business and Fall Landscaping.

For more information write: Adelaide Coyle, Continuing Education, Delaware Valley College, Rt. 202 and New Britain Rd., Doylestown, PA 18901

John J. Tyler Arboretum

515 Painter Road, P.O. Box 216, Lima, PA 19037

Registration September through November.

Courses offered include Insight to Plant Families and How Pollutants Affect Plants.

Send self-addressed, stamped envelope to Tyler Arboretum Education Center,

P.O. Box 216, Lima, PA 19037 to receive brochure.

Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, PA

Fall Courses include Perennials For Your Garden; Landscaping with Groundcovers and Floral Design. Registration is now through September 4. Call Longwood Education Department, (215) 388-6741, ext. 516 for brochure.

Longwood is also accepting applicants for its Professional Gardeners Training Program that prepares students for employment in a number of horticultural fields. The application period closes October 1, 1985, for the next class of 14 students who begin the program in March, 1986.

Applications and an informational brochure are available by contacting David Foresman, Professional Gardener Training Program, Department of Education, Longwood Gardens, P.O. Box 501, Kennett Square, PA 19348-0501 (215) 388-6741, ext. 501.

Morris Arboretum/University of Pennsylvania

9414 Meadowbrook Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19118

Registration through September 18. Courses offered include Redesigning Your Backyard; Plant Ecology and Children's Naturalist Program.

Call (215) 247-5777, Education Department for brochure.

Arthur Hoyt Scott Horticultural Foundation/Swarthmore College

Off Route 320, one block down to College Avenue, Swarthmore, PA Monthly Workshops-September through November on horticultural topics Call Erica Glasner, (215) 447-7025 for brochure.

PHS STAFF NEWS

Cheryl Lee Monroe recently joined the staff of PHS as administrative assistant to president, Jane Pepper.

Cheryl comes to us with a Bachelor of Science degree in horticulture from the University of Maryland. She has worked as a volunteer for the U.S. National Arboretum Herb Garden and her flower designs have appeared at Longwood Gardens and the State Department in Washington.

Along with her administrative responsibilities, Cheryl also holds the position of Harvest Show secretary. Feel free to call her if you have Harvest Show questions.

Jeff Myers has been named district coordinator for Philadelphia Green in North Philadelphia. Jeff has worked at PHS for the past year as assistant district coordinator in North Philadelphia. His responsibilities include contacting community groups, developing greening programs and coordinating projects with neighborhood leaders.

Jeff graduated from the Penn State University in 1981 with a degree in Horticulture and Agricultural Education.

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I would like to help out in the Harvest Show Children's Activities Tent (See page 1, column 3)

Please send information on:

Trip to England, September 1985

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ADDRESS _____

ZIP _____ TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

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Pepperpot

There is a beautiful garden down on Walnut Street, alongside 325, covered with coleus, heliotrope, and begonias. The production is colorful, the maintenance to perfection and we hope you will stop by one day to enjoy it, as do the millions of visitors who come to Independence National Historical Park each year. As you relish this beautiful sight, give grateful thanks to our volunteers who tend it spring, summer and fall under the leadership of **Ann McPhail** and PHS assistant horticulturist, **Joe Kerwin**. Without them we would, to put it plainly, be in a pickle. Many thanks to:

Elizabeth Bailey
Wilma Crane
Ed Doelp
Lilly Glazer
Johanna Goedel
Becky Hesse
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Helen Kaufman
Jay Kessler
Kitty Lapp
Matt McConnell
Jane Newcomer
Harriett Richards
Kinnie Schmidt
Ginny Shuster
Louise Sonnenberg
Elizabeth Steele
Donna Thomas
Frances Vollmer

As you tend your garden this summer (I hope it's in better shape than mine) think

about courses, trips, and workshops you would like PHS to offer in future months. We welcome your thoughts and have included a couple of lines on the reservation form on which we hope you will jot down your suggestions. If you have a specific area of horticultural interest we are not currently fulfilling, there are probably several others with the same interest — be a sport and let us in on the secret.

Jane

Jane G. Pepper
President

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE G.C.A.

Jane Ward, former chair of the Competitive Classes of the Philadelphia Flower Show, was recently elected First Vice President of the Garden Club of America.

Jane has served the Garden Club of America previously as a board member and serves on the PHS Council.

Sarah C.Z. Groome, flower arranger extraordinaire who has succeeded so well in raising the standards of flower arrangement competition, was awarded the GCA's Katharine Thomas Cary Medal for her outstanding achievement in the field of flower arrangement education.

Sarah has held flower arrangement workshops in her home for the past 15 years to help exhibitors prepare their entries for the Flower Show.

Congratulations to two of our favorite people.

EXPERTS SAY "FALL IS PERFECT FOR PLANTING"

The Pennsylvania Nurseryman's Association "Fall Is For Planting" campaign is off to a running start as participating nurseries spread the word that fall is the perfect time to plant, especially for the drought conscious.

Wayne Norton, co-owner of Rose Valley Nurseries, Media and board member of the Fall Is For Planting committee, says "as the ground cools in fall, plant root systems begin to shrink, causing them to require less moisture. Even if the past season's rainfall is below average, this fall's precipitation should provide enough moisture to carry new plantings through the winter months." Norton also suggests that you water established plants during August before the fiber shrinkage begins.

So, as you set out on your plant shopping spree, spirit renewed, be sure to stop in at your local nursery that bears the Fall Is For Planting banner for some valuable tips on growing this season.

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A CORNUCOPIA OF COLOR, FLAVOR AND FRAGRANCE AT THE 1985 HARVEST SHOW

Fruit, vegetables and flowers artistically arranged and in competition are the featured fare at this year's Harvest Show.

A Harvest Rainbow is the theme of the Show and color will burst forth from every corner of the enormous open-air tents and greenhouses at the Horticulture Center on Belmont Avenue and Horticultural Drive in West Fairmount Park.

Harvest Tables and Bounty by The Basket will overflow with crisp vegetables and flowers. And, more than 1500 entries of everything from apricot brandy to dahlia-flowered zinnias are expected to be entered in the more than 300 horticultural categories.

Show exhibitors come from all over the City and surrounding suburbs and will offer a wealth of ideas and information for the home gardener. Come visit the Show on Saturday and Sunday, September 28 and 29 and find out what's growing in your neighbor's backyard.

HARVEST SHOW SPECIAL EVENTS

Get ready for a fun-filled weekend of exciting special events and demonstrations designed to delight the entire family. All activities will take place on both days of the Show unless otherwise noted.

10 am - 5 pm

Jack Eden, KYW Newsradio garden commentator, will answer gardening questions. (Saturday only)

11 am - 4 pm

Robert Harvey of Harvey's Honey will perform bee demonstrations.

12 - 1 pm

The Philadelphia Zoo's Zoo on Wheels will provide a fascinating look at the world of animals and have on hand an assortment of captivating creatures.

12 - 1 pm

The International Society of Arboriculture will conduct tree climbing demonstrations on 60 foot sycamore trees at the Horticulture Center.

12 - 2 pm

Give and Take Jugglers from King of Prussia will entertain visitors with their skills.

1 - 4 pm

Children's Activities Tent will feature face painting, bobbing for apples and plenty of pumpkins for painting.

1 - 4 pm

The Johannes Brass Ensemble will play their lively melodies.

2 - 4 pm

Candy Kean and Friend will produce ample amounts of laughter with their clowning routine.

HARVEST SHOW DEMONSTRATIONS

Saturday, September 28

1:00 **Stir-Fry Your Harvest Vegetables**
Rosemarie Vassalluzzo, Bucks County food columnist

1:30 **Making Fruit Leathers**
Martha Straus, horticultural therapist, Friends Hospital.

2:00 **Saving Seed For Next Year's Harvest**
Sally McCabe, district coordinator, Philadelphia Green

2:30 **Flowers For Your Table**
Bernice Makin, professional flower arranger

3:00 (1 hr.) **Getting Started With Bonsai**
Dorothy Young, author of *Bonsai, the art and technique*

Sunday, September 29

12:30 (1 hr.) **Safety Tips for Home Preserving**

Richard Bitner, Harvest Show Preserved Products, chair

1:30 Potpourri

Debi Hogan, Horticulture Center

2:00 (1 hr.) **Creating With Natural Materials: How To Dry And Use Garden Flowers**

Rita Precopio, Leah Riband and Helen Knauff, lecturers and workshop leaders

3:00 **Repotting For Home Orchid Growers**

L. Wilbur Zimmerman, American Orchid Society judge emeritus

3:30 **Chinese Appetizers You Can Make**
Joe Poon, Philadelphia restaurateur

PLANT GIVE AWAY FOR PHS MEMBERS Thursday, September 19, 9 am - 7 pm

Visit the Society and select a plant from this year's collection. Family and life members may select two plants and those with individual memberships may choose one. All plants must be picked up by members. Sorry, no reservations.

This year's plants that were grown and donated by PHS members include:

Perennials

Begonia grandis - Hardy Begonias, *Galax aphylla* - Beetleweed, *Gentiana macrophylla*, *Gentiana scabra*, *Gypsophila repens*, *Hosta venusta*, *Iris cristata* 'Alba' - dwarf crested iris (white), *Iris sibirica* 'Alba' - Siberian iris (white), *Iris sp.*, *Oenothera sp.*, *Saxifraga veitchiana*, *Sedum sp.*, *Viola odorata* - sweep violet

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HARVEST SHOW MEMBERS' PREVIEW

Mary Disston, chair, PHS Members' Committee, invites you to help make the Preview a smashing success by helping out on Friday, September 27 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm.

Those who would like to join Mary should check the appropriate box on the Reservation form on page three.

New in the Library

Everlastings, Patricia Thorpe, New York, Facts on File, 1985.

Good Neighbors: Companion Planting for Gardeners, Anna Carr, Emmaus, Pa., Rodale Press, 1985.

Growing Hybrid Orchids Indoors, Jack Kramer, New York, Universe Books, 1985.

The Humphrey Marshall House, John Milner Assoc., West Chester, Pa., John Milner, 1985.

Landscaping for Privacy, Sunset Books, Menlo Park, Calif., Lane Publishing, 1985.

Peppers: The Domesticated Capsicum, Jean Andrews, Austin, Texas, University of Texas Press, 1985.

Pressed Flowers through the Seasons, Margaret Kennedy Scott, London, Batsford, 1982.

Pursuing Innocent Pleasures: The Gardening World of Alexander Pope, Peter Martin, Hamden, Conn., Archon Books, 1984.

PLANT SOCIETIES' EVENTS TO BE ANNOUNCED IN GREEN SCENE

Jean Byrne, editor of *Green Scene*, invites plant societies to submit 1986 dates for one major event and one major sale for publication in the March issue of the magazine.

As soon as information on your event becomes available, send it to Jean in c/o PHS, 325 Walnut Street. **Deadline for all submissions is November 1, 1985.**

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Wednesday, September 18, 8 pm

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Plant raffle and exchange

Wednesday, October 23, 8 pm

Supplies raffle, sale, exchange

PENNSYLVANIA BONSAI SOCIETY

Friday, October 18, 8 pm

SYMPOSIUM: ARRANGEMENT CLASSES, PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

Thursday, October 24, 10:00 am

Symposium coordinators Anne Coste and Susie Stanley, co-chairs of the niche,

pedestal and miniature arrangement classes, invite new and experienced exhibitors to participate in this annual seminar. This is an opportunity to review the schedule of classes and rules for exhibiting with experts.

Special Events

PHS Exhibit

September 12 - October 25

Wine and Cheese Reception:

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"Paintings From a Woodland Garden"

Watercolors and pastels by Rodrica Tilley

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PRESSED FLOWER WORKSHOP

Wednesday, October 9, 10 am-noon

Katie King, longtime PHS member, accomplished flower arranger and frequent blue ribbon winner at the Philadelphia Flower Show will teach techniques for pressing and storing flowers, creating pictures, matting and preserving the finished masterpiece.

Participants should bring tweezers. All other supplies will be provided.

Fee: \$15 members; \$17 guests

EARLY LECTURE: CAMBRIDGE BOTANIC GARDEN

Wednesday, October 9, 5:45-7:15 pm

Peter Orriss, superintendent of the University Botanic Garden in Cambridge, England, will journey to PHS for an illustrated talk on the Cambridge botanic Garden and its development. Established in 1831 on 40 acres, the garden blends traditional features with horticultural and ecological gardens to create a beautiful landscape.

5:45 pm lecture, followed by wine and nibbles.

Fee: \$6 members; \$8 guests

PLANT ILLUSTRATION COURSE

Wednesday, October 16, 23, 30 and Nov. 6, 13

9:30 am - noon

Alan Slack, co-chair of Flower Show Horticultural Classes and experienced plant illustrator, will conduct this five-session course that includes the latest techniques and media for plant illustration.

Participants must have some experience in drawing or painting. Materials will be provided for the first session after which participants will work in the medium of their choice.

Fee: \$65 members; \$70 guests

EARLY LECTURE—ORNAMENTAL GRASSES

Thursday, October 17, 5:45-7:15 pm

Mary Hockenberry Meyer, one of the heroes among ornamental grass advocates, will give an illustrated talk on grasses in the landscape including information on identification, characteristics, culture and uses.

Mary published a book *Ornamental Grasses* in 1975 and has worked as a Cooperative Extension Agent in New York and for Agway in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

5:45 pm program, followed by wine and nibbles.

Fee: \$6 members; \$8 guests

EARLY LECTURE - USING UNUSUAL BULBS IN THE GARDEN

Tuesday, October 22, 5:45-7:15 pm

Charles O. Cresson, horticulturist at Meadowbrook Farm, will illustrate different ways to use bulbs from grandiose bedding schemes to smaller more personalized schemes.

5:45 pm program, followed by wine and nibbles.

Fee: \$6 members; \$8 guests

WORKSHOP: FORCING BULBS FOR WINTER ENJOYMENT

Monday, October 28, 10 am and 6 pm

Ed Lindemann, PHS horticulturist and Flower Show designer, will teach the essentials of forcing bulbs for winter enjoyment in two workshops. Each participant will take home three decorative clay containers planted with "General DeWet" tulips, yellow *Iris reticulata*, and blue Muscari.

Three clay pots, bulbs and soil will be

provided; participants should bring a box to transport potted bulbs.

Fee: \$40 members; \$44 guests

HERB DAY IN THE COUNTRY

Tuesday, October 29, 10 am-2:30 pm

The Philadelphia Unit of the Herb Society of America invites PHS members and guests to participate in a series of workshops in Chester County. In the morning, Herb Society members will teach participants to make an herb wreath for the holiday of their choice (Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas) and the techniques for making potpourri, tussie mussie or dried herb and flower arrangements. Please indicate your preference on the reservation form.

Bring lunch; dessert and beverages will be provided. All materials will be supplied except special items to personalize wreaths. Travel instructions will be mailed October 15.

Fee: \$25 members; \$27 guests

FIELD TRIP - MORRIS ARBORETUM

Thursday, October 10, 10 am-1:30 pm

Paul Meyer director of horticulture, and his staff will lead a special two-hour tour of the Arboretum. The highlight of the tour, scheduled for the peak of autumn color, will be the unusual collections of specimen plantings located on the 175 acre Arboretum. A box lunch will be served in the Widener Education Center at noon.

Fee of \$13 for members and \$15 guests includes entrance and guide fees plus lunch.

Travel instructions will be mailed October 1.

FIELD TRIP - BARNES ARBORETUM BERRIES, DRUPES, AND POMES

Friday, October 11, 10 am-2 pm

Spend a fascinating half-day at Barnes in Merion with Elizabeth Farley, assistant director.

Registrants should bring lunch; dessert and coffee will be provided. After lunch, walk around to the entrance of the Barnes Foundation's gallery and tour the collection at leisure.

Fee: \$10 members; \$12 guests
Travel directions will be mailed to participants October 1.

Other Events

Perennials For The Landscape and Garden Center Industries

Tuesday, October 15, 8:00 am-4:30 pm

Please check appropriate box on Reservation form to receive a brochure.

PLANT SALE (Continued from pg. 1)

Shrubs

Chamaecyparis obtusa 'Tetragona Aurea', *Euonymus fortunei* var. *radicans* 'Graciles' -wintercreeper euonymus, *Forsythia viridissima* 'Bronxensis' - forsythia, *Lonicera pileata* - honeysuckle, *Pieris japonica* - Japanese andromeda, *Poncirus trifoliata* - hardy orange, *Rhododendron* x 'Sherwood red'

Vines

Clematis apiifolia/Chollipo, *Clematis hybrid*

Tree

Austrocedrus chilensis - Chilean Incense Cedar, *Salix matsudana fortunea* - Contorted willow

An assortment of greenhouse plants and houseplants are also available.

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_____ TUSSIE MUSSIE

_____ DRIED FLOWER

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NOMINATIONS SUBMITTED FOR ELECTIONS TO PHS COUNCIL

Members will have an opportunity to elect seven new members to Council at the Annual Meeting on November 20 at 5:15 pm

Margaret P. Bowditch, Herb Clarke, Williams D. MacDowell, Ann Marlar, Anne Putnam and Susan Stauffer are eligible for re-election and have agreed to serve again.

Robert H. Brownell is Vice President, Director of Agencies at the Fidelity Mutual Group in Radnor. He is a graduate of Bowdoin College and was associated with the California Bonsai Society and a member of Descanso Bonsai Society before moving east.

Judy M. Foley has served on the Board of Century IV and is managing editor of *The Episcopalian*, a national monthly newspaper with a circulation of 250,000. At PHS, she serves as vice-chair on the Publications committee.

Elizabeth P. McLean is a garden historian, lecturer and researcher in botanical history. Her education has been at the University of Pennsylvania where she received a M.A. in American History and The Arboretum School of the Barnes Foundation. Currently she is a leader of garden history tours at the Morris Arboretum and a Research Associate in Botany at the Academy of Natural Sciences.

Mamie Nichols is a Philadelphia resident who coordinated the point Breeze "Greene Contrie Towne" in South Philadelphia. Mamie is a co-convenor of an open green space working group for the Food and Agricultural Task Force and a member of the Philadelphia Green Open Space Task Force. She serves on the board of the City Planning Commission and PHS's Long Range Planning Committee for community outreach. Mamie was the first recipient of Mellon Bank's Good Neighbor Award.

Susan P. Wilmerding is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and has a Bachelor of Arts in Architecture. She is a member of the Garden Club of Philadelphia and was past chair of Horticulture classes at the Philadelphia Flower Show.

Patricia L. Wilson is the Deputy Manager of the Philadelphia Employee Benefit Department of Johnson and Higgins and is responsible for the firm's retirement consulting and actuarial

services. She has worked with PHS on benefit issues and in areas of job evaluation and compensation levels. Pat is an avid gardener and flower arranger.

Returning to Council is **Henry H. Reichner, Jr.**, who served as PHS president 1980-84. Hank is Executive Vice President of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce and has a record of broad based participation in civic affairs, including many years on the PHS Council. Among his contributions to the horticultural betterment of the city has been the creation and maintenance of the attractive park at 1707 Chestnut Street.

To **Rubye Beckett, Paul Dandridge, Mona Gold, Adele Greenfield, Barbara Heckert, Sally Reath, Ralph Walker, Sandy Ward** who will retire from the Council at the end of the year, the Society expresses many thanks for their valuable participation.

Pepperpot

In a summer of drought, it was hardly sporting to complain at three inches of rain, but complain we did on July 26 when we awoke to find Hurricane Bob on our doorstep, threatening to spoil the dedication of the West Shore Greene Countrie Towne.

Gardeners are eternal optimists however and by mid-afternoon, as **Mayor and Mrs. W. Wilson Goode, Jr.** added the final post in the fence surrounding the West Shore Garden at 4700 Linmore St. the skies had cleared and 300 friends of the West Shore neighbors and PHS were able to rejoice not only in Bob's welcome

moisture, but also in the accomplishments at West Shore.

As **Helen Feggans**, president of the West Shore Federation said in her welcome, their community was once an abandoned grey area of the city, left to decay. Determined to remain in their homes, the residents gathered themselves together in the '70s to rebuild their neighborhood. In late July, as we celebrated their achievements in planting trees, window boxes and gardens, new revitalization efforts were starting, this time to improve the housing of West Shore.

Working in cooperation with the **Enterprise Foundation**, a charitable corporation that works throughout the U.S. with neighborhood groups to provide fit and livable housing for the poor, a new Philadelphia cooperative venture, the **Neighborhood Housing Network (NHN)**, has been formed. Housing rehabilitation and community revitalization are the goals of the NHN and the partners in the Philadelphia venture are the Enterprise Foundation, Institute for the Study of Civic Values, the Philadelphia Rehabilitation Plan, the Philadelphia National Bank and the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, which provides the greening component in these revitalization efforts.

James W. Rouse, who founded the Enterprise Foundation in 1981 joined with Mayor Goode at the West Shore celebration in July to announce the formation of the NHN.

Jane

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GREEN AND GROWING - The Junior Flower Show

Active hands, imaginative minds and the spirit of competition make the Junior Show a special outing for the entire family.

This year's Show will reach out to cultures around the globe with the theme "The World Is My Garden". Exhibitors aged pre-school through 12th grade will enter in more than 25 artistic and horticultural categories featuring flower arrangements, pressed plant pictures, garbage gardening and scarecrows.

Natalie Kempner, co-chair of the Show, says the Junior Flower Show, now in its second decade, "has made great strides in promoting the horticultural and artistic abilities of children and young adults throughout the Delaware Valley."

The Show will be held at the First Bank of the U.S. on 3rd Street between Chestnut and Walnut Streets on November 7, 1-5 pm; November 8, 11 am-5 pm and November 9, 10 am-2 pm. Admission free.

To receive an exhibitor's schedule, call the Show Ambassador at (215) 625-8280.

MAJOR AWARD NOMINATIONS

Major Awards to be made at Annual Meeting on November 20th.

The awards committee, under the leadership of chair, **Sandra C. Ward**, announced the following major awards, which will be made at the annual meeting on November 20th, **Joanna McQuail Reed** will receive the 1985 Distinguished Achievement Medal. A long time PHS friend and supporter, Joanna's horticultural interests are far reaching, as you quickly realize when you visit the wonderful garden at Longview Farm she developed with her late husband George. Herbs however have always played a special role in Joanna's life and she was a driving force in the development of the

National Herb Garden at the National Arboretum. From 1980 to 1982 Joanna served as president of the Herb Society and in 1984 she was awarded the Society's highest honor, the Certificate of Achievement and the Helen DeConway Little Medal of Honor for dedication and promotion of horticulture. As a PHS member for almost half a century, Joanna has played many roles at PHS, one of the most important being the special hospitality she engineers year after year as major domo in the Judges' lunch area for the Philadelphia Flower Show.

Margaret Evans and **Adolph G. Rosengarten, Jr.** will receive Certificates of Merit.

Mrs. Henry Evans is another gardener who has used her talents and enthusiasm to the great benefit of many Delaware Valley horticultural organizations. Since the early '60s Mig has been a devoted supporter of John Bartram's Garden, America's oldest botanic garden, serving in every possible volunteer capacity until she was elected president in 1977. During her six year presidency, Bartram's Garden made great strides with restoration, the development of a master plan and the building of a full time staff. A member of the Germantown Garden Club, Mig also played a major role in the initiation of the horticultural classes at the Philadelphia Flower Show.

Adolph Rosengarten has always loved horticulture and gardening and is always willing to share these interests with others. His parents established Chanticleer in 1913 and Adolph and his late wife Janet have continued to develop the gardens at both Chanticleer and Minder House, their residence. On appropriate occasions they invited PHS members and many other gardeners to visit these gardens, which will one day be open to the public. Mr. Rosengarten has served as a member of the PHS Council, is a member of the President's Council of the American Horticultural Society and a member-at-large of the Garden Club of America.

Pepperpot

On November 20, following the Annual Meeting, **Sir Peter Shephard** will give the first lecture in memory of **Lois Woodward Paul**, dear friend and PHS Council member, who died last spring. Grateful thanks to all those members and friends who gave so generously to initiate this fund.

Congratulations to **Ernesta D. Ballard**, former director and president of PHS, who was awarded the American Horticultural Society's highest award, the Liberty Hyde Bailey Medal, at the Society's annual meeting in Chicago in September.

In these days of budget cuts, we are delighted to be working with an increase in the Office of Community Development funds available for the Society's community greening projects. Since 1978, PHS has been the recipient of annual allocations, administered by the Redevelopment Authority which assist us in the operation of Philadelphia Green, our highly successful community gardening program. Since the program began, we have worked with some 600 community groups to complete more than 1100 greening projects.

For the past five years, our drawing account has been \$300,000 per year. For fiscal year '85-86 the Office of Housing has allocated an additional \$50,000 for the Philadelphia Green staff to initiate a pilot program to work with residents at Housing Authority sites to develop greening projects.

Juanita Wooten, a graduate of the Society's Garden Intern program, is working with **Alice Banton**, Director of Social Services for the Housing Authority, to assist the tenants at the Bartram Village, Champlost, Abbotsford and Norris sites in planting street trees, window boxes, gardens and sitting parks.

Jane

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President

New in the Library

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Activities

**October - November
Lectures, Meetings
(Open without charge to all)**

**KEYSTONE CHAPTER, AFRICAN
VIOLET SOCIETY**

Wednesday, October 16, 7:30 pm

Bill Lyons: "Dish Gardens"

Wednesday, November 13, 7:30 pm

Tom Masczko: "Terrarium Planting"

**PENNSYLVANIA BONSAI SOCIETY
Friday, October 18, 8 pm**

**PHILADELPHIA INDOOR LIGHT
GARDENING SOCIETY**

Wednesday, October 23, 8 pm

Supplies, raffle, sale, exchange

Thursday, November 14, 8 pm

**SYMPOSIUM: ARRANGEMENT
CLASSES, PHILADELPHIA FLOWER
SHOW**

Thursday, October 24, 10:00 am

Symposium coordinators **Anne Coste** and **Susie Stanley**, co-chairs of the niche, pedestal and miniature arrangement classes, invite new and experienced exhibitors to participate in this annual seminar. This is an opportunity to review the schedule of classes and rules for exhibiting with experts, **Katie King** on Mechanics for small, medium and large Niches, **Harriet Palmer** and **Susan Moran** on Passing and **Pat McLoud** on Pedestals.

JUNIOR FLOWER SHOW

Thursday, November 7-

Saturday, November 9

Come visit the Junior Flower Show at the First Bank of the U.S. on 3rd Street between Walnut and Chestnut.

Hours: Thursday, 1-5 pm; Friday, 11 am-5 pm; and Saturday, 10 am-2 pm.

158th PHS Annual Meeting

Wednesday, November 20, 5:15 pm

The Annual Meeting will be held to elect new Council members and to present three important PHS awards.

A reception will be held in the Board Room with refreshments (cash bar) following the meeting.

Registration Events

MINIATURE HOUSEPLANTS

Tuesday, October 8, 10 am-noon

Peggy Bowditch, horticulturist, teacher and frequent blue ribbon winner at the Philadelphia Flower Show, will introduce you to miniature houseplants that will not outgrow their space. Discussion topics include cultural requirements of varieties suitable for different exposures from low-light situations to sunny exposure.

Fee: \$10 members; \$12 guests

PRESSED FLOWER WORKSHOP

Wednesday, October 9, 10 am-noon

Katie King, longtime PHS member, accomplished flower arranger and frequent blue ribbon winner at the Philadelphia Flower Show will teach techniques for pressing and storing flowers, creating pictures, matting and preserving the finished masterpiece.

Participants should bring tweezers. All other supplies will be provided.

Fee: \$15 members; \$17 guests

**EARLY LECTURE: HERBACEOUS
PERENNIALS IN THE ENGLISH
GARDEN**

Wednesday, October 9, 5:45-7:15 pm

Peter Orriss, superintendent of the University Botanic Garden in Cambridge, England, will journey to PHS for an illustrated talk. Using the Cambridge Botanic Garden as a background, Orriss will discuss the use and development of herbaceous perennials in the English garden.

Lecture: 5:45 pm, followed by wine and nibbles.

Fee: \$6 members; \$8 guests

PLANT ILLUSTRATION COURSE

Wednesday, October 16, 23, 30 and

Nov. 6, 13

9:30 am - noon

Alan Slack, co-chair of Flower Show Horticultural Classes and experienced plant illustrator, will conduct this five-session course that includes the latest techniques and media for plant illustration.

Participants must have some experience in drawing or painting. Materials will be provided for the first session after which participants will work in the medium of their choice.

Fee: \$65 members; \$70 guests

**EARLY LECTURE-ORNAMENTAL
GRASSES**

Thursday, October 17, 5:45-7:15 pm

Mary Hockenberry Meyer, one of the heroes among ornamental grass advocates, will give an illustrated talk on grasses in the landscape including information on identification, characteristics, culture and uses.

Mary did original research for her book *Ornamental Grasses* (1975) and has worked as a Cooperative Extension Agent in New York and for Agway in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Lecture: 5:45 pm, followed by wine and nibbles.

Fee: \$6 member; \$8 guests

**EARLY LECTURE - USING UNUSUAL
BULBS IN THE GARDEN**

Tuesday, October 22, 5:45-7:15 pm

Charles O. Cresson, horticulturist at Meadowbrook Farm, will illustrate different ways to use unusual bulbs through multiple use of space by interplanting, underplanting, and naturalizing.

Program: 5:45 pm, followed by wine and nibbles.

Fee: \$6 members; \$8 guests

WORKSHOP: FORCING BULBS FOR WINTER ENJOYMENT

Monday, October 28, 10 am and 6 pm

Ed Lindemann, PHS horticulturist and Flower Show designer, will teach the essentials of forcing bulbs for winter enjoyment in two workshops. Each participant will take home three decorative clay containers planted with "General DeWet" tulips, yellow *Iris reticulata*, and blue Muscari.

Three clay pots, bulbs and soil will be provided; participants should bring a box to transport potted bulbs.

Fee: \$40 members; \$44 guests

HERB DAY IN THE COUNTRY

Tuesday, October 29, 10 am-2:30 pm

The Philadelphia Unit of the Herb Society of America invites PHS members and guests to participate in a series of workshops in northern Chester County. Herb Society members will teach all participants to make an herb wreath for the holiday of their choice - Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas. After lunch, participants will divide into groups to learn techniques for making potpourri, tussie mussies, or dried herb and flower arrangements. Please indicate your preference on the reservation form.

Bring lunch; dessert and beverages will be provided. All materials will be supplied except items to personalize wreaths. Travel instructions will be mailed October 15.

Fee: \$25 members; \$27 guests

WORKSHOP: HERB WREATHS

November 4, 10 am-1 pm

Herb craftspeople **Ruth Flounders** and **Frank Kieser** will lead you through the steps of wreath construction from the salt-hay base to the final design with herb and everlasting flowers. Discussions include growing, gathering and drying plants for most types of wreaths.

All materials will be provided, except material to personalize your wreath.

Bring clippers and a sandwich; coffee and tea will be available.

Fee: \$25 members; \$28 guests.

DEMONSTRATION: STIR-FRYING FRESH VEGETABLES AND HERBS IN A WOK

November 5, 10 am

Rosemarie Vassaluzzo, food columnist from Bucks County and Grand Sweepstakes winner at the Philadelphia Flower Show, will demonstrate how to create delectable combinations and flavors by stir-frying fresh vegetables and herbs in a wok. Participants will taste all of the squash and vegetable medleys.

Fee: \$10 members; \$12 guests

DECORATING WITH HOUSEPLANTS

November 6, 7 pm

John Story, manager of Meadowbrook Farm, will focus on the do's and don'ts of decorating with houseplants. Through slides and discussion, John will emphasize reliably successful species, their cultural requirements, displaying houseplants to their best advantage and new varieties of popular old favorites.

Fee: \$8 members; \$10 guests

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

MEMBERS EVENING

November 7, 6 pm

Allen Lacy, 1985 recipient of the American Horticultural Society's citation for excellence in horticultural writing, will talk about some of his favorite books that are old, not rare, but still good. We

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Reservations:

Clip and mail reservations to:
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Reservations accepted by mail only; please include full payment. Use this form below to speed processing. All events are held at PHS unless otherwise stated. *Confirmations for events at PHS are not mailed; unless you hear otherwise, we will expect you.* Field trip confirmations with important trip information are mailed ten days prior to the event. There is limited space for all activities (except spring garden visits). Each activity is listed in two consecutive issues of the *PHS News*.

MINIATURE HOUSEPLANTS

Members \$10 _____ Guests \$12 _____

PRESSED FLOWER WORKSHOP

Members \$15 _____ Guests \$17 _____

EARLY LECTURE: PETER ORRISS

Members \$6 _____ Guests \$8 _____

PLANT ILLUSTRATION (5 sessions)

Members \$65 _____ Guests \$70 _____

EARLY LECTURE-ORNAMENTAL GRASSES

Members \$6 _____ Guests \$8 _____

EARLY LECTURE-UNUSUAL BULBS

Members \$6 _____ Guests \$8 _____

WORKSHOP: FORCING BULBS

Members \$40 _____ Guests \$45 _____

HERB DAY IN THE COUNTRY

Members \$25 _____ Guests \$27 _____

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____ ARRANGEMENT

WORKSHOP: HERB WREATHS

Members \$25 _____ Guests \$28 _____

DEMONSTRATION: STIR-FRYING

Members \$10 _____ Guests \$12 _____

DECORATING WITH HOUSEPLANTS

Members \$8 _____ Guests \$10 _____

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY/ MEMBERS EVENING - Allen Lacy

Members \$13 _____ Guests \$15 _____

WORKSHOP: HERBAL COSMETICS

Members \$12 _____ Guests \$15 _____

MEMBERS EVENING:

Sir Peter Shephard

Members \$13 _____ Guests \$15 _____

BASKETRY WORKSHOP

Members \$23 _____ Guests \$25 _____

FIELD TRIP-MORRIS ARBORETUM

Members \$13 _____ Guests \$15 _____

FIELD TRIP-BARNES

BERRIES, DRUPES, AND POMES

Members \$10 _____ Guests \$12 _____

Please send me Perennial Conference information.

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will have for sale a small assortment of the special books Lacy seeks out. Reservations from Friends of the Library will be given first preference until October 15th; open to all PHS members after that date. To become a Friend of the Library, contact Mary Lou Wolfe at 625-8268.

Cocktails at 6 pm (donation bar); buffet, 6:45 pm; program 7:45 pm.

Fee: \$13 members; \$15 guests

WORKSHOP: HERBAL COSMETICS November 18, 10 am

Jeannine Vannais, Philadelphia Green assistant district coordinator and herb expert, will show how to make creams, lotions, scented bath and body oils and astringents from natural materials and healthful herbs that are neither toxic nor irritating to the skin. Discussion includes basic skin and hair types and methods of preparing herbal cosmetics for them. Participants will take home samples made at the workshop plus recipes for holiday gifts.

Fee \$12 members; \$15 guests

MEMBERS EVENING Wednesday, November 20

Sir Peter Shephard, architect, planner, landscape designer and Dean Emeritus of the School of Fine Arts at the University of Pennsylvania, will talk about 'The Restoration of an Edwardian Garden'. With support from the Wallace Fund, Sir Peter has been commissioned to restore the garden made by Vanessa Bell (Virginia Woolf's sister) and Duncan Grant just before World War I. The house, home to many members of the fashionable, literary Bloomsbury set, is under reconstruction as a museum, and Sir Peter will show us the meticulous restoration work currently underway in the garden.

Cocktails at 6 pm (donation bar); buffet, 6:45 pm; program, 7:45 pm.

Fee: \$13 members; \$15 guests

BASKETRY WORKSHOPS November 21, 10 am-2 pm

Mary Miller of Lock House 11 will conduct two basketry workshops this fall. This first four-hour session will include techniques for completing a market basket, a 20" rectangular basket with stationary handles, using natural materials.

No previous experience is required; beginners will work on basics and more experienced participants will learn to embellish the basic project.

Participants must bring a bucket, scissors, and a mat or utility knife. All other materials will be supplied. Bring a sandwich; beverages will be provided.

Fee: \$23 members; \$25 guests.

FIELD TRIP - MORRIS ARBORETUM Thursday, October 10, 10 am-1:30 pm

Paul Meyer, director of horticulture, and his staff will lead a special two-hour tour of the Arboretum. The highlight of the tour, scheduled for the peak of autumn color, will be the unusual collections of specimen plantings located on the 175 acre Arboretum. A box lunch will be served in the Widener Education Center at noon.

Fee of \$13 for members and \$15 guests includes entrance and guide fees plus lunch.

Travel instructions will be mailed the first week of October.

FIELD TRIP - BARNES ARBORETUM BERRIES, DRUPES, AND POMES Friday, October 11, 10 am-2 pm

Spend a fascinating half-day at Barnes in Merion with **Elizabeth Farley**, assistant director.

Registrants should bring lunch; dessert and coffee will be provided. After lunch, walk around to the entrance of the Barnes Foundation's gallery and tour the collection at leisure.

Fee: \$10 members; \$12 guests
Travel directions will be mailed to participants October 1.

Other Events

Perennials for the Landscape and Garden Center Industries

Tuesday, October 15, 8:00 am-4:30 pm

Topics will include Iris (Siberian and Japanese) and Astilbes, Hostas and Their Landscape uses, The Successes and

Failures of Using Perennials in the Landscape, Marketing Perennials and The Basics of Propagating Perennials.

Check appropriate box on Reservation Form to receive brochure.

Pennsbury Manor Forum: "Your Old Garden: Recreating Periods Gardens"

October 18, 19

Call (215) 946-0400

Delaware Flower Show

November 9, 10

Call (215) 388-2421

Susquehanna Orchid Society Show

November 16, 17

Call (717) 545-0879

PLANT SOCIETIES' EVENTS TO BE ANNOUNCED IN GREEN SCENE

Jean Byrne, editor of *Green Scene*, invites plant societies to submit 1986 dates for one major event and one major sale for publication in the March issue of the magazine.

As soon as information on your event becomes available, send it to Jean in c/o PHS, 325 Walnut Street. **Deadline for all submissions is November 1, 1985.**

200th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WILL FOCUS ON HUNGER PROBLEMS AROUND THE WORLD

The Philadelphia Society for Promoting Agriculture will celebrate its 200th anniversary by sponsoring a Bicentennial Forum Wednesday, November 6 to provide an opportunity for national and international agricultural leaders to discuss several major problems and achievements that will be of great importance during the next quarter century.

For more information please write the Philadelphia Society for Promoting Agriculture, 325 Walnut St., Philadelphia, PA 19106.

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HARVEST SHOW GLORIA

Hurricane Gloria is but a faded memory now, but on Thursday, September 26, warnings of her pending arrival in Philadelphia placed the Harvest Show in jeopardy. The huge tents were up, entries were coming in and the trade exhibitors were unloading their wares. Meanwhile, the forecasts did nothing but get worse and around 3:00 pm. we decided to strike the tents and move the Show indoors.

Show chair **Ann Swan**, manager **Ed Lindemann**, their crews and all on hand at the Horticulture Center squashed and squeezed and rearranged until it was all under cover. By late that night it looked as if Friday would be a washout in more ways than one, so we decided to batten down the hatches until Saturday. Where possible we contacted exhibitors and committee members who in turn called 110 judges and their 70 clerks to ask them to hold off for 24 hours and come Saturday morning.

Sadly, with most of the entries not coming until Saturday at crack of dawn, we had no alternative but to cancel the Preview, an event enjoyed each year by more than 1,000 members.

As we left on Thursday night we had visions of devastation on Saturday morning - broken panes in the greenhouse trees down all over the park and flooded roads. We were sure the exhibitors would make it, but what about the visitors? Their attendance was questionable from the start because of the newspaper strike. To have a Show without visitors to enjoy the labors of the exhibitors was out of the question, so our last act before closing down for the storm was to alert the radio and television stations that the Show would be open and free to the public on Saturday and Sunday.

The rest is history. Gloria was less aggressive than forecast, our exhibitors hardly faltered, the weather was just gorgeous throughout the weekend and the visitors came. To all those who weathered Harvest Show '85 — exhibitors, volunteers, and members—we thank you, with a special grateful word to the staff at the Fairmount Park Horticulture Center. It was a wonderful team effort and the Show had a very special spirit this year.

PHS AWARDS

The PHS Harvest Show Certificates of excellence were awarded to **Fairmount Park Horticulture Center** for their exhibit "Ornamental Grass Garden" and **Friends Hospital** for their exhibit "Dehydrating Fruits, Vegetables and Herbs - A Horticulture Therapy Program." **William D. Coppens** took the PHS Gardeners' Sweepstakes with 18 blue ribbons. **The American Rock Garden Society** picked up the PHS Club Sweepstakes Certificate, and for the third consecutive year, the **4300-4310 Sansom Street** garden won the PHS Community Garden Sweepstakes with 21 blue ribbons.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE GARDEN CLUB AWARDS

Robin Engle Lippincott won the Creativity Award for her entry "Homespun" in the design classes and **Ruth Flounders** won the Award of Horticultural Excellence; The Award of Merit was given to **Erich Meitzner** for his dahlias and to **Lee Loveland** for her zinnias.

The Arboreal Award went to **Évi Bossányi Loeb** and **Fairmount Park Horticulture Center** received the Educational Award. Junior Achievement Awards for design and horticulture were given to **Ryan Totaro**; the Intermediate Meritorious Award for grades 7 through 9 went to **Hopkinson School** for design and **Joe Candrowiski** for horticulture.

GARDEN CLUB FEDERATION OF PENNSYLVANIA AWARDS

Mable Engle received the Special Recognition Award for an artistic design and **Colonial Pennsylvania Plantation** took the Educational and Conservation Silver Award.

"THE WORLD IS OUR GARDEN" AT THE 1985 JUNIOR FLOWER SHOW

Children aged pre-school through 12th grade are invited to enter this annual competition where the emphasis is on creativity, horticultural know-how and lots of fun.

Encourage your young horticulturist(s) to enter the Show and have them call the Show Ambassador at (215) 625-8280 for details.

The Junior Flower Show will be held on November 7, 8 and 9 at the First Bank of The U.S. on 3rd Street between Walnut and Chestnut Sts. Hours are 1-5 pm on November 7, 11 am-5 pm on November 8 and 10 am-2 pm on November 9. Admission is free.

\$1,000 TO BE AWARDED IN 1986 JUNIOR HORTICULTURIST COMPETITION

The PHS Awards Committee invites all high school seniors who demonstrate a real interest in horticulture and a dedication to one or more horticultural projects or activities to enter the 1986 Junior Horticulturist Award competition.

Interested students are asked to write for an application and details before December 13, 1985 to Lisa Stephano at PHS or call (215) 625-8250. The deadline for returning application and related materials is January 10, 1986. Winners will be notified by March 1, 1986.



New in the Library

Ball Red Book, 14th ed., Vic Ball, Reston, Va., Prentice-Hall, 1985.

Cash from Square Foot Gardening, Mel Bartholomew, Pownal, Vermont, Storey Publishing, 1985.

Fauns and Fountains, Parrish Art Museum, New York, Parrish Art Museum, 1985.

Flora Nova-Galiciana: A descriptive account of the vascular plants of Western Mexico, vol. 16 Orchidaceae, Rogers McVaugh, Ann Arbor, Michigan, Univ. of Michigan, 1985.

Flowering Cacti: a color guide, G. Rayzer, New York, Hippocrene Books, Inc., 1984.

The Handbook of Soft Fruit Growing, David Turner, London, Croom Helm, 1985.

Landscape as Photograph, Estelle Jussim & Elizabeth Lindquist-Cock, New Haven, Ct., Yale University Press, 1985.

Oaks of North America, Howard Miller & Samuel Lamb, Happy Camp, Calif., Naturegraph Publishers, Inc., 1985.

Rock Gardens and Alpine Plants, David Joyce, New York, Arco, 1985.

TIPS FOR THE HORTICOURT EXHIBITOR

If you need help growing, grooming or forcing your plants for the Flower Show, write for a free copy of helpful suggestions and tips for the individual exhibitor. This comprehensive guide is also available by calling Marjorie Meer, Flower Show secretary at (215) 625-8292.

Activities

November-December

Lectures, Meetings (Open without charge to all)

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Registration Events

WORKSHOP: HERB WREATHS

Monday, November 4, 10 am-1 pm

Herb craftspeople **Ruth Flounders** and **Frank Kieser** will lead you through the steps of wreath construction from the salt-hay base to the final design with herb and

everlasting flowers. Discussions include growing, gathering and drying plants for most types of wreaths.

All materials will be provided, except material to personalize your wreath.

Bring clippers and a sandwich; coffee and tea will be available.

Fee: \$25 members; \$28 guests.

DEMONSTRATION: STIR-FRYING FRESH VEGETABLES AND HERBS IN A WOK

Tuesday, November 5, 10 am

Rosemarie Vassalluzzo, food columnist from Bucks County and Grand Sweepstakes winner at the Philadelphia Flower Show, will demonstrate how to create delectable combinations and flavors by stir-frying fresh vegetables and herbs in a wok. Participants will taste all of the squash and vegetable medleys.

Fee: \$10 members; \$12 guests

DECORATING WITH HOUSEPLANTS

Wednesday, November 6, 7 pm

John Story, manager of Meadowbrook Farm, will focus on the do's and don'ts of decorating with houseplants. Through slides and discussion, John will emphasize reliably successful species, their cultural requirements, displaying houseplants to their best advantage and new varieties of popular old favorites.

Fee: \$8 members; \$10 guests

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

MEMBERS EVENING

Thursday, November 7, 6 pm

Allen Lacy, 1985 recipient of the American Horticultural Society's citation for excellence in horticultural writing,

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will talk about some of his favorite books that are old, not rare, but still good. We will have for sale a small assortment of the special books Lacy seeks out. Open to all PHS members. To become a Friend of the Library, contact Mary Lou Wolfe at 625-8268.

Cocktails at 6 pm (donation bar); buffet, 6:45 pm; program 7:45 pm.
Fee: \$13 members; \$15 guests

WORKSHOP: HERBAL COSMETICS
Monday, November 18, 10 am

Jeannine Vannais, Philadelphia Green assistant district coordinator and herb expert, will show how to make creams, lotions, scented bath and body oils and astringents from natural materials and healthful herbs that are neither toxic nor irritating to the skin. Discussion includes basic skin and hair types and methods of preparing herbal cosmetics for them. Participants will take home samples

made at the workshop plus recipes for holiday gifts.

Fee \$12 members; \$15 guests

MEMBERS EVENING
Wednesday, November 20

Sir Peter Shephard, architect, planner, landscape designer and Dean Emeritus of the School of Fine Arts at the University of Pennsylvania, will talk about 'The Restoration of an Edwardian Garden'. With support from the Wallace Fund, Sir Peter has been commissioned to restore the garden made by Vanessa Bell (Virginia Woolf's sister) and Duncan Grant just before World War I. The house, home to many members of the fashionable, literary Bloomsbury set, is under reconstruction as a museum, and Sir Peter will show us the meticulous restoration work currently underway in the garden.

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On November 21 (morning session), participants will make a market basket, a 20" rectangular basket with stationary handles. On December 11 (evening session), participants will make an Appalachian egg basket.

Participants must bring a bucket, scissors, and a matte or utility knife. All other materials will be supplied.

Bring a sandwich for the morning session; beverages will be provided for both workshops.

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Fee includes bus transportation, admission and demonstration fees, and return trip refreshments. Lunch in the cafeteria is not included. Registrations limited to 30.

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Please sign me up to work as a:

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Congratulations to PHS members **Valerie Frick** and **Michael Devlin** on winning the 1985 WGBH-Boston Victory Garden Contest. Valerie and Michael garden in the Fairview section of Camden, NJ and their garden is a bloomin' miracle. The narrow site behind the row house stretches down to the cat-tails of the Delaware River, and the Walt Whitman Bridge looms on the skyline. Out front these inspired gardeners removed blacktop to create a delightful entrance garden. Throughout back and front gardens, vegetables mingle with herbs, fruit trees and perennials all planted so thickly there's not even room for a weed.

Each year the Victory Garden Contest attracts some 2,500 entries nationwide, many of them large spacious gardens. Last summer Valerie and Michael reached the semi-finals and in early fall they redesigned the garden with their eyes fixed on winning in '85. Working day and night through fall and spring they prepared not only the garden but also the elaborate entry application. Their efforts paid off and in the March issue of *Green Scene* you will be able to enjoy the fruits of their labors.

Jane

Jane G. Pepper
President

1985 HOLIDAY COMPETITION WILL DECK THE HALLS OF PHS

Come visit our annual Holiday Show which begins Tuesday, December 10 at noon and runs through December 20. Show hours are 9 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday, and 11 am to 4 pm on Saturday and Sunday, December 14 and 15.

This year's display will feature four rooms decorated by local garden clubs that include the **Brandywine Gardeners, Evergreens Garden Club, Four Lanes End Garden Club and the 18th Century Garden volunteers**. Each club will create decorations for a door, a mantel and a tree.

An added attraction when visiting the Show is the PHS gift shop which carries a unique variety of horticultural and not-so-horticultural items perfect for holiday giving. The shop is open year round from 9 am to 5 pm and will be open during the Holiday Show weekend.

NEW TALK SHOW ON GARDENING

Local radio station **WDVT Talk-900 AM** has signed on **Ernesta Ballard**, past president of PHS, as their garden commentator.

Listeners can tune in each Saturday from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm to hear Ernesta give valuable information on plants and gardening. In addition, you will meet on-the-air, some of the best gardeners of the Delaware Valley.

PHS STAFF NEWS

Philadelphia Green welcomes **Sally McCabe** to the staff. Sally comes to us with a degree in horticulture from Penn State University. She has worked for the past eight years as a garden advisor with the Urban Gardening Program, Pennsylvania University Cooperative Extension Service. Sally's new responsibilities as Philadelphia Green district coordinator for West Philadelphia include working with residents to develop greening projects in their community.



AIDES NEEDED FOR 1986 PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

Horticultural aides are needed on Friday afternoon, March 7 from 12:45 to 3:00 pm and on Saturday, March 8, Tuesday, March 11 and Friday, March 14 from 6:45 to 10:00 am.

Arrangement aides are needed on Saturday, March 8 through Saturday,

March 15 (except Sunday, March 9) from 7:00 to 10:00 am.

Barrier aides are needed daily (except Sundays) March 7 through 16 to facilitate judging of design and horticulture classes from 8:00 am until judging is completed around 1:00 pm.

Hospitality aides are needed daily (except Sundays) March 7 through 16 from 7:00 to 9:30 am.

We welcome PHS members as volunteers, please check the appropriate box in the Reservation coupon on page three.

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A GREENER YEAR FOR PHILADELPHIA

More than 350 community gardeners, advisory board members and supporters gathered in October to be recognized and applauded for their outstanding contributions to neighborhood revitalization through greening at the Annual Recognition Dinner of Philadelphia Green.

Sharon Turner, chair of the Philadelphia Green Advisory Board, delivered opening remarks to guests gathered in the Grand Ballroom of the Philadelphia Centre Hotel. Guest speaker was City councilman-at-large, **Ed Schwartz**, who reminded those in attendance of the impact neighborhood organizations have on the quality of life in Philadelphia and, **Blaine Bonham**, director of Philadelphia Green, presented 145 awards to block representatives from across the city.

Special Green Thumb of the Year awards were presented by the Philadelphia Green Dinner Committee to **Dr. Yu** for his work in establishing a Korean community garden in West Philadelphia; to **Peter Grove** for his contribution to the Norris Square community and to PHS Council member **Mamie Nichols** for her efforts in Point Breeze.

Dinner Committee members include **Rodnell Griffin**, chair, **Marie Bryant**, **Charlotte Donald**, **Mae Lanier**, **Brenda Nealy**, **Donna Thorpe**, **Sharon Turner**, **Janet Williams** and **Grover Willis**.

More than 40,000 people participate in some 1,020 greening projects through Philadelphia Green.

The PHS Hotline will be closed for the month of December. January 6 we will resume normal hours of operation—Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Hotline number is (215) 922-8043



HOLIDAY SHOPPING AT PHS

When searching for that something special for that someone special take a look at the unique selection of items in the PHS gift shop. A beautiful collection of colorful gardening books is available, as well as handmade clay pots, stationary and all occasion cards.

If you're looking for a gift that will last the whole year through, why not give a subscription to the *Green Scene*, an excellent garden tool, complete with colorful photos and interesting and often inspiring accounts of life in the garden written by and for the beginner, as well as for the more experienced gardener. An annual subscription costs \$8.50 and can be ordered by writing to PHS, c/o Linda Davis.

If an adventure in paradise is more to your liking, we have tickets to next year's Flower Show priced for advance sale at \$6.25 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12. You can purchase tickets by stopping in at the PHS reception desk. Mail order minimum is 10 tickets. Call 625-8250 for more information.

And, if the decision to choose among these delightful items proves too difficult, make the absolute right choice and give them all with a PHS membership. Just clip and mail the coupon on page 2 to PHS, c/o Linda Davis and she will send a membership kit and note letting the recipient know you are the giver.

PARKING TIME EXTENDED ON WALNUT STREET

Visitors to PHS may now park out front along the metered sidewalk until 8:00 pm. This changes the frustrating restriction that forced drivers to move their vehicles at 3:30 pm, a time which usually interrupted a committee meeting or membership activity at the Society.

Drivers are required to pay for parking up until 8:00 pm. From 8:00 pm to 8 am parking is free.

VISIT PHS HOLIDAY SHOW December 10-20

Get your tips for decorating for the holidays from four local garden clubs as they "Deck the Halls" of PHS with brilliant flower arrangements, and decorations for a mantle, door and tree.

Each club will be given a section of a room in which to express their own special style of decorating. Judging will be held on December 10 until 12 noon.

Visit the Show Monday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm and on Saturday and Sunday, December 14 and 15 from 11 am to 4 pm. Admission is free.

FLOWER SHOW POSTERS AND FLYERS ARE HERE

Call now for posters and flyers for the 1986 Philadelphia Flower Show. These attractive 8" x 10" posters and 3" x 5" flyers will make a colorful window or counter display in your local store or library.

To receive yours, call Lisa Stephano at 625-8266 or stop in at PHS and pick up a handful.



New in the Library

All About Evergreens, Michael Dirr, San Francisco, Ortho Books, Chevron Chemical Co., 1984.

The English Garden Room, Alan Toogood, Salem, New Hampshire, Salem House, 1985.

Foliage Plants, rev. ed., Christopher Lloyd, New York, Random House, 1973.

Hardy Geraniums, Peter F. Yeo, London, Croom Helm, 1985.

National Gardening Survey 1984-1985, Gallup Organization, Burlington, Vermont, The National Gardening Association, 1985.

Of Plants and People, Charles B. Heiser, Jr., Norman, Oklahoma, U. of Oklahoma Press, 1985.

The Perennial Garden: Color Harmonies through the seasons, Jeff and Marilyn Cox, Emmaus, PA, Rodale Press, 1985.

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DESIGNING AND PLANTING THE SMALL GARDEN
Saturdays, January 11, 18, 25, 9:30 am-12 noon

Mary Hopkins, landscape designer, will conduct three sessions on designing and planting the small garden. These lecture/workshop sessions will acquaint participants with basic rules for site planning and planting the home grounds. Each session will begin with a lecture and demonstration, followed by a workshop with a critique of each participant's work. The following topics will be studied: the arrangement of space, foundation planting, and defining space (mixed border and hedging).

Fee for three workshops and design materials: \$90 members; \$95 guests

EARLY LECTURE: THE GREAT HIMALAYAS
Wednesday, January 15, 5:45-7:15 pm

Barry R. Phillips, horticulturist with the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries in Hamilton, Bermuda, will tell of a journey which took a four-man team of modern-day plant collectors from Kew Gardens into a remote corner of the high Himalayas and ultimately to the borders of Tibet. Phillips will present a personal insight into this little-known part of the world.

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EARLY LECTURE: YEAR-ROUND

INTEREST IN THE GARDEN

Thursday, January 23, 5:45-7:15 pm

Drawing on his experiences as the owner of a nursery in eastern Scotland, **Jim Jermyn** will discuss the important topic of keeping the garden interesting 12 months of the year. Jermyn is co-owner of Edrom Nurseries and is a noted authority on growing and exhibiting rare plants.

Fee: \$6 members; \$8 guests

EARLY LECTURE: GARDENS OF MAINE

Thursday, January 30, 5:45-7:15 pm

Avid Maine gardener, **Margaret P. Bowditch** has taken pictures of favorite gardens to be included in an August 1986

PHS trip which she will lead to Maine. (See registration form to request trip information to be mailed in January)

Included are wild gardens, country gardens and elegant seaside gardens with lush perennial borders.

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As part of an area-wide promotional campaign, Marcal Paper Mills Inc. of Elmwood Park, New Jersey will make a generous donation to the Society to assist us with tree planting in Philadelphia.

In a presentation ceremony in Point Breeze in early November with **Mayor W. Wilson Goode**, Marcal president **Nicholas Marcalus** discussed Marcal's Scenic America Program in which the company will donate 12 cents to the Society for every coupon redeemed by shoppers. If you had the chance to clip the Marcal coupons from the Scenic America ads in November issues of the *Daily News* and *Inquirer* food sections, now is the time to redeem them at your local grocery store.

We all use paper products and this is your chance to buy Marcal and help us plant trees next spring through Philadelphia Green.

Marcal's Scenic America Program was started in Worcester and they have since run the campaign very successfully in 16 New England cities. This is Marcal's first venture in Philadelphia and we hope you and your friends will help make it a grand experience.

We will let you know next summer how much paper you bought for us.

Jane

Jane G. Pepper
President

A FRESH CROP OF CALENDARS ON SALE FOR 1986

The Fairmount Park 1986 Calendar is a beautiful collection of seasonal photos of the park by Peter Odell. The calendar measures 8½" x 11" and is available at the PHS Gift Shop for \$6.95 or \$7.50 by mail from John Bartram House and Garden, 54th and Lindbergh Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19143.

The Gardener's Calendar 1986; The Gardening Guide for the Mid-Atlantic Region, features a harvest of gardening tips by Joanne Lawson and Louise Costes with photographs by Ken Druse, editor of *Garden Design Magazine*, that show the range of natural bounty and beauty found on the East Coast. The calendar is available for \$8.95 at PHS, Waldenbooks, B. Dalton, Crown Books and other fine book stores. It may be ordered directly from the publisher by calling Starwood, Inc. in Washington, D.C. (301) 229-1242 or write Starwood, P.O. Box 40503, Washington, D.C. 20016. Add \$1.00 for postage.

The Winterthur 1986 Garden Calendar features seasonal scenes of Winterthur, photographed by Gottlieb Hampfler, and includes quotations by Henry Francis du Pont. The calendar is available by calling Winterthur at (302) 656-8591 ext. 344 or by visiting the Winterthur Book Store, Plant Shop or Gallery.

DEADLINE APPROACHING FOR 1986 JUNIOR HORTICULTURIST COMPETITION

Interested students are asked to write for an application and details before December 13, 1985 to Lisa Stephano at PHS or call (215) 625-8250. The deadline for returning application and related materials is January 10, 1986. Winners will be notified by March 1, 1986.

Other Events

Horticulture Center
Horticultural Drive and Belmont Avenue
Holiday Shop and Restaurant
December 3-8, 9:30 am-4 pm
Lectures, workshops, crafts and greens sale.
Admission \$1; Phone 879-4062

7th Annual Greens Sale
Bartram's Garden
December 13-15, 10 am-4 pm
Greens, gift items, tours

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