



# GREENWOOD GARDENS

CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH NATURE AND THE ARTS IN A HISTORIC GARDEN OASIS

## 2026 PROGRAM CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY

#### *For Members*

#### COFFEE AND MEMBER ORIENTATION

Thursday, February 26

Session 1: 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Session 2: 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Whether you are a new or long-time member, take this opportunity to discover all the benefits your Greenwood Membership has to offer. Join us for coffee and conversation in the dining room of the 1950's Main House where in addition to learning how to make the most of your Membership, you can meet and connect with fellow members.

**Complimentary and open to 16 members per session**

#### *For Members*

#### ZOOM LECTURE: THE PEREGRINE FALCON PROJECT

Monday, February 24 ~ 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

With Wayne Quinto, Conservationist and Award-Winning Nature Photographer

For the past five years, Wayne has been photographing these iconic birds of prey that call the Palisades their home. Peregrine falcons, the world's fastest creatures with hunting speeds that can exceed 150 m.p.h., nearly became extinct in the mid-1960's due to the use of the pesticide DDT. Wayne will share the miraculous story of their return and the powerful beauty they convey in his stunning photographs. Members will have time for questions and answers during this Zoom lecture. **Zoom link to be sent to registrants on February 23rd.**

**Complimentary for members**

### MARCH

#### *For Members*

#### THE BOOK GROUP AT GREENWOOD GARDENS

Tuesday, March 17 ~ 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

With Patti Manzi, Moderator and Greenwood Advisory Board Member

Enjoy a guided discussion of a pre-selected book with a theme reflective of one or more aspects of Greenwood's focus on nature, beauty, and history. For this session, *The Keeper of Lost Things*, by Ruth Hogan, will be discussed. Light refreshments will be served. The Book Group at Greenwood Gardens meets quarterly.

**Complimentary and open to 16 members**

#### ZOOM LECTURE: NATIVE PLANTS FOR BIRDS

Thursday, March 26 ~ 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

With Stephanie Punnett, Program Director at New Jersey Audubon, the Scherman Hoffman Wildlife Sanctuary in Bernardsville

This fascinating lecture will focus on the totality of support beyond berries that native plants provide to our resourceful feathered friends, including food, cover, nest sites, and material. Stephanie will also discuss the role natives play hosting insects, an important component of the diet of resident birds, their nestlings, and migratory birds passing through in summer. **Zoom link to be sent to registrants on March 25th.**

**\$15 members; \$20 non-members**

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<http://sales.greenwoodgardens.org/Membership.aspx>

### APRIL

#### BIRDER'S WALK

Thursday, April 2 ~ 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

With Dave Hall, Naturalist, New Jersey Audubon

Immerse yourself in nature on a guided walk through the garden with avian expert Dave Hall. Discover the diverse bird species that frequent Greenwood's tranquil woodlands and the surrounding 2,100 acres of protected parkland in South Mountain Reservation. Whether you are a seasoned birdwatcher or simply curious, this is a unique opportunity to learn more about the feathered visitors that call this area home.

**\$15 per person**

**Open to 15 participants**

#### *NEW! Art in the Garden Series* FLORAL ARRANGING DEMONSTRATION USING GARDEN FLOWERS

Sunday, April 19 ~ 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

With Thomas Guzio, Freelance Floral Designer

With 48 years' experience creating floral designs for local flower shops and events, Thomas will demonstrate techniques using flowers from both your garden and local markets for tablescapes and placement throughout your home. A former flower shop owner in West Orange and Roseland, Thomas showcases his natural floral designs at The Emerald Garden in Springfield, Flower Power event designers in Short Hills, and Polycarp Floral Studio in Summit.

**\$25 members; \$30 non-members**

**Open to 50 participants**

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## MAY

### *For Members*

#### CASCADE FOUNTAIN RESTORATION TOUR

Friday, May 1 ~ 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

With Rich Murphy, Deputy Director, Greenwood Gardens

Discover the fascinating story behind the restoration of Greenwood's iconic seven-tiered, gravity-fed Cascade water feature. Join Rich for an in-depth look at the restoration process – from initial planning to completion. As you tour the site, you will be able to compare historical photos from the Day and Blanchard family eras with current-day Greenwood to see how this 110-year-old fountain has evolved over time. The tour begins at the Main House and guides participants down the fully restored Cascade, flowing once again for all to enjoy.

Complimentary and open to 15 members

#### SPRING TEA TASTING IN THE GARDEN

Tuesday, May 5 ~ 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

With Vicki Davitashvili, Owner, Stille Essence Tea

Against the backdrop of an enchanted garden setting, explore the rich flavors and wellness benefits of loose-leaf teas. This guided tasting — featuring hand-selected blends and floral teas such as jasmine, rose, green, and white — will emphasize education, mindfulness, and sensory enjoyment, creating a memorable and meaningful connection for all participants.

\$35 per person

Open to 25 participants



### *For Members*

#### MOTHER'S DAY SHOPPING

Wednesday, May 6, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday, May 7, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Members are invited to stop in at the Greenwood Gift Shop where you can find the perfect gift for your loved one!

#### BIRDER'S WALK

Thursday, May 7 ~ 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

With Dave Hall, Naturalist, New Jersey Audubon

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\$15 per person

Open to 15 participants

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#### WALKING HISTORY TOUR

Sunday, May 10 ~ 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

This one-hour, docent-led walking tour highlights the history, landscape, horticulture, and architecture of Greenwood.

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### *En Plein Air Arts Day*

#### EN PLEIN AIR PAINTING, SKETCHING, AND PHOTOGRAPHY IN THE GARDEN

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planted beds or blocking pathways). Drop cloths are required for painting.

\$10 members; \$15 non-members

Open to 25 participants, including five dedicated spots for oil painters.

### *Peter P. Blanchard III Lecture Series*

#### THE MAKING OF BIRD HAVEN FARM: TALES FROM THE TERRAIN

Sunday, May 17 ~ 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

With Janet Mavec, Author, Jewelry Designer, and Creator of Bird Haven Farm

In her inspiring talk, Janet will provide insight into the evolution of Bird Haven Farm, a historic 100-acre New Jersey farm she reimagined into a celebrated private garden that serves as the subject of her new book, *Bird Haven Farm: The Story of an Original American Garden*, highlighted by the stunning photography of Ngoc Minh Ngo. Janet, whose lifelong love of nature has also inspired her acclaimed jewelry designs, will explore the intersection of design, sustainability, and personal passion that defines Bird Haven Farm.

\$30 members; \$35 non-members

Book pre-order: \$36

Open to 50 attendees

### *Music and Dance in the Garden Series*

#### NIMBUS DANCE

Friday, May 22 ~ 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Rain date, Saturday, May 23

Generously sponsored by Stone Mountain Properties



Be wowed by the high-energy, evocative dance moves of award-winning Nimbus Dance, our area's newest resident cultural institution. The program features Dawn Marie Bazemore's infectiously jazzy work, *The After Party*, set to the music of Nina Simone and Nancy Wilson, along with Artistic Director Samuel Pott's deeply ruminative reflection on



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humanity's primal connection to the planet in *Patch of Turf*. The program also features a new work by Houston Thomas, in collaboration with choral composer Saunder Choi, that was recently awarded the prestigious Princess Grace Award in Choreography, and which responds to Emma Lazarus' poem, *The New Colossus*, engraved at the base of the Statue of Liberty. Performances by Nimbus Dance crackle with unexpected creativity and rousing athleticism. Don't miss this one! Attendees are invited to stroll through the garden starting at 5:30 p.m. and then enjoy complimentary wine and cheese on the West Terrace at 6:00 p.m. before the performance begins at 6:30 p.m.

**\$50 members, \$55 non-members**  
**Open to 90 attendees**

## JUNE

### **NEW! Art in the Garden Series** **For Members**

#### **THE PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP ~ EARLY MORNING LIGHT IN THE GARDEN**

**Friday, June 12 ~ 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.**  
**With Barbara Storms, Marketing and  
Communications Manager, Greenwood**

Join our in-house expert on a walk through the garden to capture some of Greenwood's most iconic locations during early morning hours, when the sun is low on the horizon and the soft light creates a magical feel. Barbara's award-winning photography has been featured on the web pages of The Smithsonian, The Nature Conservancy, and The Weather Channel. Please bring your own camera or smartphone with which you are familiar. Special Note: this program will not cover camera settings such as shutter speed, ISO, or F-stops.

**Complimentary and open to 16 members**

### **For Members**

#### **WALKING HISTORY TOUR TOUR**

**Sunday, June 14 ~ 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.**

This one-hour, docent-led walking tour highlights the history, landscape, horticulture, and architecture of Greenwood.

**Complimentary and open to 15 members**

### **For Members**

#### **THE BOOK GROUP AT GREENWOOD GARDENS**

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**With Patti Manzi, Moderator and  
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#### **SUMMER PLANT WALK**

**Friday, June 26 ~ 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

**With Nate Adamson, Senior Gardener,  
Greenwood Gardens**

Step into the garden this summer for an inspiring walk and discover unique plantings. Learn how to incorporate tried-and-true varieties, shade-loving and drought-resistant species, native plants, and hardy perennials into your own garden. Whether you are a seasoned gardener or just getting started, this walk will offer expert insights to help you make the most of your growing space.

**\$15 members, \$20 non-members**  
**Open to 15 participants**

### **NEW! Art in the Garden Series** **SEASONAL BOTANICALS IN WATERCOLOR AND COLORED PENCIL**

**Saturday, June 27 ~ 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**With Dr. Pam Thompson, Instructor,  
Draw Botanical**

Celebrate the start of summer in this special one-day workshop creating botanical illustrations inspired by the colorful bounty growing in the gardens! Learn special techniques using pencil and watercolor with Dr. Thompson, an expert from Draw Botanical, a leader in the botanical illustration field. In the process, find yourself connecting with nature as you learn the meditative process of illustration, resulting in vibrant, rich, drawings that leap off the page. From beginners to experienced artists, this workshop is designed for students of all levels. SUPPLIES: All supplies will be provided. However, if you would like to bring your own supplies, please see **Draw Botanical's Suggested Supplies List.**

**\$95 per person**

**Open to 12 participants**

#### **BRINGING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION HOME: MILLBURN STORIES AND LEGENDS WITH BOB GULA AND DOROTHY KELLY**

**Sunday, June 28 ~ 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.**

**With Dorothy Kelly, Curator, Millburn-  
Short Hills Historical Society and Bob  
Gula – Sons of the American Revolution  
and Forgotten Victory Trail Association**

Join us for a conversation with Bob Gula and Dorothy Kelly as they discuss the local legends, heroic deeds and everyday lives of residents in our area during the American Revolution. Bob and Dorothy will share the stories of struggle, hardship and patriotism, often overlooked in history books, that marked the Millburn experience during this tumultuous time

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**Open to 50 attendees**





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## *For Members*

### EVENING PICNIC UNDER THE SYCAMORES

**Thursday, July 2 ~ 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

Bring your lawn chairs and picnic dinner and join us for a magical evening under the canopy of the sycamore trees along Greenwood's iconic Main Allée. Enjoy light music, relaxed conversation, and stories about the Day and Blanchard families who once called this place home. As dusk falls and fireflies begin to dance, soak in the simple joys of summer in the garden!

**Complimentary and open to 20 members and a guest**

## JULY

### HOLISTIC GARDEN EXPERIENCE

**Wednesday, July 8 ~ 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Rain Date ~ Wednesday, July 15**

**With Carl Klemme, Owner, Glow Yoga**

Let all your senses be revitalized through a guided meditation walk and sound meditation on our peaceful grounds. Carl, who has been teaching yoga and meditation for more than 30 years, will help you connect with nature and take a break from the busy-ness of life during this deeply relaxing experience. Along the way, the group will take some time out for tea and some delicious healthy snacks. Expect to return home feeling re-energized and supported with new tools to add to your self-care routines. Bolsters, blankets and eye pillows will be provided!

**\$50 per person; Open to 12 participants**

### FOREST BATHING

**Thursday, July 16 ~ 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.**

**With Elaine "Sky" Schenkel, Certified Nature and Forest Therapy Guide**

Forest bathing is inspired by the Japanese practice of Shinrin-yoku, meaning to "immerse oneself" or "bathe" in any natural environment, and the garden offers the perfect place for such a special

sensory experience. This guided session will help you slow down and unwind so that you can derive the sense of serenity that comes from being in harmony with nature's sights, sounds, and smells. A brief overview of forest bathing is included, along with sensory meditation, a gentle walk, and guided invitations to help participants connect more deeply to the land, themselves, and each other.

**\$25 members, \$30 non-members**

**Open to 15 participants**

## *For Members*

### WALKING HISTORY TOUR TOUR

**Sunday, July 19 ~ 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.**

This one-hour, docent-led walking tour highlights the history, landscape, horticulture, and architecture of Greenwood.

**Complimentary and open to 15 members**

## *Music and Dance in the Garden Series*

### MARI GREEN, VOCALIST

### A FINE ROMANCE: THE SONGS OF IRVING BERLIN AND BEYOND

**Friday, July 24 ~ 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

**Rain date, Saturday, July 25**

**Generously sponsored by Stone Mountain Properties**



In the humble rooms of Tin Pan Alley in New York City, the musical imaginations of Irving Berlin and other soon-to-be Broadway legends first took shape. As journalist Walter Cronkite once wrote, "Irving Berlin helped write the story of this country, capturing the best of who we are and the dreams that shape our lives." His songs became the signature pieces of countless artists who made them their own. From Sinatra to Streisand, Fitzgerald

to Clooney, their voices carried Berlin's melodies into the hearts of generations. Join vocalist Mari Green for an enchanting summer evening as she brings the golden era of American art song to life. Mari's warm songbird tone will fill Greenwood with melody, nostalgia, and joy in the unparalleled style of Ella Fitzgerald.

**\$50 members, \$55 non-members**

**Open to 90 attendees**

## *NEW! Art in the Garden Series*

### SKETCHING AND JOURNALING IN NATURE WORKSHOP

**Wednesday, July 29 ~ 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

**With Kathleen Harte Gilsean, Artist**

Join Kathleen, a former student of our Co-founder, the late Peter P. Blanchard III, as she shares his teachings, along with her own, in this immersive sketching and journaling workshop. Spend the first one and a half hours guided by Kathleen, then feel free to spend the remaining time on your own while you tap into your creativity and imagination. Please bring your own sketch books and sketching implements.

**\$25 members; \$30 non-members**

**Open to 15 participants**

## HISTORIC HOUSE TOUR AND TEA

**Thursday, July 30 ~ 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

**With Stephanie Murphy, Public Engagement Manager, Greenwood**

Step back in time as you explore the first floor of Greenwood's 1950s Georgian Revival home. Learn about the lives of Peter and Adelaide Blanchard, the couple who built this elegant residence 75 years ago, and imagine what life was like during their time here. Following the tour, enjoy tea and light refreshments in the historic dining room alongside fellow guests.

**\$15 members, \$20 non-members**

**Open to 15 participants**

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## AUGUST

### *For Members*

#### POND WALK & FARM ALLÉE EXPLORATION

**Tuesday, August 4 ~ 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.**

Join us for a guided walk through this serene and rustic area of the garden. Explore the lower ponds, take in the view of the historic Frick Gate at the terminus, and meander over to the Farm Allée, lined with majestic London plane trees. Along the way, visit with our colorful resident turkeys, all the while learning about the history of this peaceful corner of the property. Bring a snack to enjoy on a bench by the pond slope where you can soak in the tranquility of a time gone by.

**Complimentary and open to 15 members**

#### ROMANTIC TWILIGHT DATE NIGHT

**Thursday, August 13 ~ 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

Unwind after a long day with a glass of wine, a selection of cheeses, and a peaceful stroll through Greenwood's historic Main Axis. Pause to "smell the roses," listen to the soothing sounds of our stately fountains, and take in the serene beauty of this 1920s Gatsbyesque garden as it transitions into fall. Wander down to the Cascade and marvel at the water as it moves through the seven-tiered Cascade fountain. This gentle, sensory-rich evening is the perfect way for couples to relax, recharge, and find inspiration for the days ahead.

**\$50 per couple**

**Open to 25 couples**

### *For Members*

#### WALKING HISTORY TOUR

**Sunday, August 23 ~ 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.**

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#### THE GREENWOOD EXPERIENCE

**Tuesday, August 25 ~ 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Start the morning with coffee and a presentation, *From Pleasant Days to Greenwood: A Century of Change in the Garden*, given by our Executive Director, Abby O'Neill, as she explores Greenwood's rich history and its transformation into a public garden. Then, enjoy a private tour of the first floor of the elegant 1950 Georgian Revival home with Stephanie Murphy, Public Engagement Manager. The experience continues with a one-hour walking tour of the 28-acre grounds, highlighting the site's landscape design, horticulture, art, and architecture, along with interesting stories about the site's former owners, the Day and Blanchard families. The visit concludes with a relaxing lunch. Lunch options to be shared in advance.

**\$45 per person**

**Open to 15 participants**

## SEPTEMBER

#### BIRDER'S WALK

**Thursday, September 3 ~ 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.**

**With Dave Hall, Naturalist, New Jersey Audubon**

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**Open to 15 participants**

#### *En Plein Air Arts Day*

#### EN PLEIN AIR PAINTING, SKETCHING, AND PHOTOGRAPHY IN THE GARDEN

**Wednesday, September 9 ~ 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Join fellow artists for a day of creativity in the open air! Whether you paint, sketch, photograph, or journal, all en plein air enthusiasts – beginner to experienced – are welcome to explore and capture the beauty of Greenwood's historic gardens. Bring your preferred media – watercolor, pastel, pen and ink, or camera – and find inspiration in our century-old landscape, complete with breathtaking views, Arts & Crafts follies, and stately fountains.

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#### *NEW! Art in the Garden Series*

### *For Members*

#### THE PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP ~ EARLY EVENING LIGHT IN THE GARDEN

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**With Barbara Storms, Marketing and Communications Manager, Greenwood**

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## *Music and Dance in the Garden Concert Series*

### LYRICA CHAMBER MUSIC AN EVENING OF STRING TRIOS

Featuring cellist Ani Kalayjian

Friday, September 18 ~ 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Rain date, Saturday, September 19

Generously sponsored by Stone Mountain Properties



Since 1987, Lyrica has been bringing world-class musicians to perform in community settings and Greenwood is proud to be the presenter for this special evening of string trios, featuring cellist Ani Kalayjian, Lyrica's Co-Artistic Director. Attendees are invited to stroll through the garden starting at 5:30 p.m. and enjoy complimentary wine and cheese served under the tent on the West Terrace at 6 p.m. before the music begins at 6:30 p.m.

You won't forget this magical program for years to come.

\$50 members, \$55 non-members

Open to 90 attendees

## *NEW! Art in the Garden Series* PAINTING WORKSHOP ~ AN INTRODUCTION TO THE VISUAL LANGUAGE OF WATERCOLOR

Tuesday, September 22 ~ 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

With Pat Brentano Bramnick, Professional Artist and Educator

In this workshop, you will create four compositions from a still life that Pat has created. You will explore composition, shape, value, negative and positive space, and color temperature. All levels are welcome. Suggested supply list will be shared upon registration.

\$30 members; \$35 non-members

Open to 12 participants

## TAI CHI WALK

Thursday, September 24 ~ 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

With Carl Klemme, Owner, Glow Yoga

Join this 30-year plus expert in yoga and meditation as he leads participants through gentle movement and mindful practices to cultivate balance, energy, and inner calm. Be immersed in the sight and sound of our newly restored Cascade fountain. Beginner to advanced welcome. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes for walking and meditating in the garden.

\$15 members, \$20 non-members

Open to 18 participants

## *Peter P. Blanchard III Lecture Series* MILLBURN'S COLONIAL LEGACY: THE PEOPLE, PLACES, AND EVENTS THAT SHAPED OUR TOWNSHIP'S HISTORY

Sunday, September 27  
3 p.m. to 5 p.m.



## With Dorothy Kelly, Curator, Millburn-Short Hills Historical Society

In honor of America's semi-quincentennial, Dorothy will offer an educational and entertaining romp through 250 years of Millburn history. The talk will begin in the colonial period and examine the participation of local families in America's fight for independence and their contributions to Millburn's early civic development. Renowned sites, including Parsil House, the Hessian House, and Washington Rock will be discussed in terms of their historical significance and the legends they have inspired.

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\$35 per person

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## OCTOBER

## *Music and Dance in the Garden Series* THE PRINCETON OPERA COMPANY

### AN EVENING OF ARIAS

Friday, October 2 ~ 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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An Evening of Arias gives listeners the chance to experience the beauty of opera and watch the next generation of classical



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singers in action. Princeton University students in the Princeton Opera Company, Princeton's student-run opera organization, will perform a curated program of arias from selected operas and art songs, presenting an exciting variety of classical music. Throughout the night, audience members will learn firsthand what makes each piece unique and how the performers personally connect to the music. Revel in the music of opera and join the Princeton Opera Company for a memorable evening!

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## AUTUMN PLANT WALK

**Friday, October 9 ~ 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

**With Nate Adamson, Senior Gardener, Greenwood Gardens**

Enjoy the crisp air of autumn on a guided garden walk surrounded by fall foliage. Learn essential tips for preparing your garden for the colder months, including fall planting, proper pruning techniques, and overwintering strategies. Whether you are tending to a large landscape or a small backyard bed, you will leave with

practical knowledge to carry your garden through the seasons.

**\$15 members, \$20 non-members**

**Open to 15 participants**

## For Members

### MEMBER'S PARTY PICNIC

**Friday, October 9 ~ 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

**Rain date, Saturday, October 10**

Enjoy a fun evening on the majestic Main Lawn with your fellow members! Revel in the beauty of the garden, summer breezes, and a cool jazz vibe, courtesy of the Bradford Hayes Quartet. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and a picnic supper; we'll provide complimentary soft drinks.

**Gates open at 5:45 p.m. Space is limited.**

**Sign up early to secure your spot!**

**\$30 per member and their non-member guests (up to four)**

**Open to 175 attendees**

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**Open to 25 participants, including five dedicated spots for oil painters.**

## MEDITATION WALK

**Thursday, October 15 ~ 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

**With Carl Klemme, Co-owner, Glow Yoga Center**

Join this 30-year plus mindfulness expert as he guides you on a walk to cultivate balance, energy, and inner calm. Be immersed in the sight and sound of our newly restored Cascade. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes for walking and meditating in the garden. Beginner to advanced welcome.

**\$15 members; \$20 non-members**

**Open to 18 participants**

## Peter P. Blanchard III Lecture Series

### HENRY CLAY FRICK:

### COLLECTOR EXTRAORDINAIRE

**Sunday, October 18 ~ 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.**

**With Ian Wardropper, Retired Director, Frick Museum**

From modest origins in western Pennsylvania, Henry Clay Frick rose to become a titan of industry. This lecture traces his art collecting, beginning with contemporary art in Pittsburgh, through his ascendancy to being one of the foremost collectors of Old Master art in the world. His houses, notably, the Frick mansion in New York, inspired Frick to ever higher ambitions in assembling his famous collection.

**\$30 members; \$35 non-members**

**Book Pre-order; \$36**

**Open to 30 attendees**



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## PUMPKIN FLORAL ARRANGEMENT WORKSHOP

Thursday, October 22 ~ 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

No experience is necessary for this fun and creative session! Bring your own pumpkin or choose one of ours, and we will provide all the florals and greenery you will need to design a stunning seasonal centerpiece — one to rival your Thanksgiving turkey! Enjoy a cup of warm cider as we create beautiful pumpkin masterpieces together.

**\$40 members; \$45 non-members**

**Open to 15 participants**

## NOVEMBER

### *Peter P. Blanchard III Lecture Series* GARDENS OF THE GILDED AGE: LAVISH LANDSCAPES FROM AMERICA'S GOLDEN ERA

Sunday, November 1 ~ 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

With Jana Milbocker, Author, *Gardens of the Gilded Age*

The Gilded Age is famous for its ornate mansions and grand gardens built by the Roosevelts, Vanderbilts, and du Ponts. Created by the most esteemed designers of the day and filled with water features, statuary and rare plants, these lavish landscapes gave birth to the Golden Age of American Gardens. Transport yourself back to the Gilded Age with an armchair tour of the gardens of the Newport Mansions, Vanderbilt Estate, Vizcaya, Untermyer Gardens, Nemours, Pleasant Days, and others!

**\$30 members; \$35 non-members**

**Book pre-order: \$40**

**Open to 30 attendees**

## DECEMBER

### *For Members*

#### THE BOOK GROUP AT GREENWOOD GARDENS

Tuesday, December 1 ~ 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

With Patti Manzi, Moderator and  
Greenwood Advisory Board Member

Enjoy a guided discussion of a pre-selected book with a theme reflective of one or more aspects of Greenwood's focus on nature, beauty, and history. Light refreshments will be served. The Book Group at Greenwood Gardens meets quarterly. Book to be determined.

**Complimentary and open to 16 members**

#### CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Saturday, December 19 ~ 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

With Carl Woodward, Greenwood  
Trustee and Avid Birdwatcher

Join us for the annual Christmas Bird Count (CBC), the world's longest-running citizen science survey, organized by the National Audubon Society. Greenwood is proud to participate for the sixth consecutive year as part of the Watchung Ridge Count. Led by Greenwood Trustee and passionate birder, Carl Woodward, we will explore the grounds in search of the bird species that winter here. Our sightings will contribute to the official North American bird census, supporting vital conservation efforts. Help us make a meaningful contribution to this important conservation initiative!

#### **What to Bring and Know:**

- ~ Meet at the Cottage Parking Lot at 11:45 a.m.
- ~ Dress warmly with sturdy, insulated footwear and good gloves

- ~ Bring binoculars and bird field guides (if you have them)
- ~ Cameras are welcome
- ~ Some birding knowledge is helpful but not required
- ~ Takes place rain or shine, and is focused on group participation

**Free and open to 25 participants**



### *For Members*

#### MOTHER'S DAY SHOPPING

Wednesday, May 6, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday, May 7, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Members are invited to stop in at the Greenwood Gift Shop where you can find the perfect gift for your loved one! Choose from ginkgo pins, seasonal plants, signature soaps, and more!



### *For Members*

#### HOLIDAY SHOPPING

Tuesday, December 1, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, December 8, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday, December 10, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, December 15, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Celebrate the holiday season at the Greenwood Gift Shop! Discover a wide variety of gifts for all the special people on your list, such as Greenwood honey (while supplies last), magnolia branches, books or children and adults, and other unique treasures!

Registration is required for all programs.

Register online at the link below or by scanning the QR code.

[greenwoodgardens.org/programs](http://greenwoodgardens.org/programs)

Adults only, ages 18 and up.



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## BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP AT GREENWOOD GARDENS

For a complete list of Member Levels, scan the QR code or visit the membership link.



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Membership  
Webpage

<http://sales.greenwoodgardens.org/Membership.aspx>

- Reciprocal Membership benefits at more than 400 participating gardens and arboreta nationwide through the **American Horticultural Society's Reciprocal Admissions Program**
- Complimentary admission on open days
- Advance notice of discounted tickets to programs, workshops, and other events at Greenwood
- Invitations to special members-only events and programs
- 10% off on Greenwood Gift Shop purchases
- A complimentary Zoom lecture
- One complimentary ticket to a Greenwood Gardens on-site history tour
- A subscription to our journal, *Seasons*
- Acknowledgement of your support in our annual donor listing in *Seasons*
- Yearly digital subscription to *Better Homes and Gardens*
- Rewarding volunteer opportunities
- A Greenwood Gardens bookmark

