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Dear (Contact First Name),

The rains came, stayed longer than invited, and now have come again. We know that some of you have been particularly hard hit by this year's obnoxious weather. Landis has been fortunate; our activities go on unless the weather is dangerous, and so far, even downpours have not kept appreciative folks away from performances at our newly renovated Meeting House (click [here](#) to see the poster for the remainder of the season).

You can access the beautiful PDF version of our newsletter [here](#). The business cards for our sponsors and business members are ONLY in that version this month; this electronic version has an article on our photo contest that is not in the paper version.

We've packed this issue with interesting things and updates on upcoming events - believe it or not, it is only a short month and a half or so until the Fall Plant, Book, and Bake Sale, and this year, we've added some great Plant Sale Extra classes on Saturday. Click on the links in the article teasers to the left, or just scroll through. As always, we'll be sending you a beautiful PDF of the newsletter later.

We want to hear from you about your experiences - in the garden, with the weather, negotiating with the critters - so why not post on our [facebook](#) page?

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Share your Landis photos on our Flickr page!

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CALL FOR ARTICLES

The quarterly Landis Arboretum Newsletter publishes articles of interest of its members. These articles typically deal with horticulture, the environment, events, and Arboretum volunteers, but we have also, on occasion, published creative writing and reviews of relevant books or films.

Articles should be no more than 500- 750 words in length and submitted by email as a Word document to Communication Committee Chair Nolan Marciniac (nolanm29@nycap.rr.com).

It's important for writers to know that their manuscripts will be edited for length and clarity. Writers will see an edited version

While you're there, why not "like" us? That way you'll keep up with what's going on through your own page.

T H E N E W S L E T T E R
F A L L P L A N T S A L E
Friday,
September 13, 4 pm
Pick of the Pots
(Members Only)
Saturday & Sunday
September 14 & 15
10am-4pm
Always free parking.
Plant Sale Specials
Saturday:
Workshops on the
best use of your
harvest
Saturday, 2 pm:
Free walking tour
of the Native Plant
Trail with curator
Ed Miller.
Celebrating the Harvest at the Fall Plant Sale

Autumn is the perfect time for planting, and the Arboretum's Fall Plant, Book, and Bake Sale offers, as always, a wide assortment of out-of-the-ordinary trees, shrubs, and perennials - as well as an impressive selection of books and baked goods.

Again this year, the plant sale begins with a Members-Only Pick of the Pots (POPs) sale on Friday - this year, from 4 pm to 7 pm (we noticed last year that you can't write tickets in the dark, and it is DARK by 8 o'clock in the fall!)

If you are not yet a member, don't worry! We can help you join at the gate.

This year, we're adding some special events on **Saturday, September 14**, to celebrate the harvest. Space is limited, so register early!

INTRODUCTION TO WINEMAKING

11 am - 12:30 pm

Instructor: Ed Radle

Location: Meeting House

Members: \$5 / person. Non-members:
\$10 / person.



This workshop will discuss converting sugars into alcohol, the various sources of these sugars, and the

and will be able to respond to those changes. We do not pay for submissions.

If selected, articles will appear in the newsletter, as part of a Constant Contact mailing, or on our website or Facebook page.

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parameters that the home vintner can manipulate to make a beverage to his or her liking. Some of the joy and, alas, some of the challenge of making wine from many types of base stocks - grapes, plums, apples, rhubarb, honey, etc. - is to grow or produce your own. Emphasis in this class will be on making wine from grapes, although the options for fermentation also include beer, liquor, some cheeses, sauerkraut, kimchi, pickles, and vinegar for those (hopefully, rare) batches of wine that don't meet your standards.

A Master Gardener with a background in both chemical engineering and marine biology, Ed has been making beer and wine and other fermented foods for nearly fifty years.

PUTTING FOOD BY: THE ABC'S OF CANNING

1 - 2:30 p.m.

Instructor: Colleen Rasmussen

Location: Meeting House

Members: \$5 / person; Non-members: \$10 / person.



Canning food is a time-tested way of preserving your harvest. Learn to can foods without any special equipment. We'll discuss how to select and prepare food for canning, how to properly fill jars and fit lids, and how to process foods safely and with delicious results. We'll also learn how to cool and store canned foods. Add some decorative touches, and what could make a better holiday gift?

Colleen Rasmussen is a certified Viniyoga instructor who operates Simply Yoga in Gloversville. She sits on the Health and Nutrition Committee for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Fulton and Montgomery counties. This workshop is one element of her popular series on food preservation at Mohawk Harvest Food Co-operative.

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The Arboretum is located at 174 Lape Road, Esperance, NY. It is one and one-half miles north of Route 20 in Esperance. Follow the signs from the village to Lape Road. The Arboretum is one-quarter mile straight ahead. Visit one of our websites for more information and detailed directions.

Click [here](#) for an interactive map.

3 - 4:30 pm
Instructor: Barbara Neznok
Location: Meeting House
Members: \$5 / person; Non-members: \$10 / person.



This workshop will instruct participants in the uses of native herbs to keep the immune system healthy and treat wintertime ailments such as colds, flu, and sore throats. The discussion will focus on the use and preservation of native herbs found at the Arboretum, dependent on what is growing at the time. We will make elderberry syrup and the participants will take a bottle home.

Barbara Neznok, the founder of Willow Tree Wisdom, is a master herbalist and a shamanic practitioner who uses herbs she has grown to treat clients who suffer from either physical or spiritual disease. She holds a BA in psychology.

REGISTRATION:

To register, call [518-875-6935](tel:518-875-6935) with your credit card handy, or register online at www.landisarboretum.org using PayPal (small processing fee). Need more information? Email us at info@landisarboretum.org or phone (518) 875-6935.

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Click on the image to see a larger poster on our LandisLive website.



*Fifth Annual
Landis Arboretum Wine Tasting*

*Friday, November 15th, 5:30 - 7:30 PM
Grapevine Farms, 2373 State Route 7, Cobleskill, New York*

- *Join us at Grapevine Farms for an exclusive tasting of wines from New York's finest vineyards and a selection of delicious hors d'oeuvres.*
- *Learn more about the winemaking process from vintners.*
- *Shop Grapevine Farms' famous holiday offerings.*
- *Take a chance on a beautiful basket of New York State wines to be raffled during the evening.*

*Admission is \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers.
Tickets may be purchased at the door,
or by calling the Arboretum at 518-875-6935.
All proceeds will benefit the Landis Arboretum.*

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From the Director's Desk

LANDIS GETS WIRED !

Smart phones help Arboretum meet educational goals

With hundreds of species of trees, shrubs, vines, and a beautiful perennial garden, it is impossible for the Arboretum to meet its educational goals with signage alone. Luckily, smart phone technology has established a new way to convey information: quick response codes or QRs. These coded squares are similar to bar codes but can contain vast amounts of information. Moving forward in the digital age, Landis has taken the first steps to take advantage of this application.



Beginning in April, visitors to the Arboretum have been able to focus their smart phones on more than two dozen QR's and download information about individual plants or groups of plants in the Native Plant Collection. A visitor no longer needs to depend upon special tours, such as those given during the annual spring and fall plant sales by botanist and curator Ed Miller. Now they can enjoy a self-guided tour at any time. By simply aiming the smart phone's QR scanner at the codes posted alongside the plant identification tags, one can listen to the voice of experts such as Ed explain what is being viewed. This technology greatly adds to the informal learning that can be acquired on a visit to Landis.

We are working on additional QR's to acquaint visitors with the history of the Arboretum and to provide information about other plant groups such as the crabapples, lilacs, conifers, and rhododendrons. We will also be adding QR's to points of interest such as the Old Growth Forest and the NYS Forest Owners Association's Interpretive Forest Trail.

There will even be a special message at the Great Oak, tracing its 400-year-old history. Though the recent hurricane of 2011 took several large branches, the Oak lives on and continues to be the icon for Landis.

For those of you who do not have smartphones, we have placed regular audio links on the LandisLive website (<http://landislive.weebly.com/native-plants-mp3s.html>) so you too can click and listen to the experts before you visit the Arboretum.

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THE NEW MEETING HOUSE IS THE PLACE TO BE THIS SUMMER!

- Louise Polli

On a balmy night late in May, the Arboretum unveiled its new Live at Landis music series and the beautifully renovated Meeting House. Both debuts were eagerly anticipated by Arboretum friends and supporters, as well as Director Fred Breglia and Board President Jim Paley, who were instrumental in making the completed

construction and the music come together for one unforgettable evening to kick off the summer concert series. And no one was more critical to success of this event than Arts and Entertainment Chair Sam Bates and his wife Noel, who worked tirelessly to bring the music, and the audience, to Landis.



Rave reviews are in order for opening night performers Molly Durnin and John Scarpulla and his band.

Molly Durnin at the mike More than 100 concertgoers spent a Friday evening "breaking in" the new space, mingling and relaxing on the expansive deck overlooking the valley or gathered in the large but cozy room staged for this premiere event. With bistro seating inside and out, the Meeting House handily accommodated those who wanted to take in the views outside as well as those surrounding the stage and the performers.

Unseasonable heat was no match for our renowned mountain breezes, and a wide selection of snacks ranging from quinoa salad to gluten-free baked goods from Mildred's Meadows were as satisfying as the entertainment. Durnin charmed the audience with a host of stories in song, both poignant and humorous, and Scarpulla brought the crowd to its feet for a night of rousing tunes and fun.



The view from the deck

Live at Landis continues throughout the summer, on the last Friday of each month, until September, brought to you in part with the generous assistance of those such as our neighbors at Hannaford and Schoharie County Tourism. Performances start at 7 pm, with a \$10.00 donation. For additional details and the complete schedule of performers, contact the Arboretum at info@LandisArboretum.org or call us at (518) 875-6935.

With the Arts and Entertainment Committee's full menu of musical and theatrical delights, Landis enters a new era as a destination for live music in an unparalleled natural setting. As Brooke and Cassandra, local residents who were first-time visitors to the Arboretum on the opening night of the Meeting House series noted, it will be a wonderful resource for the community. In addition to the series of five Live at Landis concerts, this year's program includes performances by the Mettawee River Theatre Company, the Upper Catskill String Quartet, and a special Open Mike by the singing G.E. engineers and retirees. All of which proves that those hills - of Esperance - really are alive - with the sounds of summer at Landis.

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LANDIS PORTRAITS:

A SERIES ABOUT THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE PLANTS AT THE ARBORETUM

- Nolan Marciniec

Volunteering at the Arboretum may be contagious. Or genetic.

Bob Olsen and his wife Carol have been orchestrating the Arboretum's spring and plant sales for many years. Bob's sister, Phyllis (Olsen), and his aunt, Phyllis (Philomena) Adams, have been managing the Arboretum's bake sales, spring and fall. It's a family affair.

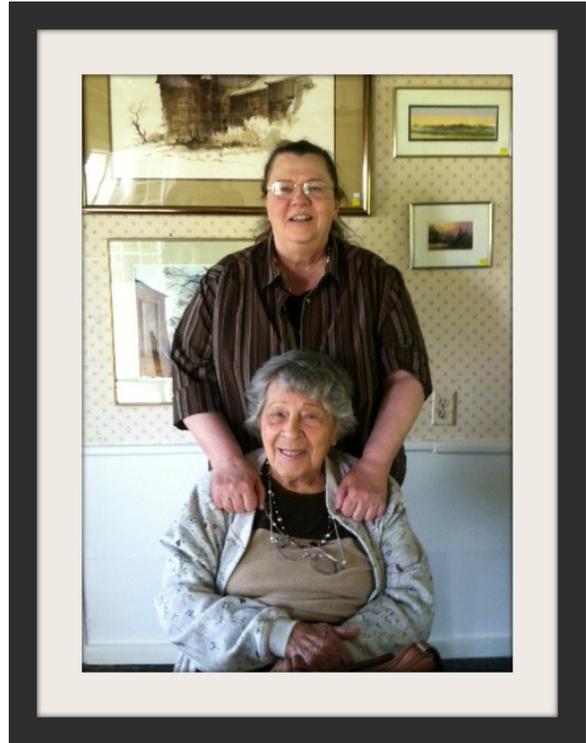
About 5 years ago, Phyllis Olsen (O) and her aunt Phyllis Adams (A) volunteered to bake for the Arboretum's bake sale. Phyllis (O) said, "I was really impressed by the people here I really like meeting people - attacking people and asking them to buy [our baked goods]. I made a lot of friends here," she said.

However, Phyllis (A) doesn't bake. "I used a brownie mix once and burned it," she said. But she helps out at the bake sale. "Moral support," she said.

On the other hand, Phyllis (O) loves to bake. From her Norwegian and Italian background, she's garnered a host of ethnic recipes. Cardamon breads, chocolate-dipped cookies, fig cookies, lavender pound cake, and some "secret" recipes too. Her "significant other" John produces a cheesecake that, even at \$3.50 a slice, has regular customers lining up for a taste of heaven.

The "Phyllises" have about 20 bakers on alert for both the spring and fall plant sales, and their skills run the gamut from cakes and cookies to pies and breads. At a good sale, they can take in nearly \$800 to benefit the Arboretum. Phyllis (O's) goal is to exceed \$1000. And she thinks she can do it.

Originally from Brooklyn, the "Phyllises" moved from there to Long Island, and then to Upstate NY. Phyllis (O's) grandparents had a summer home in Schoharie County for many years, and the family spent time Upstate every other weekend and two weeks in the summer. Phyllis (O) began to spend the better part of her time



Upstate: 35 years now, to her recollection. Phyllis (A) moved Upstate when her heart condition demanded care and family nearby.

They've both made the transition comfortably. Phyllis (A) commented that she loves that there is "no confusion . . . no cars. Everything on Long Island was a marathon." Her niece added that she fears even rural Upstate is "becoming Long Island." The Arboretum, Phyllis (O) said, is "how things were long ago, wonderful."

Phyllis (O) has been a lab technician, school teacher, real estate agent, partner in an auto repair shop and funeral home, and, most recently, a jewelry maker.

Phyllis (O) commented that, in her experience at the Arboretum, she hasn't heard "one negative comment from anyone," and that keeps her committed - "as long as the injections help my knees." She added, "Everyone is smiling, everyone does over and above. Besides, look how beautiful [Landis] is."

Phyllis (A) asked about the Arboretum's executive director, Fred Breglia, "How could anyone resist him?"

And those baked goods, how could anyone resist them? or the Phyllises ' charm?

From Phyllis' Kitchen Lavender Pound Cake

This is my favorite. I love pound cake, and this one is just wonderful.

350 oven.

2 loaf pans or whatever turns you on, greased and floured.

Ingredients:

2 ½ cups flour

½ tsp. baking soda

½ tsp. sea salt

2 cups sugar

1 tbl. dried lavender

1 cup butter

2 tsp. vanilla extract

4 large eggs

1 cup sour cream

¼ cup milk (I use fat-free half-and-half).

Mix flour, baking soda, salt in medium bowl. Pulse ½ cup sugar with lavender to

grind lavender. In large bowl, mix butter, lavender sugar, remaining 1 ½ cups sugar, and vanilla until fluffy.

Beat in eggs one at a time; beat well after each addition. In a small bowl, combine sour cream and milk. Alternate flour mix and sour cream/milk into large bowl, ending with flour. About three additions.

Bake about 55 minutes. Depends on your oven: check after 40 minutes.

Drizzle: ¼ cup confectioners' sugar, ¼ cup water, 1 tbl. dried lavender. Microwave water and lavender 30 seconds; let steep for 5 min. Strain. Mix lavender water with confectioners' sugar and drizzle on cool cake.

Delish! Can freeze, if it lasts that long.

-Phyllis Olsen

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Spotlight on Sponsors: Grapevine Farms

- Gail Browning

Area natives Tim and Tracy Purcell are perfect examples of local entrepreneurs who give back to the community.

Tim, born and raised in Cobleskill, earned a degree in Travel and Resort Marketing at SUNY Cobleskill. After a stint at Disney, he spent 11 years with American Airlines. It was during that time that mutual friends introduced Tim to Tracy, who was from Davenport and also a graduate of SUNY Cobleskill. Tracy was then working in accounting at Sterling Insurance in Cobleskill. Both shared a goal of becoming business owners in Cobleskill. They each completed the Small Business Series offered through the college while working their day jobs. They developed a business plan to open a gift shop, which included reinvesting a portion of their profits in the community. That plan, that dream, eventually became Grapevine Farms, 2373 State Route 7 in Cobleskill.

In the summer of 2002, an 1850's farmhouse was purchased, and the Grapevine Farms' grand opening was celebrated just after Tim and Tracy's wedding in October. As the business grew, the building's original 4000 square feet was doubled. A café, bakery, porch, deck, and wine cellar were added. In their 11 years of operation, the number of employees has grown to 38. Vera Bradley has commended Grapevine Farms with a national award for top sales. Recognized by

the Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce as Business of the Year, Grapevine Farms has assisted area organizations by hosting fundraisers, including a recent "Breakfast with Minnie" to raise funds for the Nick Iorio Park.

Tim and Tracy have added many rooms, each featuring a different theme such as a beautiful line of jewelry and a room devoted to Yankee Candles. But many consider their best product to be their signature Schoharie jumble cookie. Through Internet orders, hundreds of cookies are shipped all over the world.

The wine cellar represents over 50 New York State wineries, and free wine tastings are offered daily with monthly wineries' tasting sheets available on Facebook and via direct email.

It is the New York State Wine Tasting fundraiser that connects the Landis Arboretum with Grapevine Farms. When the wine cellar was under development, Tim and Tracy agreed to a wine tasting fundraiser to benefit Landis. With support from New York vintners, the first exclusive New York State Wine Tasting benefit for Landis was held 4 years ago. Tim and Tracy also donate a percentage of sales in the shop to the Arboretum.

Be sure to mark your calendar for this year's wine tasting event: November 15.

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Monarchs, Milkweed - and Survival

- Gabrielle English, Butterfly Conservationist

Do you have common milkweed coming up in your yard or garden? You may want to think twice before ripping it out this year. Milkweed is critical for the survival of the Monarch butterfly. It is their only source of food and the only plant on which the female will lay her eggs. While there are over 100 species of milkweed plants in the world, fewer than a dozen are native to NY State. The most abundant in our area is the common milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*).



Every fall, the last generation of the summer enters into a non-reproductive phase known as diapause, with a life span of about 9 months. The Monarchs will start their southern migration as temperatures get colder and days become shorter. This year, the expected peak for migration from Canada is September 11th. The Monarch travels 2,500 miles from Canada to the overwintering site in the mountains of Mexico. When the butterflies leave in the spring, they stop to breed in Texas. With an average

adult life span of only 2-6 weeks, it is the offspring that continue the flight north. The butterflies that we see here are the third or fourth generation.

The Monarch's numbers in the overwintering sites for 2013 were down by 59%. Then in the spring, the scarcity of milkweed and cold temperatures delayed their normal migration by nearly a month. The female butterflies were seen ovipositing eggs on smaller plants and in larger numbers on one plant, an indication of desperation. Adding to the problem is the fact that the milkweed plant is disappearing fast across the country. Milkweed is becoming a threatened species due to human development and chemical eradication. This decimation severely impacted the Monarchs' population.



How can we help the Monarch butterfly? We can plant milkweed in our yards. It is important to plant more than one species of milkweed in order to have three or four nectar sources. You can have milkweed in pots on your porch or just left alone in the wild, growing alongside roads and in fields. In the summer, you can also go out hunting for caterpillars and eggs, which can be found on the underside of milkweed leaves. The probability of a caterpillar making it to the butterfly stage is under 10% in the wild, but under protected conditions, those odds increase to almost 90%.

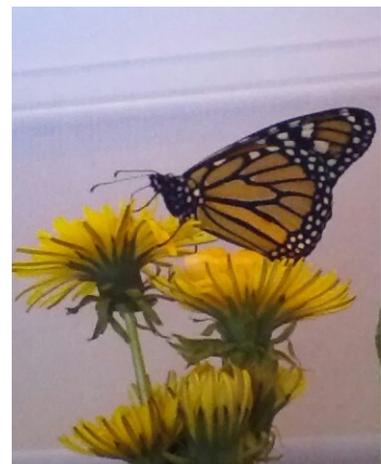
Be good stewards. Provide and care for the Monarch, and its reign will last a long time.

Want to learn more? Join Gabrielle's class described below.

**Milkweed and Survival:
The Plight of the Monarch Butterfly**
Sunday, August 25, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

This class is an introduction to the Monarch's plight and how we can help preserve their migration in the USA.

We will cover caterpillar hunting and rearing, host plants, butterfly nectar sources and basic Monarch Butterfly Conservation. The class will include live caterpillars, chrysalis and butterflies (if they have not been released) for display. A variety of live milkweed plants and butterfly food will also be displayed. Resources will be provided at the end to get



the beginner monarch enthusiast started before peak season.

Safe Monarch can be reached at safemonarch@yahoo.com. Safe Monarch is a partner of Live Monarch Foundation.
(<http://www.livemonarch.com/safemonarch/landing.php>).

Instructor: Gabrielle English

Location: The Library

Members: \$5 person/\$15 family; Non-members: \$15 person/\$25 family

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SHARING THE MAGIC OF LANDIS THROUGH PICTURES

- A QUICK GUIDE TO FLICKR

-- Ambika Sambasivan

Landis Arboretum is many things to many people. To those with a camera, it is a thing of beauty, waiting to be captured on film. Over the years, visitors have stored away those memories in photo albums and, more recently, on their hard drives.

But what if, in this digital age, these pictures could be freely shared with a wider community? What if these memories could be preserved for future generations? To do so, we would need a website that allows individuals to pool their images, creating a photo-gallery that can be seen by anyone around the world.

This is where Flickr comes in.

Flickr is a photo-sharing service. Instead of sending digital photographs to friends and family by email, photo-sharing sites allow people to upload their images online and send a link across that allows others to view the album.

A number of sites have the ability to share pictures: Shutterfly, Picasa, and Facebook are examples. But what sets Flickr apart is the ability to share beautiful images with a truly global community of amateur photographers. While Flickr can, of course, be used to send the family snapshots from Grandma's 80th birthday, it offers much more to those who want to showcase their photographs as art. Flickr has, arguably, one of the largest and most fascinating visual records of our world today.

Flickr's outstanding feature is its community, one that shares tips and tricks, offers feedback, and helps novices perfect their technique. Most amateur photographers try to categorize their work based on camera, style or subject and share them through the various Groups on the site. These range from the expected (Birds of the

World) to the esoteric (Lonely Chairs). Our own Arboretum has an open Flickr Group and we invite photographers of all skill levels to contribute images online.

So, how do you get started with Flickr?

- Go to www.flickr.com and sign up using your Yahoo, Facebook or Google ID. The first screen you see is your home screen, similar to Facebook's newsfeed. This is where you would see updates and recommendations from friends. The menu on the top of the page has five parts - You, Contacts, Groups, Explore, and Upload.
- Start with the Upload function by choosing a photograph you would like to share with the world. Flickr automatically pulls up the "EXIF" data, information such as the date you snapped the image and make and model of camera.
- Once the picture is on Flickr, you will be directed to an Edit page that allows you to add tags, assign the image to a "Set" within your collection or to a larger, public "Group" that you are a part of.
- The default license indicates that you have reserved all rights; however, you can choose to allow others to use your work through a Creative Commons license. The photograph is also, by default, visible to the public. You can modify this if you would like to share this with only friends and family. You are now ready to show your art to the world!

Please visit <http://www.flickr.com/groups/landisarboretum/> to see some stunning images of Landis shared by current members of the Group.

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Landis Photo Contest Continues!

A new photo contest session begins September 1, and there is still time to submit a photo for the June 1 - August 31 period. We know that many of you are hiding your photographic talents under a bushel - we see you at the Arb, capturing wonderful images of creatures, trees, flowers - all the things that make Landis special. We started this contest for two reasons. First, we wanted to recognize the talent of our visitors, and second, we wanted to encourage sharing of the images you capture.

When you submit your photographs to the contest, we'll post them on our Flickr page; we'll also use them in our Newsletter, and to promote the Arb in various ways.

There will be winners in each session of the contest who will receive prizes, as well. So, stop being so shy - show us what you've done. We would love to see, and we

know others would as well!



**First Session Winner
by Ernst Hipp**



**First Session Runner Up
by Lee Lattimer**



**Second Session Winner
by Lee Lattimer**

The rules:

1. Photo must be taken at the Arb during one of the contest date ranges:
 - June 1 - August 31,
 - September 1 - November 30, or
 - December 1 - April 30)
2. One submission per photographer for each date range.
3. All are eligible except members of the judging panel. Photographers younger than 18 must submit in collaboration with a parent or guardian.
4. All photos must be submitted digitally in jpeg RGB format (file size approximately 500 Kb to 1 Mb) to: photocontest@landisarboretum.org. If you are unsure of how to determine file size and format or make a digital submission, please contact us for assistance!
5. The email submission must include:
 - a.) name, address, email address, phone number at which you can be reached, and if under 18, photographer's age and parent's name and contact information
 - b.) date and the location within the Arboretum where the photo was taken; and if desired, a 50 word or less description (optional).
6. The panel of judges will select first, second, and third place winners in each date range. Winning entries will be published with your byline on our website, Facebook and Flickr pages, and for promotion, publicity, fundraising, and other purposes.

7. First place winners in each contest date range will receive two tickets to an upcoming Landis Event: Rite of Spring or Wine Tasting. Winners will be recognized at the event.

8. Winners will be expected to provide their original larger files on CD, for printing. Photographers agree to let the Arboretum use both their photograph(s) and their name in Arboretum publications (print and online). Entrants also retain rights to their photos.

Questions regarding the photo contest should be directed to:

photocontest@landisarboretum.org

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Download Registration forms from:

www.landisarboretum.org/5k

For more information, contact David.Roy@ScaryLegRunners.com

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7th Perennial 5K Forest Run!

Saturday, August 17th, 2013

Cross Country Run/Walk

7:30 a.m. Race Day Registration

9 a.m. Race Start!

Leave the roads behind!

Held at the Landis Arboretum, 174 Lape Rd,
Esperance, NY 12066

Lower entry fee & T shirts guaranteed
For early registration

About George Landis Arboretum

The Landis Arboretum is a public garden comprising hundreds of acres overlooking historic Schoharie Valley near Esperance, New York. Arboretum founder Fred Lape began the work of developing the Arboretum in the 1950's on Oak Nose Farm, his family homestead. With the support of a bequest from friend and colleague George Landis, Fred aimed to grow every species of woody plant from temperate regions around the world that would survive in the hills of Schoharie County.

Forty acres of the Arboretum are developed with plantings of trees, shrubs, and herbaceous perennials from around the world. The remainder of the property consists of natural areas, woodlands, wetlands, more than 8 miles of trails, and open fields. Among the Arboretum's horticultural features are a labeled collection of nearly all the trees, shrubs and vines native to New York State, as well as collections of notable trees, flowering ornamental trees and shrubs, tough trees for tough sites, conifers, and oaks. Two old growth forests and additional natural areas representing various stages of succession await visitors. The Van Loveland Perennial

Garden at the old farmhouse and the recently restored Quarry Garden are seasonal favorites. Interpretive signage aids visitors in their enjoyment and understanding of the collections and ecosystems of the Arboretum.

Now beginning its second 50 years, the Landis Arboretum is a "Garden of Trees and Shrubs" in New York's Capital region. The Landis Arboretum is a valuable cultural and scientific resource that increases each year in scope and community impact.

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