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LANDIS ARBORETUM

THE NEWSLETTER



FALL PLANT SALE

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Book and Bake Sale
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Fall—A Great Time To Plan and Plant

Clody King is volunteer propagator at the Arboretum, where she is heading the Trillium Project. A Master Forest Owner volunteer with Cornell, Clody lives and gardens in Minaville, where she raises daylilies and native plants.

Thousands of choice plants will be available at the 2008 Fall Plant Sale, so it will be to your advantage to spend a few minutes before the sale to stroll or sit in your own garden and think about what you see.

- What would you like to change about your garden?
- What do you like best about it?
- Does the garden have balance?
- Are there gaps in groups of plants?
- Is it practical to work in the garden areas?

Answering questions like these before you come to the sale will guide your purchases. The backbone of garden structure is tree and shrub planting. Structure created in the fall will make the spring

planting easier in terms of design. Both containerized and balled-and-burlapped trees and shrubs fare quite well when fall planted and mulched. Both large and small shrubs and trees will be offered at the fall sale.

Other plants which lend structure and texture to gardens of all sizes are grasses. As you survey your garden before the sale, look for a place where you might place a clump or two of one of the graceful grasses that will be available.

Do you need more color in your fall garden? *Boltonia*, asters, goldenrod, and *Sedum* are all wonderful for fall garden color. One especially nice *Sedum* that you will find at the fall sale is *S. 'Crazy*

Ruffles.' New on the market this year, this *Sedum* features ruffled leaf edges and flowers profusely, about twice as much as other *Sedum* species.

Bringing color to the shade is no longer difficult when you plant *Heuchera*, also known as coral bells or alumroot. While the flowers are often insignificant, the foliage on modern cultivars is dazzling all season long. A winter hardy plant in Zone 4, *Heuchera* provides color, texture, and a globe shape that stands out whether planted singly or en masse. Among varieties available at the sale will be *H. 'Amethyst Mist,'* with larger, purple leaves with silver veins;

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Photo by Gina Nixson

Anne Marie Piccirillo holds a dot-tailed whiteface dragonfly at a dragonfly survey event at Landis.

Small World Department

Ed Miller, curator and creator of the Miller Native Plant Trail, can be found nurturing and/or teaching along the trail (aka Willow Pond Trail)

On a recent wildflower walk along our Native Plant Trail, we were joined by a Japanese engineer who is working at GE in Schenectady. Dr. Satoru Ihara had heard about our Native Plant Collection and wanted to see it.

There were only a few of our native **G**oodly plants in bloom, the pinkster having bloomed earlier and the swamp azalea waiting with flower buds almost ready to pop. The pasture rose, ninebark, and flowering raspberry, all in the Rose family, were in bloom. However,

the Native Plant Collection is about education and is really not about pretty blooms, so I think Dr. Ihara and our other guests were pretty happy with their visit.

Dr. Ihara has made multiple visits to places like the Kew gardens in London, and the botanical gardens in Boston, New York, and Washington—and now the Landis Arboretum!

Fred Lape would have smiled. He had a vision of better international understanding by exchanging plants and experience with arboreta and botanical gardens worldwide.

However, the "small world" department gets even better.

Dr. Ihara's father was a botany professor and a director of a botanical garden affiliated with the Osaka City University in Japan. During his tenure, Professor Yuzuru Ihara, together with many of his full time assistants, created a native Japanese plant collection with thousands of specimens. I am sure he, too, would be smiling to know that his son was visiting an arboretum that shared his vision of a place where people could see all, or almost all, of the plants of their native land.

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VOICES OF EXPERIENCE: Elder Council

Arboretum Trustees unanimously supported the creation of an Elder Council at their June 19 meeting. The Council is expected to serve as an ad hoc sounding board to the Arboretum's executive director.

According to Anne Jaster, a former Arboretum trustee, "We believe that we can be especially helpful to new members of the Arboretum Board. Those of us on the new Council love Landis and have devoted our energies and support to nurturing its growth through the years." Ms. Jaster served as Arboretum president from 1992-1994.

Throughout history and across cultures, organized entities have respected the maturity, insight, and vision associated with experience. The Landis Arboretum continues that tradition with the implementation

of an official Elder Council. Comprised of longstanding members who have distinguished themselves through personal, professional, and/or financial contributions to the growth and economic viability of the Arboretum, the Elder Council is viewed as an essential element in preserving the best practices of the past as the Arboretum takes on new challenges to membership and economic viability.

"The active participation of the Elder Council will enable the current Board of Trustees to devote more of its time and energy to their fiduciary goals in support of the Arboretum," said Executive Director Thom O'Connor.

"In addition to the institutional wisdom and seasoned service of Elder Board members in the growth and expansion of Landis, we also

hope to benefit from their established networks of influence. This aspect is more important than ever as we enter new areas and avenues of fundraising on behalf of the Arboretum," O'Connor added.

2008-2009 Elder Council Members are Paul Blair, Dick Clowe, Fran Finkbeiner, Fern Finkbeiner, Anne Jaster, Merv Prichard, Peter Rumora, Susan Sagendorf, Carol Wock, and Nick Zabawsky

"The Board's ratification of the Arboretum's Elder Council—coupled with the formation of a Teen Board and recent partnership with the Schoharie County Youth Bureau—shows our commitment to honor the best practices of the past as we work to revitalize our membership among all segments of the demographic spectrum," O'Connor observed.

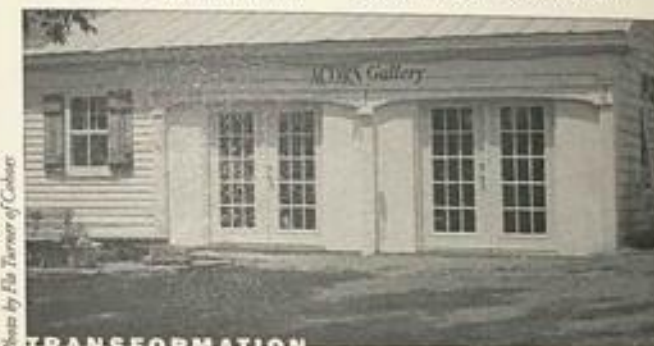


Photo by Flo Turner of Cohoes

from Carriage House to Welcome Center is under way at Landis. Through generous contributions from members Merv Prichard and Thom O'Connor—and massive injections of sweat equity and skill from Ben Fox and Tom Edmunds—the new doors are in place.

A late-June visit by Flo Turner of Cohoes, NY, a self-proclaimed "amateur photographer with a love of gardening," captures the stately elegance of

the new doors and the grounds in a single image. We thank Ms. Turner for permission to use one of her beautiful images.

Once inside, visitors soon will see a back wall of windows donated by new members Robert and Shirley Mc Morris of Richmondville, Bill Coombs Jr., and Ken Hotopp transported the nearly 12-foot window to the Arboretum. The doors and windows will help retain the connection with nature and our beautiful grounds even after visitors

enter the Acorn Welcome Center to sign the Visitors' Log, get information about programs and events, obtain trail maps and Arboretum literature, or simply relax after a brisk walk along the more than 8 miles of trails at Landis. Daily sign-in of all visitors and volunteers to the Arboretum provides critical information required for grants needed to underwrite events at our non-profit Arboretum.

Help us put our best foot forward for you and your guests—and the increasing number of visitors who discover Landis each week. Donations toward bluestone for the interior floor and exterior landing of the Acorn Welcome Center are welcomed. Contact the office at 518-875-6935.

Have you visited us at www.landisarboretum.org of late? There is always something new at the Landis Arboretum!



Education Highlights

Anne Donnelly, with Alan French and Susan O'Handley

We have added even more programs to our already dynamic educational offerings! And, unfortunately, we occasionally find that we must cancel some as well. This is another reason for you to visit our gorgeous and constantly updated website at www.landisarboretum.org.

Astronomers



Alan French, president of the Albany Area Amateur Astronomers and member of the Arboretum's Education Committee, invites you to join him and the AAAA at Landis for one of the club's scheduled Star Parties. Following a spring of disappointingly cloudy skies, we are hoping the summer will bring clearer skies for observing astronomical events. Alan is delighted that the Schoharie County Youth Bureau will be attending some of the Star Parties—and staying for sleep-overs as well. He offers these previews of the season's night skies:

- One of the most popular celestial events of the summer is the annual Perseid meteor shower. Although a few Perseids may be seen as early as July 17, and some may linger until August 24, the peak will be on the night of Monday, August 11, and into the morning hours on Tuesday, August 12. Some meteors will be seen between 10 pm and 1 am, but the numbers will increase after 1 am (which is midnight EST) when we are on the front side of the Earth moving through space. Also, a waxing gibbous moon will set at 1:21 am on Tuesday morning, leaving the sky dark and moonless and making the morning hours prime time for Perseids. The meteors can appear anywhere in the sky, but the paths of the Perseids will all point back toward Perseus, high in the northeast at 2 am. Increased numbers may also be seen a day or two before the peak and a day afterwards.
- The famous Leonid meteor shower, peaking on the morning of November 17, will be spoiled by a bright waning gibbous moon. Conditions in 2009, however, will be very favorable.
- The Albany Area Amateur Astronomers will hold their August meeting at 7:30 pm on

Tuesday, August 19, at the Meeting House. Weather permitting, there will be observing afterward, and all are welcome for both the meeting and the star party. They will also hold public star parties in the Meeting House field on Saturday, August 23; Friday and Saturday, September 26 and 27; Friday and Saturday, October 24 and 25; and Friday, November 21. The August Star Party will start at 9 pm, and all the rest will start at 8 pm. The dark skies of the Arboretum, well away from city lights, and the fine view of the sky from the Meeting House field make it a superb site for star gazing. A variety of telescopes will provide views of nebulae, star clusters, and galaxies.

Star parties are canceled if the skies are mostly cloudy. Although we try to make the right decision, the weather can be capricious, and it is always wise to call 374-8460 to insure that the star party is being held.



WLC

Susan and Jeff O'Handley of The Wildlife Learning Company (WLC), both frequent and enthusiastic contributors to our educational offerings, have brought many classes here for field, forest, and pond explorations. We mentioned the No Child Left Inside Act in the spring *Newsletter* and are providing more specific details about the proposed legislation and a plea for support in this newsletter. The Arboretum is a natural focus for outdoor education and the WLC. George Steele, and other outdoor educators are already using our wonderful resources to inspire and enlighten students and teachers alike. As of July 1, more than 300 participants have benefitted from Arboretum-sponsored nature programs this year.

Please consider sponsoring one of our 2009 programs (or events) for as little as \$250. In exchange, your company name will appear



A dot-tailed whiteface dragonfly poses at a dragonfly survey event at Landis.

Photo by Gina Nelson



Gina Nelson leads a class on geocaching held in May at the Arboretum.

in conjunction with the program in our widely distributed *Calendar of Events*, on our website, and in any promotional materials related to that event. We are building our 2009 calendar now and would appreciate your response by January 1.

Leisure?

All year many of us look forward to summer and our gardens and the leisure that warm summer days and nights bring. What leisure? I find I have to force myself to get out of the habit (and it does become a habit) of trying to accomplish everything on "the list" to the point of not living in the moment, but rushing through to check one item off and get on to the next. STOP! You can't see, really see, things unless you stand still and focus. The colors, the sounds, the smells, and especially the people in our lives require time and focus. Forced leisure? Perhaps that's a good idea.

Let me recommend a thought-provoking book for your leisurely summer reading: *HOPE, Human and Wild: True Stories of Living Lightly on the Earth* by Bill McKibben. (Yes, the same Bill McKibben who wrote *The End of Nature*). He highlights three examples of optimism and hope in this time of crushing bad news on so many fronts: from the stumbling economy, rising gas prices, the declining stock market, to global warming, violent weather, and crop failures. One of the three places on the planet in which he has found cause for optimism is our beloved Adirondacks.

Phillip Morris, CEO of Proctor's Theater—and probably the most optimistic, visionary, and innovative thinker I have ever met—recommended this book to a group of us from the Arboretum with whom he met

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LANDIS PORTRAITS

A series about the people behind the plants at the Arboretum

Nolan Marchini, amateur gardener and beekeeper, is a member of the Publications Committee. He taught high school English in Johnstown, NY, for 34 very busy but blissful years.

Herman and Frances Finkbeiner

Both Herm and Fran Finkbeiner have seen the Arboretum come a long way.

Fran remembers the barn as a tottering structure, filled with nesting barn swallows, an old Oriental rug and piano at the top of the stairs, and, with face mask, cleaning the interior, or trying to. While serving on the Arboretum's board, Herb recognized that the barn would have collapsed over the winter and spearheaded a drive to fund its restoration.

The rest, as they say, is history: the barn is now a solid and useful structure. Both are inveterate gardeners, passionate about growing things. "I like the way that plants enhance everything. They are bits of sculpture. Color and shape, form and function," Fran said. To which Herm added, "I never saw I plant I didn't want." "It's greed pure and simple. I suppose it's a disease," she rejoined.

Fran's interest is primarily growing plants indoors, tropicals and ferns. At one point, she had nearly 600 specimens under 40

four-foot fluorescent lights in her basement and was actively involved in local and national organizations for gardeners who grew plants indoors and in greenhouses. She was a leading member of the Friends of the Arboretum, editing the Arboretum's first newsletter for many years when the "IBM Selectric" typewriter was the cutting edge of technology.

Herm's horticultural interests are, well, "larger"—there are over 65 different kinds of conifers on the Finkbeiners' Rexford property, many of them started from seed. Herm is also interested in "the other end of growing trees." He was instrumental in having started the Northeast Woodworkers' Association—in his living room. The organization now boasts more than 1000 members.

Herm trained as an organic chemist, earning a degree from the University of Michigan. He retired from General Electric as Laboratory Manager for Biological and Environmental Sciences in 1994.

Fran volunteered her talents not only to several horticultural organizations but

also the Saratoga County Historical Society. For many years, she illustrated publications for the blind.

About Landis, Herm mused, "In some ways, the place is the same, but it also changes, and those changes can fascinate people for a lifetime... The very act of walking among the trees is at the very least good for the soul."

"It's a special feeling. You spend so much time watching the progress and cheering them on. You cry with them when they don't succeed," Fran said.

Both remember first visiting the Arboretum for a plant sale in the early '70s. In those days, they said, Fred Lape took his shovel to dig up plants and placed them on the steps and on the lawn of the Farmhouse. Later, when Herm served on the Board, he bet Gloria Van Dyne, then director, that the plant sale would soon become the biggest source of the Arboretum's revenue.

That year, the mud in the parking lot was "over the shoe top" mud. But Herm won his bet. And the rest is history.

Jeff Schworm



More than thirty years ago, when Jeff Schworm had started his first landscaping business, he had only heard, vaguely, about the Landis Arboretum. He decided to drive up to the Farmhouse and introduce himself to Fred Lape. "I guess I've always felt welcome here. Who would have thought that a 25-year-old kid like myself could arrive unannounced and sit with Fred Lape on the porch—like old friends—talking about plants! We had a great chat," he reminisced.

Jeff's interest in plants began a long time before that. In high school he was a member of the student council, which was involved in a landscaping project at the school. He studied environmental science in college but became deeply interested in horticulture. He worked for various tree services and landscapers. Before too much longer, he said, "I was loving the smells, the beauty you could create. Then it became a challenge when I opened my own business."

Today Jeff owns and operates the Nursery at Liddedale Farm in Duaneburg. Even though he is an award-winning landscape

designer, he regards himself as a "plantsman" rather than a "landscaper," since his real interest is to explore new and different varieties in plant materials and to offer them to other professionals.

At the same time, he also works as a pollution prevention specialist for GE Global Research.

His e-mail moniker is a giveaway: "picceman." (Picca refers to the genus spruce.) He admits that he is enthralled by the genetic diversity among the conifers—pointing out that in Japan there are as many named varieties for the Japanese white pine (*Pinus parviflora*) as there are days in the year. For several years, Jeff served as chairperson for plant procurement committee, which determines what specimens will be featured at the plant sales. It should come as no surprise that conifers are frequently given top billing at those events.

Jeff has also served as a member of the Arboretum's Board of Trustees for the past three years and is currently its vice president. "As an organization, we have gone beyond Fred Lape's wildest imagination, what he had envisioned in terms of the scope of our programs, our acreage, our community outreach, our

membership," he said. He himself envisions that the Landis will continue that achievement, particularly with respect to ecology and the environment.

"The biggest reason [to visit the Arboretum] is the world we live in. It's one of those rare, open, quiet places where you can go and do what you want to do—sit on a rock and watch the view, take a long walk, have a picnic. I've enjoyed making music here. I've even been to a wedding or two here."

Jeff Schworm has always felt welcome at the Arboretum, and he is enthusiastic in extending that welcome to others.

Congratulations and best wishes to...

On July 17 Jeff Schworm, who had been serving as vice president, became president of the Arboretum's Board of Trustees. The move followed the announcement of Treasurer Gerald Peters' resignation to pursue commitments to the NYS Reading Association. The Board nominated Arboretum President Barbara Beabetz to complete Mr. Peters' term in office. The Board ratified Mr. Schworm as president. The position of vice president will remain unfilled until the general election of Board officers in December.

THE TRILLIUM PROJECT

Cindy King



here is something magical about trilliums. I remember walking through the woods every springtime with my mother looking for wildflowers. Finding trilliums, singly or in great drifts along the banks of a stream, would be the highlight of the walk.

When I read last winter that there was going to be a Trillium Symposium in April at the Mt. Cuba Center in Delaware, I had to go! I convinced Viktoria Serafin to accompany me. Viktoria is a longtime member of the Arboretum and the newest member of the Plant Procurement Committee; at her nursery at Glenbrook Farm in Glen, she raises over 1000 varieties of hostas and other plants for the shade garden.

We spent three whole days at Winterthur and Mt. Cuba learning about

every aspect of trilliums and touring gardens where they grow. Speakers included trillium expert Fred Case, co-author (with his late wife, Roberta) of the book *Trilliums*, and Bill Cullina, director of horticultural research at the Garden in the Woods and author of *Growing and Propagating Wildflower, Native Trees, Shrubs and Vines*; as well as *Orchids and Native Ferns, Moss and Grasses*.

The whole symposium was breathtaking in scope, firing and inspiring all of us to grow trilliums however we could. I was already growing seeds and plants in the Landis greenhouse. Why not grow trillium at the Arboretum? Populate the hillsides with *Trillium grandiflorum* and *Trillium erectum*. (Both these species, white and red, already grow at the Arboretum.) Maybe try some *Trillium sessile* or *Trillium recurvatum*? Fill the woods with trilliums! Sell them at plant sales! Help develop new and unusual varieties for the nursery trade!

So I asked Fred Breglia what he thought. He liked it. The Horticulture Committee likes it.

It will take five to eight years to grow flowering trillium from seed, but the results should be worth it.

And, once started, we can collect and plant seed every year. We already have a donor for trillium seeds in Fort Plain, so I am building a nursery bed in the shade outside the greenhouse. By next year, there should be roots sprouted from the seeds. By the spring of 2010, the first leaf will appear on each little seedling. Hopefully, we will see the first flowers in the spring of 2013... and every year after that!!

Volunteers of all kinds are needed for the Trillium Project. We welcome plants and seeds; hands to help with nursery and planting tasks; labeling; bookkeeping and correspondence with some of the other arboreta who are doing similar projects. If you would like to help or if you would like more information, call Vicki Hazzard at the office, 518-875-6935 or Cindy at 518-396-8563.

SUMMER SOLSTICE SOIREE

The Landis Arboretum Summer Garden Party has already become a tradition that draws longstanding members and new visitors alike. The June 14 "Night to Celebrate, Savor, and Remember," organized by event chair and Landis trustee Donna Vincent featured the spirited music of John Scarpulla and Tom Wadsworth; a twilight

dinner by Sweet Tooth Caterers; and the always-popular Silent Auction. Smiling faces enlivened by candlelight and convivial laughter countered an unexpected downpour that never dampened the highspirits of this

night in the garden as Arboretum friends gathered to raise funds and awareness of the legacy Van Loveland gardens at the Landis. A shout of "look up" sent many from under the great white tent at Landis to gaze with child-like delight at a spectacular rainbow that blessed the event at the Lape estate.

Photos by Dick Damerden



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Nolan Marciniak



Cynthia (Cindy) King

Without any hesitation, Cynthia King remembered her first visit to Landis thirty-six years ago. She went to the Arboretum on a picnic with her then two-year-old daughter and her brother, a gymnast. And even after all these years, her daughter still treasures the memory of her "Uncle Chippy" walking on his hands from the Library to the pond.

Cindy said that she is the daughter of "a frustrated horticulturalist." As a child growing up in New York's Southern Tier, very much her mother's daughter, she thought that "the greatest way to spend an afternoon was to pick wildflowers and build stone houses and pick wild strawberries."

Gardening has always been something essential to Cindy. "It's watching things grow that I'm intrigued by, becoming. And in a garden, we become, we grow . . . It's also inspiration for everything that I do creatively, whether I make art or write poetry," she said. Today she maintains her own wildflower

garden at her home in rural Montgomery County—along with at least 500 varieties of daylilies.

As the only master forest owner in a four-county area, she enjoys walking through other people's woodlands and making suggestions about managing their forests. She mentioned several trees, such as the contorted beech at Landis, that she felt she knew "as people."

Recovering from a serious automobile accident in 1990, she began to volunteer at the Arboretum under the tutelage of Carol Loucks. She weeded the perennial beds of the Van Loveland Garden but then was persuaded to move indoors to serve as office manager and, later, newsletter editor. She has recently renewed her volunteer efforts at the Arboretum, largely through her association with the Arboretum's arborist, Fred Breglia, and Cornell's master forest owner program. Cindy currently serves on the publications committee.

Cindy earned a BA in English from Skidmore College and a MA in arts

education from the College of St. Rose, where her concentration was on fiber arts. It's no surprise that natural shapes and materials figure prominently in her wall hangings. She taught in several area schools. She also worked as both reporter and editor for the *Schenectady Gazette*. She also confessed that she edited *The Hand Hat News*, a publication for the construction industry.

About the Arboretum, she insisted that ". . . there's nothing like it. I'm glad to see it expand [under Thom O'Connor's direction]. I'm in favor of education of all sorts . . . Family programs and activities . . . are opportunities that are just wonderful."

And then she reflected, "Kids need to be taught to look . . . to be made aware of the world around them. That," she concluded, "should be the Arboretum's most important focus." From just such experiences, memories are made.



George Steele

He quoted Rachel Carson: "A child's world is fresh and new and beautiful, full of wonder and excitement."

Since 1992, George Steele has worked to tap that sense of wonder in the children and their families who visit the Arboretum.

He admitted that growing up in this day and age is markedly different from his growing up in the wild areas in the Southern Adirondacks near the Hudson River, when he would often disappear into the outdoors for an entire day—until he heard his mother's whistle, a signal that he needed to return home. His love for nature was nurtured through his involvement in the Boy Scouts and continued from camper to counselor. These days, he said, there are so many obstacles between children and nature—"stranger danger," the lure of videogames and computers, neighborhoods in which it's impossible for a child to dig a hole or climb trees or build a fort.

George's family programs are based on the simple pleasures afforded by

nature: finding cicada exoskeletons, or examining moths by night, or catching frogs and salamanders, or examining animal tracks in the snow, or watching hawks soar in the Schoharie Valley. "It all starts when you're a kid," he mused. "But who knows where it can go? Maybe the kid will become a herpetologist . . . Maybe that kid will put together some part of the puzzle and benefit the earth and the environment."

George is a member of the Arboretum's Education Committee. He earned an undergraduate degree in wildlife biology from SUNY's College of Environmental Science; he studied environmental education at Antioch Graduate School in Keene, NH. He spent thirteen years working for New York State's Department of Environmental Conservation.

For him, the Arboretum is a microcosm. He pronounced the pond behind the barn "the coolest," since it is exceptionally rich in aquatic microorganisms and macroinvertebra. He loves the Woodland Trail for its natural ecosystem

and the cultivated areas at Landis for their incredible diversity of plants from all over the world. "It's important to know your own backyard, but it's important to know that the world is a community too," he insisted.

It was a program called "Sounds of Spring," he remembered, and a horribly uncomfortable, drizzling, cold evening. Only one person showed up, a man with serious hearing impairment who was enthusiastic about his new hearing aid. At one point during the program, a frog croaked out a mating call. The man was astonished and exclaimed, "I never heard that before." For George, that made the evening all worthwhile.

"It is our misfortune that for most of us, that clear-eyed vision, that true instinct for what is beautiful and awe-inspiring [in childhood], is dimmed and even lost before we reach adulthood," Rachel Carson lamented. It is our fortune that George Steele restores our vision—and our hearing. And our childhood too.

THE WEDDING

The Arboretum's King of Trees and Garden Queen tied the knot under the embracing canopy of the Great Oak on Saturday, July 19, at 4 pm. The Reverend Bert Mayne united a radiant Erin McKenna and vaibly shaken Fred Beaglia in marriage to the delight of more than 200 applauding guests.

The audible gasps of surprise and approval as the bridal party

emerged from the Old Growth Forest continued the good will and high spirits that started hours earlier outside the Carriage House where, Dark Holler featuring Landis groundman Mike Lebrano and Paul Strother—and an occasional set by Barbara Nark—offered spirited tunes to accompany the afternoon fare of Sweet Tooth Caterers, Esperance.

Guests moved to the Great Tent at the Meeting House for dinner (Brooks of Onenota), music by October Circle, dancing far into the night, and an abundance of well-wishes and embraces.

Late night starshine captured the sentiments of the day as the Arboretum's first couple bid farewell for a honeymoon in Glacier National Park.

A memorable day, indeed, at founder Fred Lape's Oak Nose Farm, with emotions as powerful and majestic as the stately white oak that continues to overlook the historic Schoharie Valley's picturesque landscape and passionate people united in their love and respect for nature—and each other.

Photo by Michael Garsbrecht



Jerry McKenna and daughter Erin



Erin, Reverend Mayne, and Fred



Bride's attendants, Erin, Fred, and Reverend Mayne

Photo by Barbara Nark



Groomsmen Cory Getman and Tom Edmunds



Happy guests enjoy cool beverages on a sunny summer afternoon



Photo by Michael Garsbrecht

About the Fall Plant Sale

Help Wanted

Join the fun at the Plant Sale—

The Fall Plant/Book/ Bake Sale is one of the most important signature fundraising events for the Arboretum. The areas in which we need help include—

- set up the week before
- unloading plant material

The expanded format will require additional—

- cashiers and ticket writers
- plant experts
- parking attendants
- sales help for book donations and bake-sale items.

Contact Ms. Vicki Hazzard at 518-875-6935, or info@landisarboretum.org.

Bake Sale

Unusual and tasty home-made cookies, cakes, pies and breads. Beverages including soda, water, and coffee will

be available. Proceeds to benefit Landis' perennial gardens.

Book Sale

Bibliophiles and browsers are always rewarded with thousands of titles in good condition to browse through and buy, while surrounded by the more than 6,000 trees, plants, shrubs, and perennials. Categories include science and nature, gardening, reference, poetry, children's books, mystery, self-help, diet and nutrition, and many others. The Book Sale will take place under cover in the Arboretum's 1830s English barn.

Donations

- Donations of books in good condition are always welcomed. Please contact the Arboretum with information about book donations by September 5.
- Plant Donations are welcome. Plants should be clearly labeled—name, variety, color are suggested. They should be weed-free and unsightly

foliage should be removed. We will do the pricing. If you have plants or books you wish to donate or need information, please call the office at 518-875-6935.

- **The Acorn Gift Shop** will be open. Some popular items include polo and sweatshirts with our logo, high-quality pruning tools, animal puppets, nature games, and books. This year, the Arboretum will feature spectacular photographs by Arboretum member and award-winning nature photographer Bill Combs, Jr.
- **Lunch.** Food and beverages will be for sale on Saturday and Sunday.
- **Starting times and dates** for the sale are firm. Purchases may not be made prior to the sale. We cannot take orders or set aside plants prior to the sale.
- **Arboretum plant experts** will be available all weekend to answer your

questions and to provide suggestions and advice on plant selection, site requirements, and proper planting and care techniques.

- **Cars** must be parked in our upper parking area next to the Meeting House.
- **Limited handicapped parking** and drop-off space is available. Please inform the parking attendants of your needs.
- **Dogs are not permitted** at the Plant Sale. Dogs should never be left in cars because temperatures rise quickly inside vehicles.
- **Restrooms and picnic tables** are available for your convenience.
- **Please** have your sales slip available to be hole-punched as you leave. Have your membership card handy for quicker checkout (10% discount applies).