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Friends of Laurelwood Arboretum oversees the park and is responsible for maintenance, operations and public programs. Dues and donations support these efforts.

Our volunteers help maintain and improve the plantings and infrastructure and manage our non-profit organization. We also provide tours of the arboretum and host educational and community outreach programs and other special events. Our fundraisers include a plant sale each spring.

Membership Benefits

- Free or discounted admission to most of our programs, lectures and events
- Monthly e-news
- Email notification of programs, activities and events
- 10% discount at our plant sale
- Discounts at area nurseries and garden centers

Members can also take advantage of the American Horticultural Society's Reciprocal Program, which gives our members free or discounted admission to more than 300 gardens and arboreta throughout North America. For information about this program, go to www.ahsgardening.org/rap.

Membership/Donation Form

Please complete and send to Friends of Laurelwood Arboretum, PO Box 2433, Wayne, New Jersey 07474-2433. Make checks payable to Friends of Laurelwood Arboretum or FOLA or join online at www.laurelwoodarboretum.org.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail address _____

Annual household/Individual membership	___ \$ 25
5-year household/Individual membership	___ \$125
Lifetime household/Individual membership	___ \$500
Annual non-profit organization membership	___ \$ 50
Annual business/corporate membership	___ \$100

Enclosed is an additional donation of \$ _____.

Dues and donations are deductible for income tax purposes to the extent allowed by law.

Directions



Laurelwood Arboretum is located at 725 Pines Lake Drive West in Wayne, NJ. The arboretum is open and free to the public, every day, 8 am to dusk, except during emergency conditions. Public parking lots are located through the open gates on Vale Road and Pines Lake Drive West.

The Knippenberg Center for Education is located near the parking lots with accessible parking adjacent to the building. The center is open April through October, noon to 4 pm Tuesdays through Sundays. Accessible bathrooms are available when the building is open.

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Welcome to Laurelwood Arboretum



Photo by Lorraine Meyer

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History of Laurelwood Arboretum

Dorothy and John Knippenberg, who were residents of the Pines Lake community, purchased the 30-acre botanical oasis now known as Laurelwood Arboretum in the 1940s and 1950s.



Photo by Dawn Healey

Known as Laurelwood Gardens, it was an active commercial nursery that specialized in rhododendrons and azaleas. The arboretum became renowned in the horticultural world for its registered hybrids, pristine natural beauty, tranquility and the dedicated expertise of its founders, Dorothy and John Knippenberg.

The Knippenbergs donated Laurelwood to Wayne Township in the 1960s with the understanding that it would become a public park upon their deaths. In 2006, it became part of the Wayne Department of Parks and Recreation. Laurelwood Arboretum is now preserved and maintained through an agreement between the non-profit volunteer organization, Friends of Laurelwood Arboretum, and the Township of Wayne.

Volunteer Opportunities

Help maintain and beautify Laurelwood Arboretum

Outdoor Activities

Work in the Gardens

Tuesdays and Fridays, 9 am to noon, April through October.

Site Management and Construction

Work with the site manager to improve the arboretum's bridges, buildings, drainage and infrastructure and/or to help maintain our vehicles.

Tour Guides

Join our trained volunteers to share your enthusiasm for Laurelwood with the public.

Weddings/Photo Shoots

Facilitate weddings and photo shoots at Laurelwood.

Winter Greenhouse Team

Help propagate plants for garden restoration and our annual plant sale.

Scout Programs

Assist Girl and Boy Scout groups with merit badge programs and other outdoor activities.

Indoor Activities

Programs

Help plan and execute educational and community programs for children and/or adults.

Fundraising

Help plan and execute our fundraising efforts.

Development

Work on efforts to solicit major gifts from area businesses.

Annual Plant Sale

Help plan and/or assist at our annual plant sale.

Plant Collection Management

Assist in the effort to identify and catalog the plant collections.

Knippenberg Center Greeter

Greet visitors and offer information and materials.

Graphic Design

Create support materials.

Information Technology

Help manage data and our office computers.

Marketing/Public Relations

Publicize our programs and activities.

Membership

Help plan membership retention and outreach efforts.

Photography

Take photos in the arboretum and at our events.

Art Displays

Help plan and organize art displays at the Knippenberg Center.

A Botanical Oasis

Each successive season at Laurelwood brings a new wave of blooms, textures and foliage to this "living painting."

From late winter to early spring, sudden bursts of color emerge, from witch hazels and snowdrops to crocus, daffodils and hellebores.



Photo by Lorraine Meyer

Spring bursts forth with a glorious show of azaleas, rhododendrons, peonies, foxgloves, primroses and flowering magnolia, dogwood and cherry trees.

Summer features daisies, woodland perennials including ferns, gingers and hostas, herbaceous pollinators and colorful annuals.

The appearance of asters, holly and dogwood berries and burnished canopies of brilliantly colored leaves signals fall.

Winter is the best time to enjoy the quiet dignity and delicate textures of hundreds of evergreen and deciduous trees, along with the stunning layout of the arboretum.