



## *Rhododendron Legacy at Laurelwood Arboretum*

**Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at 7:00 PM**

Joseph Di Giacomo, Master Gardener and chairperson of the Friends of Laurelwood Arboretum Rhododendron Study Team will share information about the legacy of John and Dorothy Knippenberg and the development of the rhododendron gardens at *Laurelwood Arboretum*.

In 1955, Dorothy began hybridizing rhododendrons, many are registered and several are award-winners. Discover the collection which now boasts over 400 rhododendrons, including the varieties that are larger leaved, have more flower substance or later blooming periods. Learn about the propagation taking place in the greenhouse by the Rhododendron Study Team developed six years ago, and how they are protecting and preserving the collection.

During the month of August, informational display panels will be available to view in the gallery of the Wayne Public Library.

with Patty Slezak, WPL Reference Librarian



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**BIOGRAPHY:** Joseph Di Giacomo is a resident of Little Falls. He retired in 2009 after a 35-year career in municipal government as Tenafly Borough Administrator, Cedar Grove Township Manager, and Assistant Business Administrator and Budget Officer for the City of Trenton. He received his B.A. degree from William Paterson University and his M.P.A. degree from Penn State University. Joe is an avid gardener and earned his Master Gardener certification in 2011 from the Rutgers Master Gardener Program. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Friends of Laurelwood Arboretum.