



THE GLENWILD GARDENER



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"I believe a leaf of grass
is no less than the
journey-work of the
stars."

Walt Whitman
1819-1892

"In gardening, one's
staunchest ally is the
natural lust for life each
plant has—that strong
current which surges
through everything that
grows."

Jean Hersey
Author

Glenwild gardens believes that our plants are the backbone of our business. Therefore, I thought it would interest some of you to know how we get them.

We order our plant material during the previous fall and throughout the season from about 15-20 local growers in northern and southern New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Some of our larger specialty items come from the Northwest of the U.S.. Our sources vary from old family farmers to new larger greenhouses and nurseries and we are always talking to new growers so we can find the best quality plants.

Because we are a landscape firm and use our plants in every job, we take extra special care to ensure their healthiness. Placing them carefully on our grounds, fertilizing and deadheading perennials, and individually inspecting every plant. At Christmas time we even water our cut trees to keep them fresh! Also, because we are a small business, we can take the time to help you track down any special plant you may be searching for.

Our staff truly is here to help in any way we can, so come to us with your problems (gardening only please!), and we will work with you to solve them! Now you can contact us by e-mail at Jodie@glenwildgardens.com, and I will do my best to answer any questions you may have or I will direct you to the right person.

This year we have an exciting array of classes offered, so please look on page three for the list. We have two guest speakers this year—Abby Miranda and Mike Southwell,—who bring a lot of knowledge and experience to us, and I think you'll enjoy the new classes. Make sure to come during our new, expanded *Open House Week* and take advantage of our coupon on the back of the newsletter. As always, thanks for being our customer, and we look forward to seeing you this year.

Jodie MacQueen Brooks



Did you know that Toads can eat 10 to 15 thousand bugs each season? Besides being so cute, they're some of our best friends! They also eat slugs and even sometimes mice. Try to encourage toads in your garden by having a shallow pan of water or small pond as they absorb water through their skin. Make a toad house by knocking off a chunk of the lip of a clay pot and turning it upside down near a brushy area in your garden. Make sure the door is big enough for a full-grown toad—almost the size of a baseball. We sometimes even carry Toad Houses in our garden accessory shop.



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A Review

Picture this--the Glenwild Garden Center a miniature Culinary Arts School. That is what it was on Monday evening, June 23rd. 2003. Thirteen women attended a presentation by Andre deWaal, chef and owner of Andre's Restaurant in Newton, NJ, called "Cooking from the Garden". The weather co-operated, and we were able to be seated and served at tables set outside. A rolling wagon of trees even supplied us with shade on this warm evening.

The meal, cooked and prepared for us by Andre was delightful. He started the group with an "Electra Spritzer," a light California Orange Muscat wine mixed with sparkling water.

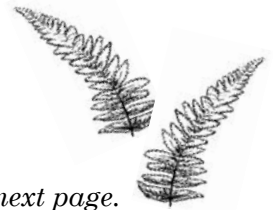
We then had freshly prepared Gazpacho served in hollowed cucumber cups, followed by a tiny "BLT" with homemade mayonnaise. (You never want to buy mayo again after tasting this.)

We went on to taste Tuna Tartar with a Cumin Crisp, and then had hand-cut Pesto served on Grouper with a grilled vegetable salad on the side. For dessert, we had Lemon Curd in a shortbread boat topped with fresh raspberries.

All of this, Andre prepared and cooked for us. He was well organized, offered many helpful hints and suggestions, and answered all of our questions.

This was a wonderful hour and a half Garden Center Cooking Class and from what I can tell was enjoyed by all. I would love to see Andre return and present Cooking Class II there again. It would be worth attending.

Annie Crane



Note: Andre is returning this year.

See the class schedule on the next page.

Perennial of the Year 2004

Anyone already growing this wonderful fern knows how essential it is to any garden. *Athyrium niponicum* "Pictum" is this year's choice from The Perennial Plant Association for perennial of the year. It is very hardy and showy even in full shade gardens and will grow into lush clumps more than 2 feet wide if conditions are good. The frond colors are unique for a fern, with silvery-grey foliage surrounding stems with hints of red and blue, and will grow to about 18 inches tall.

It's ideal conditions are well-drained, compost-rich soil with good moisture. It loves the humidity, (at least something does!) but the colors are actually more intense in cooler weather or earlier in the season. It does grow in deep shade, but the fronds will have more color in light shade. If planted in an area that enjoys just full morning sun it will really flourish.

It is best to add a few inches of compost every spring or fall, and fertilizing can be done if needed. We would recommend double-diluted fish emulsion or the slow release chicken manure "Cock-a-doodle-Do".

Painted Japanese Fern



Japanese Painted Fern is a lovely companion to hostas in the garden because of the opposite texture of the foliage, especially the blue-tinged varieties such as "Seiboldiana Elegans" or "Halcyon", or a variegated variety like "Patriot". The many white-flowering shade perennials like *Tiarella* (foam flower) or any white *Astilbe* would be a perfect compliment, or even try plopping in a few clumps of white impatiens if you want flowers around the fern throughout the season.

If you don't have this perennial yet, this is the time to try it. You will be glad you did!

Class Schedule 2004



April 26—The Kitchen Witch Given by guest speaker Abby Miranda. Did you know that the herbs we use every day not only make your food taste good, but can also be used spiritually and medicinally? In this class we will talk about basic herbal planting for indoors and out and container gardening as well. Then we'll talk about how these plants can be used ritually, medicinally, and for culinary uses. We will also discuss how to use your magical herbs with care. \$5.00

May 24—Making an Herbal Living Wreath Plant a wreath form with various herbs & flowers for a beautiful and useful hanging garden. \$45. \$25 if you have your own form from previous years.

June 28—Cooking from the Garden—Lucky us! Andre deWaal, owner/chef of Andre's Restaurant in Newton, is returning for a lovely evening of cooking and eating using fresh garden grown herbs and produce. We all had a fabulous time last year. Don't miss it! \$50.00

August 9—The Spirituality of Gardening—In this class, guest speaker Abby Miranda will talk about designing and planting a sacred garden. She will discuss design concepts such as the Medicine Wheel Garden and the labyrinth. Planting for the senses, Feng Shui and The Four Directions will also be included. If you like, bring a map of your sacred space to work on. \$5.00

August 21/22—Alpine Troughs—Join Winnie O'Leary for a fun class making your own hypertufa planters. These look like carved stone but are much lighter and are perfect for planting shallow-rooted alpine plants or succulents. This is a 2 part class—Saturday morning we will pour the forms, and Sunday we will un-mold and texturize them. Saturday-10-12am. Sunday-12-2pm. \$25.00

September 13—Planting for Winter Interest-Ornamental Grasses and More—Our own very talented John Lauritano will discuss the design and planting of gardens that look great year round. This class is free.

October 11—Local Birds—Join local birder Michael Southwell for an informative evening of bird lore. He will talk about the local birds seen during the fall and winter season and what is appropriate for human intervention. This class is free.

November 22—Making a Holiday Wreath—This popular class fills up quickly! Create a gorgeous wreath made from balsam, boxwood, fragrant cedar, and other mixed evergreens. Bring your pruners if you have them. \$18.



All classes are held Monday evenings at 6 PM and usually last about an hour and a half.
(Hypertufa class is on a weekend)

Class sizes are limited, so call as early as possible to sign up.

You may pay when you arrive for the class, but please register ahead of time!

Get a 10% discount on any purchases the night of the class.



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Charles Joseph
1735-1814



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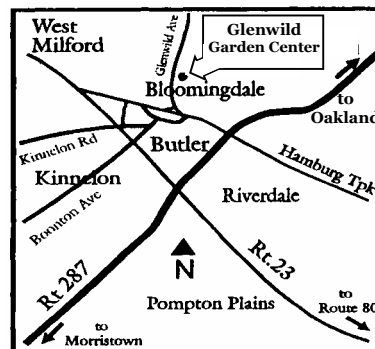
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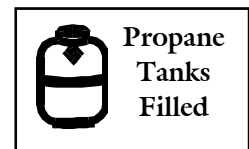
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