



Newsletter – Delaware Valley Fern & Wildflower Society

Winter Meeting: February 2, 2013.

At the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park starting at 10 AM.

See page 2 for directions (note the change of date).

Anyone willing to bring a finger food to share for the refreshments at the meeting February 2nd, please contact contact Janet Whitefield, 610-584-5158 or jntwhite@verizon.net.

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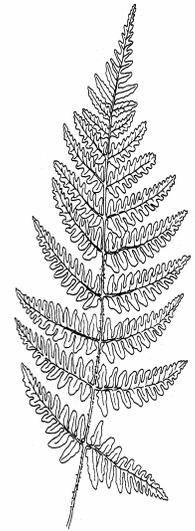
Our Speaker:

John Enterline has had a career of over 40 years in horticulture.

After Graduating in the second class of Longwood Gardens “Professional Gardener Training Program”, his career went into the nursery and greenhouse garden centers. He next became the Director of the Gardens at Conestoga House in Lancaster Pennsylvania.

After that, he spent five years in California, where he partnered with a friend Patricia Hammer, where their business “Tea & Topiary created fantasy topiary for the San Diego Zoo, The Olympics, Universal Studios, and others. He was eventually called back east to become the Indoor Display Specialist for Longwood Gardens. After that, he worked the next thirteen years on a private estate of 1,800 acres in Chester County, Pennsylvania.

He has recently reunited with The Gardens at Felicita in Harrisburg Pa. to restore and open to the public the fabulous gardens created by Richard and Alice Angino. Many Exciting things are being planned for the future.



Flower Show Preparation Update: "The Fox and Fern"

Preparation for the Philadelphia International Flower Show (March 3-10, 2013 — <http://theflowershow.com/>) is moving apace. As of this week (January 20), we’ve spent three Saturdays working on the background painting for our pub; with four weeks left for prep, we should be able to finish on time. If we get into a pinch for some reason (debilitating snow storms, etc.), we’ll publish a “mayday” call for additional hands.

Bill Bondinell reports that the ferns are emerging at the Horticultural Center and we’re on target. When the exhibit is finally set up on Thursday, February 28th, you’ll be greeted by a typical British pub where all are welcome to enjoy a pint or two and relax in the fellowship of the ferns. We hope to see you there.

If you haven't signed up to sit the booth - please check in with Clara Bondinell.

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About DVFWS

The purpose of the DVFWS shall be to encourage the enjoyment of ferns and wildflowers by cultivating and propagating them in the home and garden; by studying them in their wild habitats, gardens, and conservatories; by promoting their conservation and preservation, and by providing a forum for the exchange of information and expertise.

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Membership in the DVFWS is open to anyone who is interested in ferns and wildflowers. Two general membership meetings are held each year and a number of field trips are scheduled each year to areas rich in botanical interest. The newsletter is published quarterly. Contributions to the newsletter are welcome and may be mailed or emailed (johnscott302@aol.com) to the editor. Membership is \$10 for individuals or \$14 for two members of the same address per annum or \$28 and \$39, respectively, for three years.



From the President's Computer

I thought I would update this report as we all are connected by the computer in one way or another.

I was encouraged by the display at the Philadelphia flower show to inquire about membership for the DVFWS. Memory does not recall with whom I spoke with that day, but the invitation to join was inviting with promises of wonderful field trips full of great learning experiences. I quickly sent in my application with my husbands' name included in the membership deal. The perfect fit was finding fellow field stompers who love to identify what they are enjoying in the wild. Joining the club on various walks over the past 2 years has reinforced my decision to serve as President at this time.

Please plan on attending our winter meeting February 2, 2013 at 10:00am at the Horticulture Center at Fairmount Park. Our guest speaker will be John Enterline, Director of Gardens, Restoration, Design at Felicita. The program is titled "Ferns and Wildflowers, the base from Where We Garden at Felicita".

In regards to The Flower Show Committee, help is always needed; please offer your time and talents to Tom Tomer, tdtomer@juno.com. If you are booth sitting for the show, just remember how I was influenced to join DVFWS.

Looking forward to seeing you at the February meeting.

Karen Mohn
President

Directions to the Horticultural Center, Fairmount Park

From the Schuylkill Expressway in Philadelphia: exit at Montgomery Drive (exit 341).

Driving south (Valley Forge toward Philadelphia) it is the first exit after Roosevelt Blvd - Route 1, turn right at the bottom of the ramp.

Go west about 1/3 mile and turn left where a sign points to the Horticultural Center. Go a block and turn left through the gates. The Center is on the right and the entrance can be reached by the circular drive. Parking is on the street or in the parking lot directly across from the Center.

Driving north (Central Philadelphia toward Valley Forge, Montgomery Drive (exit 341) is the first exit after Girard Avenue, turn left at the bottom of the ramp.

Go west about 1/3 mile and turn left where a sign points to the Horticultural Center. Go a block and turn left through the gates. The Center is on the right and the entrance can be reached by the circular drive. Parking is on the street or in the parking lot directly across from the Center.

Don't forget to check the web site < www.dvfws.org > for the color version of the newsletter and last minute changes. If we have your email address we email changes and corrections.

The web master

**Minutes Delaware Valley Fern & Wildflower Society
Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, PA.
Saturday, November 17, 2012 at 10 AM**

The DVFWS Fall program guest speaker was Link Davis, member of the Muhlenberg Botanical Society, who presented a program entitled: "Name that Remnant", Mr. Davis showed a picture of a seed pod and/or dried stem with the associated flower and the audience was asked to identify the plant. The more knowledgeable members of the society were able to identify most of the flowers shown. Cross sections of some of the seed pods were shown giving the group an opportunity to see the internal structure of the pods.

Refreshments were available following the talk by Link Davis.

Clara Bondinell, President, opened the business meeting following the presentation by reminding the members of the dates for the Philadelphia Flower Show 2013. The flower show begins on Friday, March 1, and opens to the public on Saturday March 2, 2013. DVFWS members were reminded to sign the exhibit booth signup sheet. Current, updated membership is required to be eligible to booth sit.

Minutes - Kathy Klein. Written minutes of the February 18, 2012 meeting were not available from the Secretary; however, a verbal review of the highlights of the meeting was given. Clara commended David Lauer (who was not able to attend today) for his work in planning the day trips for this past year. It was noted a number of the trips fell on a Sunday and some members were not able to attend. The daytrips were in conjunction with Botanical Society members with a good turnout for the trips. Bernie and Terry Cabana arranged for the 2012 meeting program speakers and were thanked for their work as well.

Treasurer's Report - Alice Blake-Simonson: Balance \$1891.25. Members were reminded to check and renew their membership. Contact Alice for renewal dates.

Flower Show Exhibit 2013 - Tom Tomer

The theme for 2013 is "Brilliant". Tom noted the theme relates to the history of horticultural in the United Kingdom. The DVFWS booth will be springtime in the courtyard at an English Pub. The committee is working on the DVFWS theme exhibit title and is still tossing around ideas for the name of the pub. Plants to be used will be daffodils and ferns which will be displayed around outdoor tables and chairs. Tom talked about how difficult it is to have wildflowers available in the exhibit as they are not easily forced for use in early March; which is why ferns are primarily used. The location of the exhibit has been changed and will be moved with the Cactus and the Ivy society displays to the upper right hand side of the flower show floor near the market area. Additionally, instead of having a booth with 2 or 3 walls to be painted as part of the exhibit, each society will have a 20 foot wall as backdrop. Tom will contact Hill Co. again to obtain furniture for the exhibit. He thanked his committee for their work and for growing, and nurturing, etc., ferns for last year's exhibit.

Tom is looking for a volunteer to step in and take over the leadership position of the Flower Show Committee. He has been doing this job since 2000 and would like to step back, stay in involved, but be relieved of some of the responsibility.

Clara announced her tenure as President ends with 2012. She noted Alice Blake-Simonson, David Lauer, Bernie & Terry Cabana and Kathy Klein will all continue with their positions. Karen Mohn agreed to serve as the DVFWS President beginning 2013.

Newsletter - John Scott is still looking for help with the newsletter and the website.

The next meeting will be at the Horticultural Center on **Saturday, February 2, 2013 at 10 AM.***

Meeting adjourned about 12:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Klein

(*This is the new meeting date.)

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Naturalist's
Code

Move nothing.
Step on nothing but the path.
Take nothing but photographs.



Climbing Fern
Lygodium palmatum