

# Delaware Valley Fern and Wildflower Society

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## Flower Show Returns to Philadelphia Convention Center

We will be joining six area Plant Societies to exhibit together at the 2023 Philadelphia Flower Show March 4-12. It will return to the Pennsylvania Convention Center, conveniently located next to the Reading Terminal Market in Center City, a popular lunch spot. The Jefferson Station of Septa Regional Rail is also adjacent. The exhibit of potted plants will be over fifty feet long on shelving and blocks supplied by Pennsylvania Horticultural Society in the Horticourt.

The entire show will be better than ever! From Melissa O'Brien's article on the PHS website: The 2023 Philadelphia Flower Show will place special emphasis on the representation of garden and landscape designers of varied backgrounds, experiences, and specialties, offering them a platform to make their unique artistic voices heard. "Every exhibitor is creating a unique, spectacular interpretation of the 'Garden Electric' theme, filled with bold color and interesting design elements that will really captivate our guests while the promenade-style path ensures that all visitors can closely enjoy these stunning works of art," says PHS Creative Director, Seth Pearsoll.

We need help from all the societies to look after the plants, while extolling the benefits of belonging to a plant society. You are not expected to answer questions about all the plants, but will be supplied with 3x5 cards where visitors will write their name and email, name of plant, and question which will be forwarded to the appropriate society for an answer. There will be brochures from the various plant societies and signage supplied by PHS. For breaks, there will be seating available on our director's chairs and on benches supplied by PHS just across the aisle. You will receive one Free Admission for each volunteer slot you sign up for. Two slots worked in a single day will earn you an extra entry ticket for a friend, or for yourself to use on another day.

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# Annual Meeting & Luncheon Report

The members and friends of the Delaware Valley Fern and Wildflower Society joined together for the Annual Meeting and Luncheon on Sat. Nov. 19th at 11:30am at Charlotte's Restaurant, 3207 West Chester Pike (Route 3), Newtown Square, PA.

Our speaker for the meeting, Jenny Rose Carey is a renowned gardener, educator, historian, and author. Her presentation for our get together was titled "Northview Through the Seasons, My Favorite Native Plants in the Garden". She is also the former senior director at the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's Meadowbrook Farm in Jenkintown. Jenny Rose has been lecturing nationally and internationally for many years. She previously worked at Temple University, first as an adjunct professor in the Department of Landscape Architecture and Horticulture and then as director of the Ambler Arboretum. Her book, *Glorious Shade: Dazzling Plants, Design Ideas, and Proven Techniques for Your Shady Garden*, is a

delight for the fern gardener.

In her book, *The Ultimate Flower Gardener's Guide: How to Combine Shape, Color, and Texture to Create the Garden of Your Dreams*, she proposes a holistic approach to flower gardening with a refreshing twist. Instead of concentrating primarily on color, it brings flower shape and texture to the fore, helping homeowners make plant choices that come together in an aesthetically pleasing way. The featured plants include both perennials and annuals, and all have been chosen for their ease of care, attractiveness to pollinators, and environmental friendliness. Carey also shares information on planning for year-round color and design strategies for a range of spaces.

Her talk with us at the meeting on November 19th was about her adventures with the native plants in her own garden at Northview.

Many of us are looking forward to seeing her garden at our field trip there in June.

## Flower Show (continued from page 1)

Please note that the show hours are shorter, closing earlier than in previous years, generally 7 or 8 pm. Private Morning Tours from 8 to 10 am and PHS Member's Preview at 9 am occur daily which we are not expected to staff. We have therefore reduced most slots from 4 hours to 3. We would like to have four volunteers across the 6 societies per slot, preferably six on busy weekday afternoons and the weekends.

Sign up here for your volunteer time slot at the Flower Show:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b44acac29a6f85-20231#/>



## Links to events

Hardy Plant Society: March into Spring 2023 March 18 at West Chester University [www.hardyplant.org](http://www.hardyplant.org)

Montgomery Co, Master Gardener Plant sale May 6  
[Montgomery County Master Gardener Program — Penn State Extension \(psu.edu\)](#)

Philadelphia Flower Show is Mar 2-12. Setup is Mar 2  
[PHS Philadelphia Flower Show \(phsonline.org\)](#)

Plant removal is Sunday 6:30pm

[The Laurels Preserve | Brandywine Conservancy and Museum of Art](#)

# Field Trips

## Field Trips:

**Shenks Ferry/Tuquan Glen  
Lancaster Co.  
Saturday, April 15, 2023 - 10am.**

**Secret Springs/Milford Cliffs  
Bucks Co./Hunterdon Co. NJ  
Friday, May 12, 2023 - 11am.**

**Northview Gardens  
Montgomery County  
Friday, June 9, 2023 - 10am.**  
[Northview Gardens - Jenny Rose Carey](#)

If you need directions, please reach out to David Lauer by email:  
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## Membership

**Membership is \$10 for individuals or \$14 for two members at the same address per year or \$28 and \$39, respectively for three years. Dues are payable to DVFWS and mailed to:**

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## About DVFWS

*The purpose of 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.*

*Membership in DVFWS is open to anyone who is interested in ferns and wildflowers. Three 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 e-mailed to: Kendra Schieber at [kenschieb@yahoo.com](mailto:kenschieb@yahoo.com)*

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Fern Walk - Willow Grove Avenue - Chestnut Hill - Philadelphia  
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