

Master Gardeners of Bergen County June 2020 – mid-month update

You're invited: Garden tour for MGs only June 28

You're invited to tour the gardens of Paul Sisko and MG Janet Schulz, Class of 1988, from 11 am-2 pm Sunday, June 28. *Please wear a mask and try to keep distance from other visitors.* Janet's and Paul's gardens have been on the Garden Conservancy Open Days tours. The gardens are approximately four miles apart.

Sisko Gardens: The Sisko Gardens are like no other private gardens in Bergen County or in New Jersey. The 3½ secluded acres of terraced gardens are accented with Paul's contemporary sculptures throughout the property adding to the unique interest of the tour. His sculpture and furniture studio are set on the lower level of the landscape while the contemporary home sits among the upper gardens with sounds of the lily pond's waterfall creating natural music for the space. Driveway gates and 1,000 feet of deer fencing protect the gardens from the many deer living in the area. Paul himself did almost all the design and building of the gardens and studio, which was a forest 34 years ago.

- **Address:** 113 Fardale Ave., Mahwah, 201-280-5764.
- **Parking:** Upon entering the property, you may parallel park on the stone area, on the right just prior to the red sculpture or continue down the long driveway toward the studio and park on the sides of the wooded road or in the studio parking lot area. Walking up the drives either way will lead you to the gardens.



A sampling from Janet's shade garden.

Janet Schulz's garden: Janet's is primarily a shade garden that contains more than 120 varieties of hosta and many ferns, arisaemas, and woodland plants. Janet has been collecting and adding plants to her garden for the past 33 years. The rear garden has been fenced for the past three years allowing Janet to see the full potential while keeping out the deer.

- **Address:** 16 Colonial Drive, Wyckoff, 201-248-0162.
- **Parking:** Park on the street.

Innisfree offers timed visits through June

You can visit Innisfree, a 185-acre, Asian-style garden in Millbrook NY, Wednesdays-Sundays through June. Click [here](#) for admission prices, reservations, and visit protocols. Every visitor over 2 years old must wear a mask.

Submitted by Sue Robertson, Class of 2018

We invite you to share information about any interesting garden-related websites you've visited or webinars or virtual tours you've taken. Contact [Miriam Taub](#).