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Trips and tours

Frelinghuysen Arboretum Aug. 2



Photo courtesy of Bruce Crawford

Frelinghuysen's all-American annual garden designed by Dylan Shapiro, the arboretum's design foreman.

By Suzy Basu, Trips and Tours coordinator

Join us for a special two-hour guided tour of Frelinghuysen Arboretum, 335 E. Hanover Ave., Morris Township, Saturday, Aug. 2 at 10 am. Frelinghuysen is about a 40-minute drive from most parts of Bergen County.

Frelinghuysen is vibrant in midsummer with a wide variety of perennial beds, ornamental plantings, demonstration gardens, and seasonal displays that are actively evolving. The arboretum's cultivated areas offer inspiration and practical takeaways for gardeners with diverse interests.

We've arranged an extended two-hour tour to allow time for deeper discussions because we know MGs like to stop, observe, and dig into the details! Feel free to bring a snack or bag lunch. After the tour, we'll find a shady spot to relax and chat.

Guests are always welcome. Carpooling help is available upon request. The cost is \$20 per person. To join us, email Suzy at mgofbc.trips@gmail.com.

Volunteer opportunities

Here are suggestions to earn continuing education hours and to participate in a "blast" at Teaneck Creek Conservancy.

Live webinar: July 17, noon-1 pm: AARP Virtual Community Center sponsors Soil Secrets for Garden Success. Free. Click [here](#) for more information and to register. AARP membership is not required.

Recorded webinars: Click [here](#) to visit the Garden Conservancy's recording of Sleepy Cat Farm, The Making of a Garden, Part II with Charles J. Stick. This video will be available until Aug. 17.

Click [here](#) for the Plant Talk Colorado website, which offers a list and description of both recorded and upcoming webinars. Plant Talk Colorado offers science-based gardening information from Colorado State University, Denver Botanic Gardens, and Green Industries of Colorado. While some videos are Colorado-specific, others cover general topics, such as unique vegetable choices and how to extend the growing season.

Volunteer at Teaneck Creek July 18

Register for this week's "blast" at Teaneck Creek Conservancy to work in the Peace Labyrinth and native plant garden. The session is Friday from 9 am-noon. Volunteers will assist with seasonal maintenance tasks, such as weeding, pruning, and general light garden clean-up as well as removing invasive species in the above areas.

Dave Chalek, resident landscape designer and lead garden steward of Teaneck Creek Conservancy, will supervise the volunteers.

Click [here](#) to register and for the details on how to dress and what to bring. Teaneck Creek Conservancy is located at 20 Puffin Way, Teaneck. Meet in the parking lot at 9 am. There's no rain date.