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## Snapshots in Time: Horticultural and Historic Moments that occurred at 25-year Intervals in the 130-Year History of the Connecticut Horticultural Society

by Fairlee Latawic, CHS Historian and Barbara Skomorowski, CHS Communications Director

Few organizations have been able to sustain themselves over so many years. Think about it, through the Depression, two World Wars, Vietnam and civil unrest, sedentary lifestyle and technology boon. Throughout it all, you could always scrape together a group of unpretentious gardeners who enjoyed learning about plants and sought to step lightly on this earth.

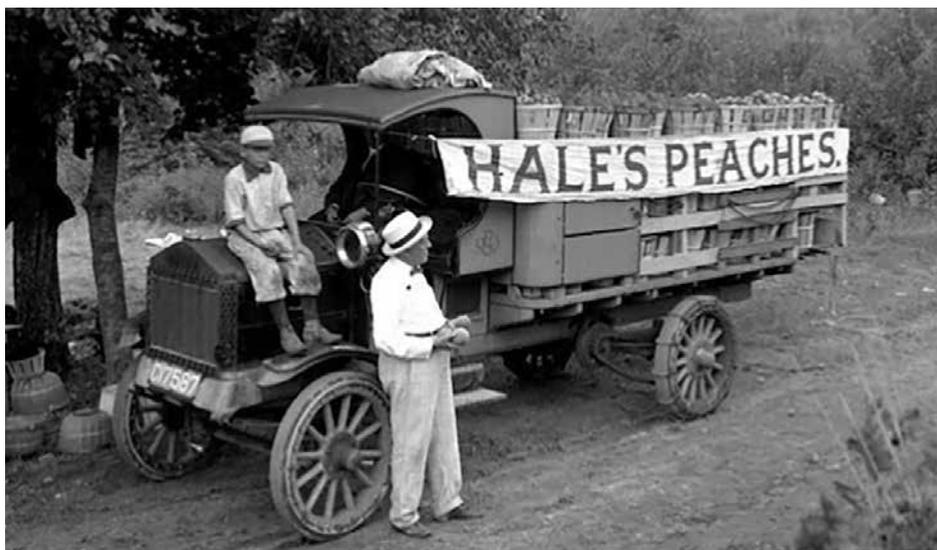
In this and subsequent Newsletters, we've compiled a few facts and tidbits that occurred during milestone Connecticut Horticultural Society (CHS) anniversaries to gain perspective on just how long this institution has endured. We hope you'll enjoy this series of snapshots in time.

### 1887 – CHS IS FOUNDED

# of States: 38

U.S. President: Grover Cleveland

Vincent Van Gogh paints "A Woman walking in a Garden." Claude Monet paints "Poppies at Giverny."



Photograph from CHS Archives

Frederick Law Olmstead, Landscape Architect, began the second major period of work for the Buffalo New York Parks commission. Work begins on the Bayard Cutting Arboretum in Long Island, also designed by the firm of Frederick Law Olmstead.

The Morris Arboretum is begun as Compton, the summer estate of wealthy siblings Lydia and John Morris, a noted plantsman. Property is now a part of the University of Pennsylvania.

The Society, originally founded as the Hartford County Horticultural Society,

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Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6 p.m.

**CHS 130th Anniversary Celebration Program Meeting  
will be held at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford**

Remember, there will be NO meeting at Emanuel Synagogue on the *third* Thursday in February. Instead, we will be celebrating our 130th Anniversary at the Connecticut Flower & Garden Show on the *fourth* Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Find times and details about FREE admission on the back page.

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## CHS Workshop: Garden Tool Basics

*The tools all gardeners should own and how to care for them*

The CHS Education Committee presents a workshop for every gardener; led by Kevin Wilcox, CHS member and experienced nurseryman.

- Get expert recommendations about the most essential tools every gardener should own
- Learn how to get peak performance and long life out of your tools through proper use and maintenance

**Date/Time:** Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. to noon

**Location:** CHS Office, Rocky Hill

**Fee:** Special rates for members

**Registration information coming soon!**

## Horticultural Happenings & Announcements

*Note: Happenings are listed on a space-available basis. Please include the title, location, time, date and any fee associated with the activity. Kindly format the announcement to resemble the entries below and email it to [news@cthort.org](mailto:news@cthort.org). Deadline for March issue is February 15.*

**Thurs., Feb. 9, noon,** the **West Hartford Garden Club** presents **Richard Benfield**, Professor of Geography at CCSU. He will discuss **The Wild and Wonderful World of Plant Origins**. Meet at St. John's Episcopal Church, 679 Farmington Ave, West Hartford. **Fee:** Guest donation: \$10 for light lunch and speaker. **Reservations required.** Call (860) 561-0724 or visit [www.westhartfordgardenclub.org](http://www.westhartfordgardenclub.org) for more info.

**Mon., Feb. 27, 11:30 a.m.,** The **Simsbury Garden Club** welcomes Dr. Richard Benfield from Central Connecticut State University who will discuss the **"Great Gardens of New England and the World."** Location: Apple Barn, 60 Old Farms Road, West Simsbury. **Fee:** \$10 for non-members. For more information, please visit [simsburygardenclub.org](http://simsburygardenclub.org).

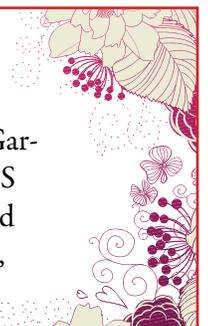


**Sat., March 4, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.,** **March into Spring** at the **CT Hardy Plant Society 16th Annual Soup Symposium**. Hear how **Charlie Nardozi**, nationally recognized garden writer and radio and TV personality, creates **Foodscaping with Hardy Plants**. Then, warm your soul with a potluck lunch of hearty homemade soups, breads, coffee and desserts. Vendors will be on site. After lunch, **Andy Brand**, Nursery Manager and 25-year veteran with Broken Arrow Nursery in Hamden will discuss **Plants with Pizzazz All Year Long**. **Location:** Bethany Covenant Church, 785 Mill St. (Rte. 372), Berlin 06037. **Fee:** non-members \$45 before Feb. 25th, \$50 thereafter; members \$5 less. Fee includes speakers and meal. **To register:** send check payable to Hardy Plant Society with self-addressed, stamped business envelope to: Leslie Shields, 25 Johnson Ave., Plainville, CT 06062. For additional info, call (860) 747-8175, email [selchie1@com-cast.net](mailto:selchie1@com-cast.net), or visit [cthardyplantsociety.org](http://cthardyplantsociety.org).

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## Discounted Flower Show Tickets Available from CHS

- Until Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, discounted CT Flower & Garden Show tickets will be available for \$12 each at the CHS office in Rocky Hill. Regular office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. but before you head over, please call (860) 529-8713 to confirm the office is open.





Roger Swain

# What are Gardens Good For?

## Thursday, February 23

With Roger Swain, Biologist, Writer, TV Personality



We invite you to enjoy this lively presentation as part of a very special afternoon and evening planned in celebration of the 130th anniversary of CHS. Members can attend the CT Flower & Garden Show at no charge after 3 p.m. on Thursday; hear Roger speak at 6 p.m.; followed by a reception and the show awards ceremony afterwards.

You'll find Roger Swain to be an entertaining presenter whose humorous and practical approach to life in the garden keeps bringing audiences back for more. Many are initially drawn by his down-home charm but once you hear him you quickly realize there's a lot to learn from this astute man. His Ph.D. in Biology is from Harvard, he has written five books and was the science editor of Horticulture magazine for thirty years.

Roger is also known as 'the man with the red suspenders' and his 15-year stint as host of the television show, "The Victory Garden" on PBS. From the mid-80s until 2001, nearly 500 episodes of the show were produced. You may also recognize him from the HGTV show he hosted called "People, Places, and Plants."

His interest in gardening began as a teenager in the mid-60s on a 125-acre farm his parents bought in southern New Hamp-

shire. There was plenty of land bathed in full sun so Roger became a serious vegetable gardener and began to exhibit his vegetables competitively. He jokes that he got into Harvard on the Harvard beet scholarship because of good board scores and a passionate interest in beets.

You'll sense his passion as he insists that gardening efforts should be focused on your front rather than back yard. "By spending time in the yard, you connect with neighbors while connecting with nature. Front porches versus enclosed backyard "living areas," kid-friendly climbing trees in the front yard rather than dwarf ornamentals — anything to add a more personal feel to a neighborhood or subdivision."

Swain believes that to be a gardener is to be an environmentalist and an ecologist. It's to understand community. It's to understand growth and change. It is to have your finger on the pulse of nature.

"There is no excuse not to garden; it doesn't take much," insists Roger. "All you need is space, water and soil. And if your front yard doesn't get enough sun, Swain suggests you find a neighbor's yard that's sunny. Knock on their door, and tell the homeowner you're going to share produce if they let you use their yard. You can give

them 90 percent of the zucchini and still have plenty left over."

Don't have a yard. No problem. Garden in a container!

Swain also reminds us that the finest fertilizer you can use is the shadow of a gardener. "The quest for low-maintenance gardening misses the point. Gardens are all about maintenance. Gardens are all about your being there to observe and to make critical interventions: to pull the young weed, to pick off the aphid-infested shoot, to harvest the fruit at the moment of peak ripeness. I think it was Ben Franklin, or someone, who first published that witticism. It means simply that your being there means that your garden grows better than anybody else's."

And don't worry about messing up as that is part of the process. Once you build confidence, Swain encourages you to get rid of the lawn and replace it with plants that will slow traffic and encourage more neighbors to stop by.

Please do come and enjoy the energetic wit and wisdom of Roger Swain on Thursday, February 23rd at 6 p.m. There will be an announcement made on the showroom floor at 5:45 p.m. to remind you to head up to the Ballroom level where the show's seminars are held. 🛠️

**NOTE: The February 23 Speaker Meeting is a very special 130th anniversary celebration that will be held at the CT Flower & Garden Show. See the back cover for times and details about this interesting and exciting evening.**



### Speaker Feedback

After you attend a speaker meeting, please take a moment to tell us what you thought of the presenter. Your candid feedback helps us to arrange for speakers that will hold your interest. Take the four-question survey on our website – [chort.org](http://chort.org). Click on the survey icon found on any page then chose the speaker you want to rate. Thank you for your feedback.



In the event of inclement weather on the night of a CHS Program Meeting, tune into WFSB TV Channel 3, or call the CHS office at 860-529-8713 for a recorded message.

## “CHS 130th Anniversary”, from page 1

changes its name to the Connecticut Horticultural Society in 1891. Original incorporators include: J.H. Hale, J.C. Webster, E.B. Smead, George W. Atwood, Gordon W. Russell, W.F. Androse & J.W. Crane.

CHS meetings include plant/flower displays that are judged with awards granted – Diploma or Honorable Mention – ‘based on culture, novelty and general excellence.’ The plants exhibited / topics discussed: Chrysanthemums, Pansies, Roses, Tobacco, Small Fruit crops (strawberries, raspberries, blackberries and currants), Peach growing, Manure vs. chemicals  
Membership: 78

Total assets: \$68.19

An article, written by CHS President John Webster in The Hartford Evening Post on January 17, 1890 reads, in part: “Members of the Society: we have practically completed the third year of the existence of the Hartford County Horticultural Society and it is perhaps proper for us to take a retrospective view of what has been accomplished... Horticulture in its various branches does not reward in dollars and cents like other industries but in elevating

the mind, giving healthful occupation and improved living... We all enjoy a table with vegetables fresh from the garden, and good fruit, as it comes from the trees, containing all the desirable qualities of freshness and beauty. I pity a man or woman who cannot see in beautiful flowers God’s handiwork; who can only value them for the money they will bring. We all know that a home is more attractive, and if put upon the market would bring a better price, if surrounded by a well lawn and handsomely decorated with plants and shrubs.”

Some things don’t change with the passage of time!

**1912 – 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHS**  
# of States: New Mexico and Arizona are added in 1912 to total 48.

U.S. President: William Howard Taft

The Titanic sinks.

Woody Guthrie, composer of “This Land is Your Land” is born.

The Stafford Conservatories in Stafford Springs has a wholesale price of \$2.00 per 100 for 2 ¼ inch pots of Chrysanthemum “Dolly Dimple.”

The CHS Board of Directors votes to ‘subscribe to the allotment’ of 2 shares of Aetna Life Insurance Company stock.

The New England Nursery Association is founded.

James Lippencott Goodwin, Landscape Gardener becomes associated with the Hartford parks as an engineer. Soon afterward, he incorporates James L. Goodwin Associates, a general landscape gardening and forestry business headquartered in Hartford.

In 1914, CHS President John Huss notes that the membership was small, all men and almost all private gardeners. Many were immigrants and hesitant about speaking English in public.

Plants exhibited / topics discussed include: Amaryllis, Asters, Carnations, Chrysanthemum, Cineraria Hybrida, Conifers & Evergreens, Cyclamen, Dahlias, Freesia, Dwarf Cineraria, Mushrooms, Narcissus, Pansies, Primula obconica, Roses, Specimen Gardenias, and Chestnut Bark Disease

Membership: just over 200

## Horticultural Happenings & Announcements

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*Sat., March 18, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., CT Master Gardener Association 24th Annual Symposium – LANDSCAPE BY DESIGN, Or Not!* This year’s event features five fascinating experts, PLUS Keynote Speaker Julie Moir Messervy, landscape designer and author from Vermont, and Closing Speaker Bill Cullina, Executive Director of Coastal Main Botanical Gardens. Also enjoy a light breakfast and buffet lunch with fellow gardeners, visit vendors and bid on Silent Auction treasures at this year’s event. **Location:** Connecticut College, 270 Mohegan Ave., New London. Visit [www.ctmga.org](http://www.ctmga.org) for full speaker biographies and to register.

## 2017 Service Award

*By Kathy Niver, Awards Committee Chair*

CHS exists largely due to the help of many member volunteers. They are a source of inspiration and a wealth of shared knowledge which is valuable and enjoyed by all of us. If you’ve attended lectures, bought a cool plant at the auction, traveled to amazing gardens, participated in a workshop, or benefited from any of the offerings CHS provides, remember it was possible because of volunteers.

Please take a moment to recognize an individual who has enhanced your experience with CHS by nominating them as the 2017 Service Award recipient. Nominations should include a brief explanation of why you feel they should be considered and as much background about them as you can. Send nominations to:

Mary Anna Martell, CHS Office

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OR

Email: [connhort@gmail.com](mailto:connhort@gmail.com), Subject line: Service Award

It only takes a few minutes to thank someone who has given so much of themselves. Nominations must be received by March 30, 2017.



## Society Personality: Ken Stubenrauch, CHS President



**K**en grew up in the Chicago area and attended Bucknell University in Pennsylvania where he earned his BS in Mechanical Engineering. He met his wife Joan (who ultimately was the force behind his involvement with CHS) in New Jersey where both were living during the summers between college terms. After graduation, Ken took a job with Pratt & Whitney (P&W), where he spent his entire 40-year career. Joan finished college and she and Ken were married a year later, in 1971. They settled in East Hartford to be near Ken's work, later moving to Glastonbury, which they've called home since 1976.

Ken decided to further his education and earned his MBA from the University of Connecticut in 1977. He then shifted his focus from Engineering to Marketing at P&W and landed an exciting position working at International Aero Engines (IAE), a new collaboration of five companies from five countries. He remained there for the final 25 years of his Pratt career, having moved to a Financial position in that period, and traveled to six continents on behalf of IAE, before retiring in 2009.

Ken Stubenrauch became the CHS President in September of 2016, after serving as Treasurer for three years and on the Finance Committee before that.

**Why and when did you join CHS?** Although my wife, Joan, has been a CHS member since 1991, I did not join until about ten years ago. Before that, I'd go to some meetings with Joan, if the topic was of interest. Also, Joan has always been involved with the CT Flower & Garden Show, so I'd get pulled in to help with forcing plants for the show or to help with installation of the display, when CHS exhibited. I enjoy the people and the comradery.

**Describe your gardening style.** Let's be honest, Joan is the gardener and I am the mule!

**What do you like best about your own garden?** Our gardens have an informal design and I like that. Joan chooses all the plants but we collaborate on design. We've been in our current home since 1986 so many areas are well-established but gardening is never really 'finished'



is it? In the early years, Joan and I would do most of the work ourselves. These days we get help. For example, we used to spread a truckload of mulch around the yard in a day by ourselves. Now, we hire a truck that comes in and blows mulch onto the beds.

**Which plant(s) do you wish you could grow but can't?** Tomatoes. Our yard is not sunny enough. One can never grow enough tomatoes.

**Did someone in your life inspire you to become interested in gardening?** That would be Joan!

**What gardens do you like to visit?** I've heard a lot of good things about Tower Hill and Wave Hill and would like to see those. I've been fortunate enough to visit beautiful gardens around the world – Australia, Europe, New Zealand, Japan, and China. If there's a garden where we are traveling, Joan will work it in to the itinerary.

**Do you have a favorite plant? Why is it your favorite?** I suppose that would be Japanese Maples. I like the wide variety of types and appearance.

**What are you working on now in the garden?** After removing some oak and pine trees, we added a garden this past fall. The bones are installed, but come spring, I know Joan will have perennial planting on the agenda.

**What are or have been your roles/volunteer activities in CHS?** As I mentioned, when CHS had a display at the CT Flower & Garden Show, I'd help Joan with forcing plants in a greenhouse and with the installation of the display. I also served on the Finance Committee and then once I retired, accepted the role of Treasurer.

**And when you're not gardening...?** I must admit, I'm now a bit of a couch potato. I do like to travel and we've been lucky to have enjoyed plenty of that in our lives and will continue to travel in the future.

**Care to share a fact about yourself that others may find surprising?** I guess some might consider me to be a bit of a daredevil. I've been parasailing and hang gliding, enjoy horseback riding and windsurfing, and tried a Jetlev-Flyer...I even did a release from one flying trapeze to be caught by a partner on another trapeze! 🦋

## Welcome New Members

We incorrectly listed several of the first names of our 'New Members' in last month's 'Newsletter.' Apologies for allowing the Excel spreadsheet to get the better of us. Here is a corrected list and welcome to all!

Debbie Abraham, Bloomfield

Paula Casey, Bloomfield

Donna Curtis, Avon

Jill Harvey, West Hartford

Louise Hoar, Granby

Kelly Jarvis, Hartford

Diane Libbey, Bloomfield

Alison Rabinko, Harwinton

Mark Rowley, Bloomfield

Carla Ruglio, Newington

Margaret Schuster, Burlington

Rose Marie Sedlak, Ashford

Russell & Joyce Shaw Driscoll, West Simsbury

Kelly & Maryanne Stephens, Rocky Hill

Barbara Wolf, Farmington

## Ask Anita!

Dear Anita:

I have what I call a “dead spot” in the garden and need advice. I’m trying to establish a shrub layer under a small grove of swamp maples on the top bank of a pond. Even the herbaceous layer struggles and I’ve lost many attempted perennials. I think my problem is the aggressive root system of these mature trees. Can you offer any advice on plants that can handle this or planting technique? There’s hot afternoon sun reaching this area. I’m considering giving *Rhus aromatica* a try. Do you think I’m fighting a losing battle?

—Kathy

PS I love your column and am grateful you share your expertise and experience.

Dear Kathy,

The situation you describe is one of the most difficult. Usually the maples provide shade and abundant leaves that shade-loving ground covers thrive in. There are a few that tolerate hot sun such as epimedium, waldsteinia and lamiastrum (fondly known as the “English Curse”). Even these super hardy plants will need help to deal with impoverished soil conditions.

I would start by adding a thick layer of soil and compost to give your new plants a head start on the competing roots of the maple. I would also put a layer of mulch down to retain moisture. Keep new plants watered consistently and never rake away the leaves. This injures their stems and prevents replenishment of the leaf-mold.

The challenge for understory plants is thirst, starvation and strangulation of any roots trying to cohabitate with a grove of maples already fighting with each other for the same root space, water, and nutrients. For some reason maple roots do not come up into leaf-mold (aged and compressed, decomposing leaves), leaving that layer for shallow rooted ground covers! Best of luck!

—Anita Ballek



Mrs. Anita Ballek

Anita Ballek is the matriarch of the Ballek family of East Haddam. Her family proudly boasts 350 years of land stewardship, with no end in sight! Balleks Garden Center has always been a strong supporter of CHS and now

Mrs. Ballek has graciously made herself available to help you with your latest gardening conundrum. To avail yourself of her expertise, please send questions to [news@CTHort.org](mailto:news@CTHort.org) with a subject line of ‘Ask Anita.’ Thanks!



## Near-century-old Nursery Closes in West Hartford

For more than two years, the Powell family’s goal was to sell Gledhill Nursery intact to someone who would continue using it as a nursery and green space. Unfortunately Gledhill Nursery closed its doors for the last time on Christmas Eve with the property recently sold to a developer who will construct 18-19 single-family homes on the 9-acre site.

Albert H. Gledhill, Sr. established Gledhill in 1922. He transformed four acres of wet farmland into a park-like setting that attracted visitors to a growing nursery operation in an uncommon setting. For fifty-five years Gledhill operated the nursery as a farmer (growing plants), a tree service, a landscape company (installing and maintaining) and a small garden center.

In 1975, Robert Powell, “discovered” Gledhill while on vacation from Louisiana. After a mutual meeting of the minds of two people with similar interest and philosophies, Gledhill decided to retire and to sell the business and land to Powell.

When Powell took over Gledhill, he began to add his own personality. After having managed a landscape design and construction company in New Orleans, with a degree in Landscape Architecture and the experience of having worked in Disneyland in California, Powell had some special ideas for the future of Gledhill. He expanded the acreage to nine and added touches that attracted much public attention, including that of artists, photographers, TV shows and commercials. Eventually, his children joined him in the business.

Garden writer, lecturer and CHS member Karla Dalley fondly looks back on the time she worked at Gledhill from 2001-06. Karla recalls it as one of her favorite jobs and each day felt ‘like she worked in paradise.’ The grounds were beautifully maintained and incredibly peaceful. There were regulars who visited just to enjoy the green space. The Powell family always welcomed visitors even if they came only to eat their lunch in the gazebo or walk their cat. (Yes! A leashed cat regularly walked the grounds with its owner!) Mothers would bring young children to see the koi and the garden train, especially at Christmastime. After 9/11, Karla noticed an uptick in visitors who came to Gledhill to be surrounded by nature and to reflect and search for peace. That’s how Karla chooses to dearly hold Gledhill to memory. Generations of customers will no doubt remember it the same way. 🐾

# CHS Travel

## An Ocean of Daffodils! Blithewold Gardens – Wednesday, May 3, 2017



Overlooking Narragansett Bay, Blithewold is one of the finest garden estates in New England. Each spring, the grounds explode with 50,000 daffodil blossoms, including unusual varieties as well as rare trees and rock gardens. Enjoy guided tours of the garden and the 45-room mansion that was home to the Van Winkle / McKee family for over 80 years. Lunch will be enjoyed at Spirito's Restaurant on Federal Hill in Providence Rhode Island, celebrated for its authentic Italian cuisine. After lunch, we're off to pick tulips at Wicked Tulips Flower Farm with owners Joroen and Kerian Koeman. They are thrilled to have developed the first and only locally grown tulip bulbs in New England. Bring a bucket to pick some of their high quality, never before seen varieties of tulips.

Fee: \$93 per person, \$89 for CHS members. **From West Hartford:** depart Emanuel Synagogue, 160 Mohegan Drive, at 7:30 a.m., return at 7:00 p.m. **From East Hartford:** depart commuter lot at 500 Main Street at 8:00 a.m., return at 6:30 p.m.

## Wave Hill Garden & Chihuly at The New York Botanical Garden

Wednesday, June 7, 2017



Here's a perfect June day trip that will delight any gardener. Begin with a special guided tour through Wave Hill, a spectacular 28-acre garden and cultural center overlooking the Palisades and the Hudson River, created

by Marco Polo Stefano. On your own, enjoy a farm-to-table lunch at The Cafe located in the recently restored Wave Hill House and mansion. Then it's off to The New York Botanical Garden (NYBG) where the dramatic vistas provide an ideal backdrop for a major exhibit of world-renowned sculptor Dale Chihuly. New, hand blown glass sculptures, created especially for NYBG, will be on exhibit. His one-of-a-kind installations will highlight the connection between his sculptures and the natural world.

Fee: \$99 per person, \$94 for CHS members. **From East Hartford:** depart commuter lot at 500 Main Street at 7:30 a.m., return at 8:00 p.m. **From West Hartford:** depart Emanuel Synagogue, 160 Mohegan Drive, at 8:00 a.m., return at 7:30 p.m.

## Best of the West

Monday – Saturday, July 17-29, 2017



This spectacular 13-day, 12-night adventure takes you through the beautiful Northwest, starting in Montana, through Northern Idaho, across Washington State to Victoria, British Columbia and concludes in Seattle. Each day is filled with exciting activities that include:

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- Glacier National Park Tour on the 'Going-to-the-Sun Road' led by Red Jammer Buses
- 'The Center of the Universe' visit in Wallace, Idaho
- Cruise on Lake Coeur d'Alene
- Overnight stay at the Historic Davenport Hotel in Spokane
- Spokane City guided tour including Manito Park
- Arbor Crest Winery tour & tasting
- Grand Coulee Dam visit
- Stop in the Bavarian Village of Leavenworth, Wash.
- Ferry and overnight in Victoria, BC
- Tour the world-famous Butchart Gardens
- Private garden visits in Victoria
- Guided Seattle city tour—and MORE!!!

Airfare, meals and lodging are included. A valid U.S. Passport is required. Fee: \$4,789 per person for double occupancy, \$5,799 for single. Deposit of \$600/person reserves your spot with full payment due by May 1, 2017. Please call Barbara at Friendship Tours for full flyer and itinerary.



**Few tickets remain for June 21<sup>st</sup> show. Call for availability!**

**To reserve your spot or for more information, please call Friendship Tours at (860) 243-1630 / toll-free (800) 243-1630 or visit [www.friendshiptours.net](http://www.friendshiptours.net) and select CHS Tours.**

*Dated Material* 🌸 *Please Rush*

### CHS Calendar at a Glance

- Thurs., Feb. 2** – CHS Board of Directors meeting, 7:00 p.m., Rocky Hill office
- Weds., Feb. 15** – March Newsletter content deadline.
- Thurs., Feb. 23** – CHS Speaker Meeting, 130th Anniversary Celebration, CT Convention Ctr., Hartford
- Thurs. – Sun., Feb. 23-26** – CT Flower & Garden Show, CT Convention Ctr., Hartford

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**Celebrating 130 Years**

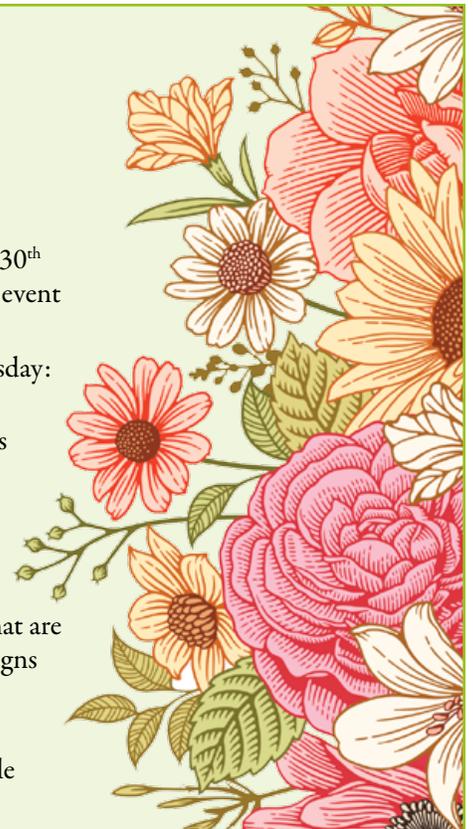
## Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> CHS 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at the CT Flower & Garden Show

*by Co-Chairs Nancy Brennick and Keri Milne*

There's a fabulous evening planned, exclusively for CHS members, to celebrate our 130<sup>th</sup> year. When you arrive, park at the **Front Street Garages** to take advantage of the \$7 event rate on Thursday and Friday (FYI-the rate is \$5 on Sat. and Sun.)

Be sure to participate in all of the special events planned for CHS members on Thursday:

- 3:00 p.m. **Explore the CT Flower & Garden Show for FREE** before the speaker presentation. From 3 o'clock on, the show will be open without charge to members of CHS. Report to the CHS display on the Ballroom Level and show your CHS Member Card to get stamped for entry into the show.
- 5:45 p.m. When you hear the notice for Roger Swain's talk announced on the showroom floor, head up to Room 11 on the ballroom level.
- 6:00 p.m. **Roger Swain, star of PBS Series The Victory Garden** will present "What are Gardens Good For?" in Room 11 on the ballroom level. To get there, follow the signs 'To Seminars.'
- 7:00 p.m. Return to the showroom floor for a **reception to celebrate the 130th Anniversary of CHS**. Food and beverages (cash bar available) can be enjoyed while viewing the presentation of awards for exceptional show displays.



For purposes of catering, please RSVP by Feb. 7th. Confirm your attendance using this link:

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/65JR5VJ](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/65JR5VJ). Thanks!