

Hidden Gardens 2018

Artful Landscapes



Hidden Gardens, the Academy's annual celebration of all things horticultural, will take place June 2, 15, and 16. With a full line-up of events, this beloved community tradition has served as the gateway to summer in Columbia County each year since 2005. Hidden Gardens is co-chaired by Spencertown Academy Board members Madaline Sparks and Vivian Wachsberger.

The program begins on Saturday, June 2 at 10:30am with the Hidden Gardens Breakfast Lecture, "Where Have All the Monarchs Gone and What We Can Do About It" by environmental activist, butterfly expert and master gardener Maraleen Manos-Jones. Butterfly-friendly perennials will be on sale;

tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door, and include a light continental breakfast.

Party time

The Twilight in the Garden Party takes place on Friday, June 15 from 6-9pm at Meg and Bill Stratton's 1845 Greek Revival home in Spencertown, amid shade trees and meadows and wooded areas beyond. Cocktails, sparkling beverages, hors d'oeuvres, and a light supper are served. Tickets are \$90 in advance and \$100 at the door.

The highlight of the Hidden Gardens weekend is the self-guided tour on Saturday, June 16 from 10am-4pm. The tour showcases six exquisite private gardens in Spencertown, New Concord, and Red Rock, as well as the restored gardens of 20th century American poet Edna St. Vincent Millay at Steepletop in Austerlitz. Participants will get to explore the landscapes of several historic homes featuring abundant gardens and curated grounds; a shade garden and pond complementing a contemporary house in the woods; a brick sundial garden bordered by lavender and filled with blooming perennials; a formal "secret garden" surrounded by a tall privet hedge; and one inspired by the Grande Allée in Monet's gardens at Giverny.

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in the gallery

Woodlands and Wetlands

Artists' visions of two vital eco-systems

"Woodlands and Wetlands," a multimedia exhibit featuring artists Jacqueline Altman, James Coe, George Dirolf, Ellen Jouret-Epstein, Roger McKee, and Burdette Parks, will be on display in the Academy gallery on Saturday, June 16 from 9am-4pm and on Sunday, June 17 from 1-5pm. The exhibit, focusing on flora, fauna, and aquatic areas within these living environments, kicked off the Hidden Gardens program on May 25. Admission is free and the artworks are for sale. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Academy.

Habitats or puddles?

On Sunday, June 3 at 2pm, in conjunction with the exhibit, Columbia Land Conservancy Stewardship and Education Manager Heidi Bock will give an illustrated talk titled "Woodland Pools: Important Habitats or Just Big Puddles?" Following the talk, she will lead a nature walk at Harris Conservation Area in Austerlitz to view regional woodlands and wetlands. Admission to the talk and walk is free. Advance reservations can be made at art@spencertownacademy.org.



ELLEN JOURET-EPSTEIN

what's coming up

Hidden Gardens²⁰¹⁸ 
Where Have All the Monarchs Gone and What We Can Do About It
 Saturday, June 2, 10:30am
 Tickets \$15 (advance); \$20 (day of)


MUSIC AT THE ACADEMY

Rachelle Garniez:
Songs, Streams, NYC Dreams
 An evening of lyrical and rhapsodic story-songs by the singer/composer
 Saturday, June 2, 7:30pm
 Tickets: \$20/\$10 students

THE GALLERY

Woodland Pools:
Important Habitats or Just Big Puddles?
 Illustrated talk in conjunction with
 Woodlands and Wetlands Gallery Show
 Sunday, June 3, 2pm

AUSTERLITZ BICENTENNIAL
 Parade, exhibits, tours & other events
 celebrating our community's history
 Saturday & Sunday, June 9 & 10

Twilight in the Garden Party 
 Saturday, June 15, 6-9pm
 Tickets available at
spencertownacademy.org

Hidden Gardens²⁰¹⁸
Artful Landscapes
 Saturday, June 16
 Garden Market on the Green: 9am-3pm
 Self-guided tour: 10am-4pm

THE GALLERY

Illumination. Light From Darkness
Regional Juried Photo Show
 Featuring works by regional artists
 June 23-July 15
 Reception: Saturday, June 23, 4-6pm

FESTIVAL OF BOOKS

August 31-September 3
 The Academy's 13th annual Labor Day
 weekend bookfest
 Watch for details this summer!