

Hidden Gardens 2019



Grab your sun hat and walking shoes!



Hidden Gardens, the Academy's annual celebration of gardens, gardening and gardeners, will take place Saturday, June 15, The theme: Artful Gardens.

With a varied and exciting schedule 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 in the Academy auditorium at 9am Saturday with the Hidden Gardens

Breakfast Lecture, "Growing Cut Flowers for Your Garden and Home," by Jenny Elliott, owner and lead grower at Tiny Hearts Farm in Copake, NY. Audience members will learn how to incorporate cut flowers into all sizes and styles of gardens, including soil needs, plant types, and variety choices. Doors open at 8:30am; tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door, and include a variety of home-baked breakfast treats.

Twilight in the Garden

The Twilight in the Garden Party takes place on Friday, June 14 from 6-9pm at Meg and Bill Stratton's 1845 Greek Revival home in Spencertown. Cocktails, sparkling beverages, hors d'oeuvres, and a delicious light supper will be served. A silent auction will feature multiple items ranging from a pair of Wave Hill chairs to a delivered truckload of organic garden mulch. Tickets are \$90 in advance and \$110 at the door.

The centerpiece of the Hidden Gardens weekend is the self-guided tour on Saturday, June 16 from 10am-4pm, featuring five private gardens in the hamlets of Spencertown and Old Chatham, NY. A variety of garden styles will be on display including the perennial, herb, and pool gardens of a 1770s center hall colonial home ornamented with rustic fencing, pergolas, and arbors; a recently installed meadow with 1,000 native plants; a cloistered rose garden and a 200-acre former horse farm with an English courtyard garden, multiple ponds, sweeping views, and massive islands of perennials, specimen trees and shrubs. [continued on page 4](#)

In the gallery

Gardens of Delight Celebrate spring!



You still have time to explore "Gardens of Delight," a stunning visual arts celebration of spring, and a special addition to Hidden Gardens. The show opened at the Academy on May 18 and continues through Sunday, June 16. The gallery is open Saturdays and Sundays from 1-5pm. On June 15, the gallery will be open from 9am-4pm.

Seven artists from New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut are represented. Their work, in a variety of media, depicts sumptuous—as well as playful—garden imagery, in styles ranging from Realism to Impressionism and Abstraction. Artists include Stephanie Anderson, Amy Bergeron, Marilyn Orner, Mary Ellen Riell, Laura Shore, Pamela Stoddart and Marianne Van Lent.

what's coming up

Hidden Gardens ²⁰¹⁹

Twilight in the Garden Party

Friday, June 15, 6-9pm
Tickets available at
spencertownacademy.org

Artful Landscapes

Saturday, June 15
Lecture & breakfast: 8:30-10am
Garden Market on the Green: 9am-2:30pm
Self-guided tour: 10am-4pm



THE GALLERY

Gardens of Delight

Annual spring show - Through June 16

Third annual Juried Photography Show

Works by regional artists
June 22-July 14
Reception: Saturday, June 22, 4-6pm



MUSIC AT THE ACADEMY

Kieran Kane & Rayna Gellert

An Evening of Americana
Saturday, June 29, 8pm
Tickets: \$20/\$15 members/\$10 students



THE GALLERY

The Curator's Show

July 20-August 11
Reception: Saturday, July 20, 4-6pm



August 30-September 2
The Academy's 14th annual Labor Day weekend bookfest
Watch for details this summer!

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