



George Landis Arboretum NEWSLETTER

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We have had a very difficult spring. It seemed as though the rain would never stop. Chilly days and cold nights continued. The grass grew and grew and the ground was spongy with water that had no place to go. If one area could be mowed, the plot next to it looked shaggier than ever. This was happening at the Arboretum as well as on our home lawns. Finally the sun emerged, the cool days turned to hot ones, drying breezes blew and blew and many seedling plants withered and perished. Ninety-plus degree days discourage happy gardening. But real gardeners are always optimistic: their philosophy being that next season will be more benign or that next spring there will be the proper mixture of sun and rain and the border will develop exactly as planned.

The Friends of the Arboretum recently elected officers for 1988-89

Chairman:	Chuck Weed
Vice Chairman:	Jack Middleton
Recording Secretary:	Janet Riley
Corresponding Secretary:	Kathie Lippitt
Treasurer:	Don Rexford

We all want to thank Nancy Rexford for the many hours in the past years she has spent serving as Recording/Corresponding Secretary, a job that kept growing as the Friends' membership increased. (For new readers, the Friends of the Arboretum is a group that meets monthly to plan ways to help at the Arboretum. The members raise money through food sales and are currently conducting a raffle of a handmade quilt. Any member of the Arboretum is welcome to become a Friend. To learn more about it, call Kathie Lippitt at 399-4544. Dinner meetings are held usually on the first Tuesday on the month. In warm weather, they are pot luck style held at the Meeting House at 6 p.m.)

Since there is so much renewed interest in fragrant, low maintenance, old fashion roses, we would like to develop a collection at the Arboretum. Before spending the Arboretum's money, we thought we could ask the membership to help us out. If you would like to donate an shrub rose that has suckered or can be propagated by a cutting, please contact Margaret Law at 463-5256.

Don't forget our annual Photo Contest. We have had excellent photos each year and look forward to this year's entries. Send by September 1st your favorite photo of the Arboretum from any season to Mrs. Erastus Corning II, P.O. Box 431, Albany, N.Y., 12201. Photos will become the property of the Arboretum. Winners will be announced and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes awarded later in the month.