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Hello Everyone,

I hope you are all enjoying summer at Harkness. The park has been very full on weekends and holidays since Passport to Parks has become more widely known. Those of you who have visited may have noticed our new message kiosk – designed and executed by our Building and Grounds committee. You can always see our activity notices and meeting dates there as well as on our web site www.harkness.org. We also have a new location for our Gift Shop – hopefully to open on the first weekend in August. A lovely portable shed was purchased and installed in July, it’s located in the picnic area close to the rest rooms – we’ve had many positive comments from the public so far. We’re planning to have Harkness logo items, tee shirts, canvas bags, ice cream and soda/water available too.

We’ve had a flurry of activity this spring starting with an Easter Egg Hunt, our famous plant sale, Historic Garden Day, many bus tours and monthly Membership Meetings – please join us for the next one on August 12, when Paul Wentworth Engle, Curator and Director of Harkness House NYC, will discuss the Harkness Houses, their legacies and Philanthropies.

Hope to see you at the park,

Jeanne
Despite a dreary and damp day, the Harkness Easter Egg Hunt attracted approximately 500 participants. Children were delighted to meet the Harkness Hare and sport their bunny faces and rabbit ears. The highlight of the day was to see the little bunnies hopping across the lawn in search of eggs to fill their baskets.
FOH AWSEOSME GARDEN VOLUNTEERS—HELP HARKNESS BLOSSOM

FOH garden volunteers weeding the perennial beds in the Cutting Gardens.
2019 PLANT SALE — MAY 11

Spring-Summer Eolian 2019
With the impending renovation of the Harkness Carriage House, the current location of the FOH Gift Shop cannot be used until completion of the project. FOH and Park Supervisor came up with this creative solution—a Gift Shed! FOH purchased the shed and it was placed between the parking lot and the Restroom Building. Visitation to the Gift shop will increase significantly due to location and visibility.

FOH Brochure
Newly published, color
Friends of Harkness Memorial State Park
Membership Brochure

New FOH Message Kiosk
Located between parking lot and new FOH Gift Shed
Constructed by the FOH Building & Grounds Committee. Meeting & Event Information posted to better communicate with the Park Visitors and, encourage membership
KITE DAY JUNE 15, 2019

BRITISH CARS
Sponsored by: MG CLUB
June 2, 2019
VOLUNTEER/MEMBER PICNIC JULY 15, 2019
State Representative Kathleen McCarty dropped in to the Volunteer Picnic to visit.
Dave and Ruth Williams, long-time members and supporters of the Friends of Harkness and the Park have made a generous donation of the ten (10) volume Complete Works of Guy De Maupassant (Notre Coeur and other stories) published by Harper & Brothers, New York in 1909. (Bigelow, Smith & Co.) The books are planned to be on display for Edward Harkness’ Library located just at the entrance to Edward’s bedroom. The books are a nice addition to the Edgar Wallace books and other collections that the Williams have acquired for Harkness over the years.
IN MEMORIUM

It is with great sadness that the Friends of Harkness Memorial State Park announce the passing of two long-time and steadfast Volunteers, Gladys Stadnick and Peg O’Brien. Both of these vibrant ladies were ever-present at the park and at Friends events; donating countless hours and vast energy to every task over their decades of service. The FOH Board of Directors voted to honor their invaluable contribution and devotion to the Friends by having a tree for each planted at the park.

Their sparkling personalities and devotion will be missed.

Gladys Stadnick
(Niantic)
February 3, 1931- May 24, 2019

Margaret "Peg" O’Brien
(Waterford)
March 13, 1929—June 7, 2019
2019 Friends of Harkness
Membership Meetings

Paul Wentworth Engle: Harkness House 75th/Fifth Ave NYC—August 12, 7 PM
Barbara Nagy: Mary Stillman Harkness—September 9, 7 PM
Tanya Porht: Mary & Edward Harkness Art Collectors—October 14, 7 PM
Annual Meeting: November 4, 7 PM
Decorate Mansion: December 7, 9AM-Noon
Holiday Party: December 9, 5:30 PM
Undecorate Mansion: December 14, 9AM-Noon

Members meetings are free to Friends of Harkness Members—$5/person for guests

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Kim Roberts - WATERFORD CT
Leona Podeszwa - OAKDALE CT
Louis Clark and family - WATERFORD, CT
Paul Goulekas — WATERFORD, CT
Susanna Marquez Gargallo—NEW LONDON, CT
Wayne Keith - SOUTH WINDSOR, CT
Sandra Gignac & Family— NANTIC, CT

Monarch Migration—September 14
Monarch migration at Harkness Memorial State Park. Observe monarchs as they migrate through the gardens at the park. John Suhr will be discussing the life cycles and habits of monarch butterflies and their epic migration journeys. Check our facebook page for time and details about this event which will post in July. FB. page The friends of Harkness Memorial State Park Inc. or our web page www.harkness.org.

2019 Harkness BOD Meetings
Waterford Library, 6:30PM
August 26
September 23
October 28
November 25
Volunteers Needed

We are happy to see “old” volunteers, and welcome new ones to join our ranks. Staff levels are very low, so we need volunteers more than ever—for spring and summer garden work. Also to give tours at Eolia, to write or edit for the Eolian, to help out at our tea and other events. Think you are unskilled to be a decent docent or a green gardener? No worries. We train. Email: gailbrookover@gmail.com if you are interested. Thank you.