Unfortunately, due to the Corona Virus pandemic some of our early programs have been canceled. As of this writing the parks are open, Governor Lamont’s executive orders now allow for larger group recreation– groups of more than 100 are prohibited and must maintain 6 foot social distancing. Limited picnicing is allowed. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Entertaining Harkness Style
July Membership Meeting

Presented by our own Renee Vogt in collaboration with Ivy’s Home Made of Waterford, a delightful evening was spent on the Terrace at Eolia! The weather was perfect for an outdoor event. Hors d’oeuvre boxes of the period were prepared by Ivy’s and enjoyed with wine, prior to the excellent presentation– featuring photos and mementos from the Harkness Guest Book.
Wine from Historic Grape Vines  
In Harkness Greenhouse

John Smigel, FOH garden volunteer, harvested the grapes from the (3) vines last year in an attempt to make wine. John and his relatives were successful in making (4) bottles. (1) of the bottles was used for testing purposes. John rejected (4-5) lbs of grapes for not being ripe / damaged and having mold. They ended up blending approx. (11) lbs of Muscat of Hambourg and (3) lbs of Schiava grossa and less than (1) lb of Muscat of Alexandria. The sugar content was initially 11.72 Brix, so they had to add sugar to get the sugar content up to 21 Brix and alcohol content of 11-12%. They fermented the grapes over winter. John mentioned that the wine is dry and tart. The wine may be auctioned off at a future event to benefit our greenhouse repairs.

Our Daylilies are Blooming!!

Annual Membership Picnic Reminder

If you are on our email list, you should have received a notice of our membership picnic on August 10 at 5:30PM on the mansion terrace. You MUST sign up and pay in advance on our web site harkness.org. Due to COVID-19 restrictions we are only allowed to have 100 people in attendance. Ivy’s Home Made will be providing picnic boxes at $10 per box– we will NOT be having our usual pot luck and barbeque fare. Menu selections are shown on the web site. This is a member and member guest event, please consider joining if you are not a member and would like to attend.