Unfortunately, due to the Corona Virus pandemic most of our programs have been cancelled, until later this Spring. As of this writing the park is open, Governor Lamont’s executive orders now allow for outdoor recreation only, all visitors must maintain 6 foot social distancing, please wear a mask. All state buildings are closed to the public. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Spring is on the way!

Our Garden Volunteers have been busy pruning in the heirloom orchard since February 24. Hoping for a bountiful harvest in Fall 2021!
Building and Grounds volunteers have been hard at work on the grapevine enclosure. Since starting work on October 14, 2020 the Committee has put in 252 hours of volunteer time—a savings of $7056.00 in union wages to the park! An additional 40 hours was donated in design work for the structure. Additional grapevines, taken from cuttings of the originals, will arrive in the Spring, and be added to the remaining three vines in the enclosure.
It’s time once again to renew your Friends of Harkness Membership. For those with email addresses on file, you will have received a notice in your email, please renew by March 31, 2021 to take part in our member and volunteer activities at the park this season. For those without email addresses, you will receive your notice in the mail. If you have already renewed—THANK YOU!—please ignore this notice.

Anyone with old photographs—pre 1950—of the Harkness Estate, please contact us at information@harkness.org—they may be used in our signage project.
President’s Objectives for 2021

- Establish informational sign boards at building and garden locations in the park.
- Design and install new gates and landscape at the park entrance.
- Establish a Reference Garden for plants in the formal gardens along the walkway to the Greenhouses.
- Explore finding a legal mechanism for the Friends to obtain a long term lease on certain park buildings, to be able to restore them with our own funding to prevent further decay.

2021 Tentative Member’s Meeting Schedule

April 19 - Renee Vogt - Entertaining at Harkness
May 17 - Jane Seymour – Niering Preserve Master Plan
June 14 - Kimberly Stoner – Planting for the Bees Needs
July 12 - Members Picnic
August 9 - Judith Tankard - Ellen Shipman, Landscape Designer

September - TBA
October - TBA

All programs are dependent on COVID restrictions—check our Facebook page (The Friends of Harkness Memorial Park Inc) or www.harkness.org for up to date information.