The Governor has lifted the COVID restrictions if you are fully vaccinated. If you are not vaccinated, please continue to wear a mask and practice social distancing. Most State buildings have occupancy restrictions and cleaning protocols. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Friends of Harkness Picnic

Unfortunately, the weather kept us inside this year, but the music was lively, the food was good and the raffle was a lot of fun!
New garden volunteers from our membership are always welcome, we meet on Wednesdays from 9 AM to 12 noon. You must be a member of FOH to participate, go to harkness.org to join.
News from the Board

- We WILL NOT be providing Mansion tours this season. We must abide by the occupancy and cleaning requirements per room in the mansion, making group tours almost impossible for the time being. Garden tours are also suspended at this time.

- The Gift Shop and Information center is now open on weekends. Anyone wishing to volunteer in the shop, please send an email to information@Harkness.org

- The Board has started a petition to have trash cans in the picnic area—if you wish to sign, please stop at the Gift Shop.

- Plans are being developed for a more elegant front entrance to the park.

- Potential change in Park Management - Current Park Manager, Vin Messino, has announced that he may retire on September 1—more news to follow in our next edition.

Maggie Redfern, Assistant Director of the Connecticut College Arboretum to give a Walking tour of Harkness Trees

Meeting location: Eolia Mansion at 7 PM on August 9

Join Connecticut College Arboretum assistant director Maggie Redfern on a walk looking at notable trees of Harkness Memorial State Park. Hundreds of beautiful trees grace the magnificent landscape, such as tuliptree, ginkgo, Japanese cypress, catalpa, horse chestnut, apples and several species of maple. Many are unique horticultural varieties in mature form. We will look at the biggest and the oldest as well as more recent plantings that were designed to complement the historic landscape.
First Informational Sign Installed at the Carriage House!