

Magical Witches of Winter! – Saturday, March 16th

Time: 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM **Cost:** \$15.00 Pre-registration Required

Think you know witch hazel!? Think again... Join **Adam Wheeler**, our Horticulture and Container Manager and discover the magical and ornamental side of witch hazel (*Hamamelis* sp.). Adam will present a slide lecture that touches on the storied history, ornamental appeal and noted selections of these underutilized shrubs. Following the presentation he will lead a tour of the nursery grounds and our extensive witch hazel collection. A diverse selection of witch hazels and early spring blooming shrubs and perennials will be available for sale.

Opening Day! – Monday, April 1st

Time: 8 AM to 5:30 PM **Cost:** Free, No Registration Required

Our 2019 season kicks off Monday April 1st! Whether it's 60° and sunny, or 30° and cloudy, we will be here. Come on down and join us for opening day. Pick up your copy of the catalog and be sure to bring an extra highlighter; the plant list is better than ever.

Mt. Laurel Festival! – Saturday and Sunday, June 1st-2nd

Time: 10 AM to 4 PM **Cost:** Free, No Registration Required

Come visit the nursery when the world's largest collection of mountain laurel is in all its glory. Find out about the plants and people behind this amazing collection or stroll through the nursery grounds and experience the many unique and unusual specimens. A selection of choice mountain laurel cultivars will be available for purchase. Don't miss this rare opportunity to see the tremendous diversity of flower colors and plant habits now available in Connecticut's state flower. The nursery grounds will be open normal business hours with guided tours of the laurel collection each day at 10:30 AM and Planting/Pruning Demonstrations at 12:30PM.

Weed, Walk and Talk – Session 1 – Wednesday, June 19th

Time: 10 AM to 2 PM **Cost:** Free, Pre-registration Required

Join us for a special opportunity to learn through doing while experiencing and building knowledge alongside the talented staff of nursery horticulturists. In addition to the hands-on fun, participants can expect plenty of opportunity to walk through the gardens chatting about exceptional plants and the tricks used to maintain them. Each Weed, Walk and Talk is a unique learning opportunity, guided by the season and the perspective of the group! Participants are asked to bring along gardening gloves, preferred hand tools and a bag lunch. In return we promise dirty hands, a few pass-along plants and fun! Weed, Walk and Talk is hosted under the direction of Horticulture and Container Manager **Adam Wheeler** and Field Production and Equipment/Facilities Manager **Mark Marenholz**.

Cutting Propagation for the Home Gardener – Tuesday, June 25th

Time: 6 to 8 PM **Cost:** \$35.00 Pre-registration Required

Come join our Horticulture and Container Manager, **Adam Wheeler**, for this fun-filled, hands-on workshop focused on the propagation of plants by summer stem cuttings. Participants will be given a brief lecture that examines the techniques and skills required to grow plants from cuttings. Following the lecture participants will construct their own home propagation systems and stick a selection of cuttings from the nursery collection.