

## Volunteer and Help WFA Expand Community Services

Wagner Farm Arboretum is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The grounds, facilities, and educational programs are supported entirely through fundraising events, memberships, private contributions and corporate grants. Please consider supporting us by becoming a member or by volunteering your time and talents to help us with our mission.

Members are eligible to receive discounts at our retail partners, with more vendors being added each year. Arboretum members also can sign up for educational classes given by the arboretum at no or reduced cost, and are eligible for a discount at the yearly plant sale.

Volunteer opportunities exist in many areas.

- Donate your expertise by leading a lecture or outdoor class on birding, astronomy, plant identification, insects, photography, native plants, pollinator gardens, art or another topic that matches your skills and interests
- Write WFA feature articles for local newspapers and online news sites, contribute to WFA social media or write for the WFA newsletter
- Use your graphic artistry skills to create event flyers, brochures and newspaper ads using Adobe Illustrator or other software package
- Volunteer groups can be scheduled to help with seasonal garden maintenance tasks in the Giving and Children's Gardens
- Perform outreach for WFA by engaging with local businesses to solicit funding or needed products, or establish on-going partner relationships
- Submit community service project ideas for consideration
- Or contact us to discuss your own ideas

## Wagner Farm Arboretum Gardens & Learning Center

Dedicated to the environmental and horticultural education of children and adults through the collection, study, and display of trees, shrubs, flowers, and other plant life in a beautiful, natural setting to encourage cultivation and conservation of plant life in ways that promote community involvement and increased environmental awareness.



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## Welcome to Wagner Farm Arboretum

Situated on rolling terrain in the Watchung Mountains, on land bordering the Passaic River, Wagner Farm Arboretum is planned and planted to nurture trees, shrubs, plants, bees, butterflies and birds in an environment conducive to their growth.

From 1917 to 1987 the Wagner family property operated as a successful dairy farm. Over 120 Holstein cows grazed the pastures and were milked in the milking parlor. Residents from Warren and other nearby surrounding towns bought the glass-bottled milk, cream, and chocolate milk.



In 2001 Warren Township purchased the farm land and though the days of grazing cows and milking parlors are gone, Wagner Farm Arboretum now operates on one of Warren Township's open space locations.

WFA functions as a "green lung" of Warren and includes a **Giving Garden** which has donated over 86,000 pounds of fresh produce to the needy since its inception, a **Children's Garden** for people of all ages to explore the natural world in a safe environment, and a **Community Garden** that rents plots to those interested in growing fruits, vegetables and/or flowers while adhering to organic practices.



## Gardens in Action

**Giving Garden.** Dedicated to raising vegetables that will feed families, individuals and the elderly who do not have the resources to acquire healthy and fresh meals. This all-



volunteer program donates produce to non-profit agencies such as food banks, pantries or kitchens in Essex, Middlesex, Morris, Somerset and Union counties in NJ. Within the Giving Garden,

the "**Growing to Give**" program provides hands-on gardening activities which are service-oriented and educational. The program works with local schools, youth service groups and organizations, giving youth the opportunity to learn where food comes from, and how food insecurity affects the lives of many in nearby towns.

**Children's Garden.** At 1/3 acre, the Children's Garden is a place to discover, explore, observe, and play. It contains life-sized cow sculptures, a sensory garden, outdoor musical instruments and native



plantings to provide habitat and food for pollinators, butterflies and birds.

**Community Garden.** Over 110 plots on dedicated space for gardeners to get their hands dirty, enjoy nature and the company of fellow gardeners, and grow their own food organically. Plot renters must be arboretum members. Rentals are renewable yearly. WFA provides tools, water, hoses and gardening education. AED equipped.



## Donation Opportunities

There are several pathways available to support Wagner Farm Arboretum...via **membership, online marketplace purchases and fundraisers.** WFA also accepts **private and corporate donations** and, as a non-profit, uses the funds to expand public offerings that allow people to engage more fully with the natural environment. This is realized by WFA's commitment to expanding the gardens to include raised senior beds, installing additional native plants and providing educational opportunities.

All donations are acknowledged and are tax deductible. WFA also considers, and may accept, in-kind donations that can be used at WFA events, in the office or in the gardens.

You may commemorate a loved one or a special occasion, such as a birth or wedding, through a donation via a legacy program opportunity. Contact the office for additional information.

