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# Here is a sneak peek of our spectacular garden for next year's Garden Party!



2021 – 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Juliet and John Hubbard Cornwall, CT

## Celebrating 28 Years!

Please join us for...

A Garden Party Stroll

June 2020

### History of Events 2003 - 2008

2003 First Annual Barn Dance - 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Marie & Tim Prentice - Cornwall

2004 Garden Party - 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lea Davies & Larry Power - Plum Creek Farm - Sharon

2005 Second Annual Barn Dance -13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Erica and Hector Prud'homme - Cornwall

2006 Third Annual Barn Dance - 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Constance & Jon Old - Cornwall

2007 Fourth Annual Barn Dance - 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Elaine LaRoche - LionRock Farm - Sharon



2008 Fifth Annual Barn Dance - 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Jeanne & Jack Blum - Lakeville



For the past 11 years, Chore Service has held our annual Garden Party, and major fundraiser, showcasing the gardens of our neighbors here in the Northwest Corner. While we are unable to safely be together in one of our beautiful gardens this year, we have decided to bring the gardens to you for you and your loved ones to enjoy as often as you like in the safety and comfort of your own home.

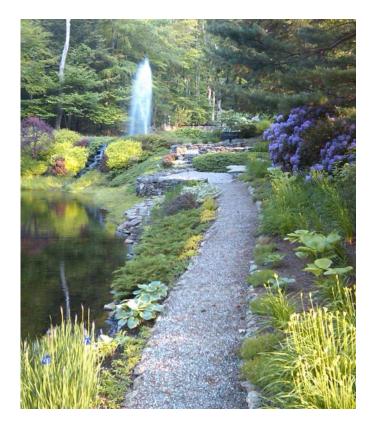
We have many more Garden Party pictures than can fit in this booklet, so please be sure to visit our website (www.choreservice.org) for additional memories from past celebrations.

Get comfortable, sit back and relax as you take a stroll with us through the beautiful gardens from previous gatherings. As an added bonus, we have included a sneak peak of next year's outstanding gardens.

Thank you for taking a *Garden Party Stroll* with us. **Enjoy and please stay safe!** 

"The Garden Party was a terrific success. The garden was in spectacular bloom, and the heavy downpour predicted held off for the entire afternoon. Around 300 people came, saw and fell in love with what Lea and Larry have created."

Phyllis Nauts, Former Board Member



2009 - 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lea Davies & Larry Power Plum Creek Farm — Sharon, CT June 27<sup>th</sup>

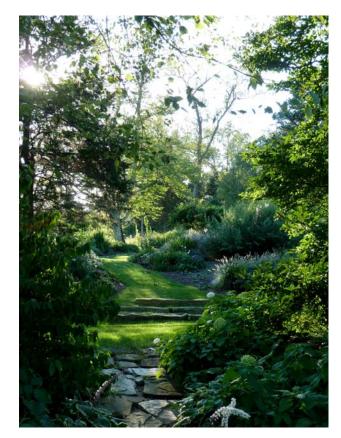
On a perfect August evening, 265 guests enjoyed cocktails and nibbling on hors d'oeuvres as they strolled through four acres of display gardens at Old Farm Nursery. Hosts of this stunning property, Judy and Pat Murphy, cultivated areas consisting of a woodland garden, kitchen garden and orchard, a secret garden and formal and informal shrub and perennial borders. The scenery was complete with beautiful northwestern vistas.



2010 - 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Judy & Pat Murphy Old Farm Nursery — Lakeville, CT August 14<sup>th</sup>

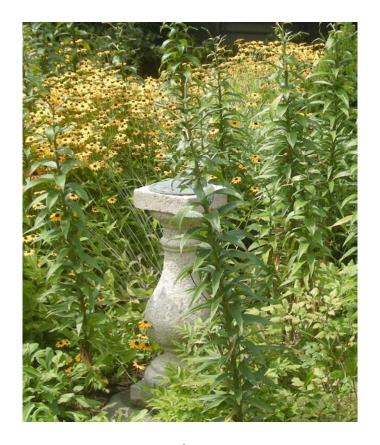
"We are incredibly lucky. The weather has always been perfect for our garden parties and this year was no exception. On that fine day, Ann Goodbody's gardens, designed by her and Judy and Pat Murphy of Old Farm Nursery, were resplendent."

Chore Service Staff Member



2011 - 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ann Goodbody Sharon, CT July 9<sup>th</sup>

Hundreds of supporters admired the strolling gardens created by Pam Mason and George Wilson. These lovely gardens offer something for everyone as borders lead to cultivated areas and to natural and native landscapes. Beautiful flower borders, masses of rhododendron and a woodland garden surround the pool. A perfect setting to celebrate 21 years of providing help at home for residents in Northwest Connecticut.



2012 - 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pam Wilson & George Mason Lakeville, CT July 14<sup>th</sup>

Chore's luck continued and was once again blessed with good weather (the only Saturday in June that it was not pouring rain). Chore supporters truly enjoyed this beautiful setting created by Debby and Bruce Bennett, including a variety of stunning gardens centered on a sustainable approach to living.





2013 - 21st Anniversary Debby & Bruce Bennett West Cornwall, CT June 29th

Another fantastic celebration on top of Sharon Mountain at Tomlin Farm. Hundreds of supporters strolled as they admired a variety of beautiful gardens displaying vibrantly hued native perennials, steps leading to a winding stone path and tall, ornamental grasses. Each season the gardens continue to bring new challenges and new pleasure for our Garden Party hosts, Linda Beech and Tom Schueller.



2014 - 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Linda Beech & Tom Schueller Tomlin Farm — Sharon, CT July 26<sup>th</sup>

More than 300 Chore supporters enjoyed a spectacular summer evening while enjoying the gardens at Hawk Hill Farm. This evolving garden combines native vegetation with an informal setting. Whatever flowers are given (often self-sowers), traded for, divided or bought are added here and there so that not even hosts, Jane and Bob Keiter, know exactly what will appear in any given season.





2015 - 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Jane & Bob Keiter Hawk Hill Farm – Lakeville, CT July 11<sup>th</sup>

A little rain did not dampen this Garden Party! In fact, the colorful umbrellas only added to the elegance. Over 350 people purchased tickets and more than 200 attended braving the gentle and sometimes steady rain. Everyone seemed so happy to finally have a little rain and moved about the property easily and happily exploring all the many different gardens at the beautiful home of our host, Michael Trapp.



2016 - 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Michael Trapp Sharon, CT July 30<sup>th</sup>

Over 350 people attended Chore's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on a lovely sunny evening under a beautifully decorated tent with an amazing sunset over the mountains. The view from LionRock Farm offered a magnificent setting with its beautiful gardens and breathtaking views of the famous Twin Oaks field and Taconic mountain range, making for a memorable celebration.



2017 - 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Elaine LaRoche LionRock Farm - Sharon, CT July 21<sup>st</sup>

The beautiful gardens of Sue Reville and Bill Friedrich provided a fabulous setting and breathtaking views of the mountains making guests feel like they are in England's Lake District. Over 325 people attended the event on a lovely summer evening enjoying the beautiful blue and white garden and abundance of hydrangea in bloom.



2018 - 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sue Reville & Bill Friedrich Lakeville, CT July 21<sup>st</sup>

Despite the forecast of hail, 50-mile-anhour-winds and torrential rains, which never materialized, over 300 people enjoyed flowering lavender with a backdrop of amazing views at Lookout Farm. Hosts Graham Klemm and Cody O'Kelly offered a brilliant venue delivering a stunning top-of-the world setting with 58 acres with sweeping 360-dgeree views, New York State to the west and Massachusetts to the north.



2019 - 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Graham Klemm & Cody O'Kelly Lookout Farm - Sharon, CT June 29<sup>th</sup>

### Thank You to all our Perennials and Annuals...





...You have helped make the last 28 years possible!

For the past 28 years, the Chore Service has kept many of our elderly and disabled neighbors safely and independently at home in our community.

Chore matches clients with caring, competent local workers who help with housecleaning, laundry, cooking, companionship, errands and yard work.

We began by serving two families in 1992. The need continues with 44 local workers helping 171 clients across seven towns this past year.

Over the past 17 years, we have served 1,599 clients and have provided 269,593 hours of chore service.

Chore has employed an average of 90 employees annually.