



NEWS FROM

SUMMER HILL

Winter/Spring 2006

Trips

Ann and Mike didn't make an extensive trip this year but did spend a bit of time in Sante Fe and around northern New Mexico. They would be glad to share information about the area if you plan a trip out there.

Holly spent some time in the Czech Republic this fall - she taught English there before coming on board at Summer Hill and had a good time reconnecting with friends she made there while teaching.

In June Betty took a short adventure with her daughter to the colonial village of Newcastle, DE where the Hydrangea quercifolia, and of course Boxwood, were very impressive. From there they explored the gardens at Winterthur where they missed the Azalea blooms but saw beautiful gardens throughout the grounds.

Bamboo Barrier

This is to let our customers that have ordered bamboo know that we will have available this spring 60 mil and 30 mil plastic rhizome barriers to contain running species of bamboo.

Call us for information.

Summer Hill Stays Involved

There were some changes this year in Summer Hill's participation in nursery industry affairs.

After serving on the CNLA Board for seven years, and as President in 2004, Holly Johnson left the board this January - she continues to work on the Education and Finance Committees.

Rayona Hobbs has moved onto the CNLA Board as a Director. She was President of the association in 1998 but is now filling a vacancy on the board for a year or two.

On January 1, 2006 Betty Allen and Mike stepped down from serving as Corresponding Secretary and Executive Director of the Connecticut Nurserymen's Foundation. They held these posts since 2000 when Larry Carville moved to Rhode Island. However, they felt it was time to give young members of the Foundation board a chance to take over. Summer Hill still has a connection with the Foundation as John Nassif serves as Vice President. The Foundation provides scholarships for Connecticut students studying horticulture at the college level.

New Gardens

Mike and the crew spent a good bit of time last fall installing new display and trial gardens at our main location.

One contains many of the new plants we are growing. A lot of these plants may not be listed as yet but you might enjoy seeing what we will have available in the next few years.

The other contains 73 native plant species that the nursery grows. These plants are all relatively small but will give our customers a chance to see plants they might not be familiar with. It should be even more informative as years go by and the plants grow larger.

We hope you have a chance to visit these gardens this spring or summer.

Native Plants

This is a very abbreviated newsletter as our effort this winter was put into the attached Native Plant List. We hope this list is helpful to you.

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