Lovers of horticulture, the greening of Wilmington and gardening education for the Delaware Center for Horticulture descended on the annual Rare Plant Auction at Longwood Gardens April 25. The event raises tens of thousands of dollars for DCH programs and offers serious gardeners a chance to buy plants that are hard or impossible to get elsewhere.

Saxon Holt of Novato, California; Alex Prushinski of Newark; Phillip Watson of West Chester, Pennsylvania; and Maria Sylvanus of Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania.

Brenda Powell of Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania; Suzi McCoy of Kennett Square, Pennsylvania; and Nancy Bell of Hockessin.

Rose and Jesse Vanderhoef of West Grove, Pennsylvania.

David and Kathleen Brownlee of Wilmington.

Kristen Thompson, left, and Mary Thompson of Street, Maryland.

Zamon Mamun of Philadelphia and Michael Walsh of Newark.

Catey Hill, left; Alex Prushinski of Newark; Dewayne Sullivan and Maria Sylvanus of Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania.

Dan and Diane Krapf of Greenville.