

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 1, 2014

Andréa Miller
amiller@TheDCH.org
302.658.6262 x 125 (W)
302.753.4608 (C)

TheDCH joins 500 gardens, arboreta, conservatories, zoos & museums in celebrating National Public Gardens Day on May 9

The Delaware Center for Horticulture is proud to join the American Public Gardens Association and more than 500 gardens and related organizations nationwide in celebrating an annual day of awareness that honors the role that public gardens play in promoting plant and water conservation, education and environmental leadership.

TheDCH invites the public to visit the non-profit's Trolley Square headquarters on May 9 for a self-guided tour of the demonstration garden. Guests can increase their engagement and enjoyment of the stroll during this free rain-or-shine event by picking up a "Garden Scavenger Hunt" sheet in the facility's atrium before heading to the gardens behind the building.

TheDCH demonstration garden is free and open to the public daily during daylight hours. It features creative re-use of historic Wilmington artifacts; a pavilion overlooking the adjacent Brandywine Park; examples of urban horticulture; and plants that are well-suited to our area, provide year-round interest, and are locally available in garden centers and nurseries. Most areas are handicap accessible, but include cobblestone and woodchip paths. Year round, guided group tours and youth tours with a workshop component are available for a fee. Visit [TheDCH garden page](#) for more information and a request form.



Photo by Eric Zippe | Courtesy of TheDCH

In its 6th year, the [National Public Gardens Day](#) of awareness is an opportunity for communities to explore the diverse beauty of their local green spaces and to take advantage of the conservation, education and environmental preservation resources that public gardens like TheDCH provide.

*Founded in 1940, the Pennsylvania-based **American Public Gardens Association** is an organization devoted to strengthening the public gardens throughout North America. For more information, visit [publicgardens.org](#). The **Delaware Center for Horticulture** cultivates a greener community; inspiring appreciation and improvement of our environment through horticulture, education and conservation. We create neighborhoods that are healthier, more attractive and ecologically sustainable. Our work includes community gardens, public landscapes, tree programs, educational programs and community and membership events. For more information, visit [TheDCH.org](#).*