



CENTRE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

*Invitation to participate in the
2023 Centre Furnace Mansion Plant Celebration & Garden Sale!*

February 24, 2023

Dear Friends,

Sunny days and spring ephemerals, like Snowdrops and Winter Aconite, are welcome harbingers of spring and offer a symbol of hope after an extraordinary year. I hope this letter finds you well and your business thriving!

The Centre County Historical Society is pleased to announce that its **28th Annual Plant Celebration** at Centre Furnace Mansion hosted by the Centre Furnace Mansion Gardeners will take place on Saturday, May 13, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. We look forward to welcoming you and the public for this Centre Furnace Mansion garden tradition.

The fee for participation this year will remain 15% commission of your total sales to be reconciled at the end of the sale prior to leaving. I have enclosed a copy of the Guidelines for additional information. Your participation benefits ongoing programming and development of the gardens and grounds at the Centre Furnace Mansion and Boogersburg School.

As always, CCHS will promote the Plant Celebration through print, and electronic media, our membership and e-newsletter lists, other garden related organizations, and historical organizations throughout the region and state. The Plant Celebration normally attracts over 500 customers eager to purchase new and interesting plant and garden related offerings!

Please let us know by **April 15** if you would like to participate so we can reserve your space and include you in Plant Celebration advertising and announcements. If you are unable to attend this year but would like to participate next year, OR if you wish to be removed from our mailing list, please let me know. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (813) 234-4779, or jsedgwick@centrefurnace.org. Information about this year's event can be found online: <http://www.centrehistory.org/plant-celebration>.

Again, thank you so much your participation and for your support on May 13!

Sincerely,

Johanna Sedgwick
Marketing & Events Coordinator



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28th Annual Plant Celebration at the Centre Furnace Mansion
Saturday, May 13, 2023 • 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Vendor Guidelines:

- Vendors should submit their registration by April 15, in order to be included in advertising materials.
- The cost for participation is a 15% commission of all sales, due by 3:30 p.m. at the close of the event. Payment can be made by cash or check.
- Sale hours are 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Sunday, May 13. Rain or shine.
- Set-Up times are from 7:00 - 8:30 a.m. If you need to make arrangements to set up the day before, please contact Johanna at jsedgwick@centrefurnace.org.
- Each vendor will be allotted a reasonable amount of space and will be responsible for his/her own display, including all equipment. You will receive a map of vendor locations prior to the event. Be aware that we may need to make adjustments as vendors set up due to the natural terrain (trees, slopes). Your cooperation and understanding is greatly appreciated.
- Tents, tables or other display props are highly encouraged for creating an appealing display space to attract shoppers. Tents/displays must be properly secured and weighted for windy days.
- Because the Mansion lawn can be very soft and wet in spring, we highly discourage vehicles to be parked on the grass, other than for unloading and loading plants and garden items during set-up and tear-down. We recommend that vehicles not be used as part of a vendor's display, but if they must, please arrange with Johanna Sedgwick. Nearby parking can be made available for those who need to access their vehicles to replenish plants and supplies. Please let us know if your display requires special assistance.
- **PARKING:** Once you have unloaded your vehicle, then park behind the Tailgate Sports Bar and Grill's Restaurant in the parking lot on top of the hill. PLEASE NOTE THE ATTACHED PARKING MAP. (*Note: You will not be able drive to the top of the Mansion driveway to turn around – it will be blocked with tents.*) Our friends at Frye's Sweeper and Sewing Center at the end of our driveway have business hours during our event, we ask that you do not use or block any part of their parking lot.
- Vendors are responsible for their own financial arrangements, including bringing small bills to make change, and the collection of sales tax.
- CCHS will provide:
 - An outdoor water source for plant needs
 - Inclusion in promotional materials and website

To sign up to participate, please take a moment to enter your information and submit your application here: [online participation form \(http://goo.gl/forms/OqEvAHN5q6\)](http://goo.gl/forms/OqEvAHN5q6) .

Parking is available behind the Mansion either in the lot directly behind Esber's Rugs or slightly farther up the hill in the Hampton Inn's overflow parking lot. Both lots are accessible by the access road between Esber's and Tailgate.

