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Gardening Under Glass: A Greenhouse Tour



Co-sponsored by the RI Wild Plant Society & Blithewold Mansion, Gardens and Arboretum

PURCHASE TICKETS AT www.blithewold.org or (401) 453-3777

\$20 Members, \$25 Non-members

Saturday, March 25, 12:00 - 4:00 pm

Snow date: Saturday, April 1, 12-4:00

When you step through the door of a greenhouse you are entering a private, green world, miles away from workday stresses and winter weather. Join us for a tour of 10 private greenhouses in and around Newport. This is a wonderful opportunity to peek into greenhouses rarely open to the public, to admire private plant collections, and to learn about the art of growing under glass. Your participation will directly support the Rhode Island Wild Plant Society's and Blithewold's education programs and provide you with inspiration for years to come. This is a self-guided garden tour. A map, written directions, and garden descriptions will be mailed with your ticket. TO PURCHASE TICKETS call (401) 453-3777 or go online at www.blithewold.org.

The Gardening Under Glass, Greenhouse Tour includes:

LORD & BURNHAM GREENHOUSES. These beautiful antique structures are the perfect coupling of art and utility. Designed and installed by the New York architecture firm these graceful buildings have been fully restored to their 1930's glory and are open to guests for one day at Coggeshall, Ridgemere, and Blithewold.

RARELY SEEN PRIVATE PLANT COLLECTIONS including; orchids, tropicals, succulents and in one special greenhouse a whimsical mix of antiques, pots, toys, and collectables can be found at the Briggs, Roger William's University and the Ledges properties and have never been open to the public.

SEE UP CLOSE THE WORKINGS OF A 1938 WHOLESALE NURSERY and learn the trade secrets for growing thousands of annual varieties. Take a guided tour (12:00 or 3:00 pm reservation required) and peek at their commercial seeder, and learn valuable information from their 30 years of commercial propagation.

And much more ... **COLD FRAMES, POTTING SHEDS, BULB HOUSES AND BEHIND THE SCENES TOURS**

Blithewold's mission is to promote historic preservation and excellence in horticulture. [The RI Wild Plant Society \(www.riwps.org\)](http://www.riwps.org) is dedicated to the preservation and protection of RI's native plants and their habitats.