

Hello Hardy Plant Society / Mid-Atlantic Group Members

We would like to start off by extending my gratitude to your organization for the grant awarded to the Monmouth County Park System. Once again, we here at the Huber Woods Environmental Center were able to create a wonderful native plant exhibit for both the public to enjoy and our wildlife to call home.

This year's exhibit theme was a frog pond. Located along our highly accessible Discovery Path, this shady garden area offered onlookers the chance to search for frogs, dragonflies, and other aquatic critters. This year's native plantings absolutely revitalized this bed and brought in a lot of new life. The green frogs certainly seemed to enjoy it too!

The money from the grant was used to purchase the following plants, along with some pond planters as well:

- *Nymphaea odorata* x 2
- *Lobelia cardinalis* x 50
- *Penstemon hirsutus* x 30
- *Conoclinium coelistinum* x 50
- *Arisaema triphyllum* x 3
- *Asarum canadense* x 4
- *Athyrium filix-femina* x 7
- *Actaea racemosa* x 6
- *Podophyllum peltatum* x 4
- *Polemonium reptans* x 4
- *Polystichum acrostichoides* x 8
- *Carex pensylvanica* x 50

Money from the Monmouth County Park System was also utilized to supplement the planting, including the following species:

- *Iris versicolor* x 6
- *Saururus cernuus* x 8
- *Arisaema triphyllum* x 3
- *Asarum canadense* x 5
- *Actaea racemosa* x 4

On September 12th, the Monmouth County Park System posted a photo of this year's project to our various social media websites, with a special acknowledgement to the HPS/MAG. The following websites were used, and their follower count can be found in parenthesis: Monmouth County Park System Facebook Page (24,768), Huber Woods Park Facebook Page (1,190), Monmouth County Park System Instagram Page (6,011), and the Monmouth County Park System Twitter page (2,736).

Thank you once again for this wonderful opportunity! We will continue sharing our passion for gardening with all of the park patrons that come over for a visit.

