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MIXING THE OLD WITH THE NEW TRADE SECRETS™ PREMIERES AT LIME ROCK PARK

Martha Stewart's and Bunny William's Favorite Garden Event Returns on May 14.

Lakeville, CT, April 21, 2022 — If you're a garden lover, then get your tickets for Saturday, May 14 - that's when Trade SecretsTM moves to its new home at Lime Rock Park in Lakeville, CT. With more than 50 of the finest growers, dealers, and artisans from across the country and around the Northeast, you're sure to find that unique treasure for your garden.

Considered the Northeast's "garden event of the year," the rare plant and garden antique sale is the annual fundraiser for the not-for-profit Women's Support Services (WSS) of the Northwest Corner, offering support to victims of domestic violence.

"I am personally so excited about our move of the Trade Secrets™ event to Lime Rock Park in Salisbury, CT. I have often felt that as the event has grown, this is where we should be. The facilities of the park will make it so much more convenient for all attending, both in parking and pickup. Shopping will be an easier experience. The design committee is thrilled to be creating a memorable day for Trade Secrets on a lovely spot overlooking the Litchfield Hills," said designer and Trade Secrets founder Bunny Williams.

Serious gardeners head over early for the rare plant specimens from specialized growers and nurseries. But, at the same time, others come for the garden antiques, statuary, wrought iron fencing, a large variety of outdoor furniture, antique garden tools, pottery, etc. One of those early buyers is Martha Stewart, who said in her 2019 "Martha Up Close & Personal" blog, "I always make it a point to attend Trade Secrets every spring."

"We've gone too long without a Trade SecretsTM. We're excited that it's back, and we're thrilled about the new location and all of the vendors, old and new," said Carolyn Piccirelli, Board Member of Women's Support Services/Trade Secrets Volunteer.

Favorite vendors, including Pennoyer Newman, Withington & Co., Glendale Botanicals, Green Bee Greenhouse, and others, are returning. Some new vendors are Orangerie, Barbara Bockbrader with specialty begonias, Star Bright Farm, and Hoener Farms Fine Furniture this year.



Stop by the Oblong Books booth from 1 - 2 pm for a book signing with author and The New York Times columnist Margaret Roach and award-winning author and photographer Ken Druse, who has been called "the guru of natural *gardening*" by the New York Times.

The rare plant and garden antique sale is open for early buyers at 9 am and includes breakfast. The general admission begins at 10:30 am, and "late bloomer" tickets are only sold on-site the day of, starting at 12:30. The event ends at 3 pm.

Trade Secrets will follow Covid-19 guidelines for both days and require proof of vaccination. Attendees are advised to check updates at the Trade Secrets website.

Tickets are on sale now. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit <u>tradesecretsct.com</u> or call 860-364-1080. Follow us <u>@tradesecretsCT</u>.

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<u>Trade SecretsTM</u> is a fundraiser for <u>Women's Support Services, Inc., (WSS)</u>, a non-profit domestic violence agency serving Northwest Connecticut and the surrounding communities in New York and Massachusetts. The mission of WSS is to create a community free of domestic violence and abuse through intervention, prevention, and education. We work with women, men, teens, and children.

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