

Garden History and Design had an exciting year documenting Doug Tallamy's property for the Smithsonian Archives of American Gardens which aims to preserve the visual record and collective narrative of all types of gardens. Doug has created an entomologist's playground where he has returned hayfields into natural habitat. The increasing national recognition of the critical importance of nurturing a healthy multi-level ecosystem is due in no small part to the life-long efforts of the respected local entomologist and author Doug Tallamy. At his home in a rural area not far from Philadelphia, he and his wife Cindy have in the short space of just over two decades put their philosophy into practice on their 10 acres. They have turned it into a paradise for insects, particularly of interest to him, moths. He has measured and recorded an astounding 44% of all Pennsylvania species; 60 species of birds, and most all other species native to the Piedmont Plateau. The property comprises a varied topography of upland, lowland, wetland, and open meadowland. Using exclusion cages the Tallamy's have grown from seed many of the 'keystone species': oaks, hickories, beech, willows, dogwoods, blueberries, viburnums, and chokeberries that contribute the greatest value to the greatest number of caterpillars, insects, and birds. To see the bites taken out of leaves, or webs festooning the branches is to see evidence of an ecosystem that is thriving. This is not only the goal of

the Tallamy's, it is the reality that they have created in their invertebrates' paradise.

Zone V and Zone VI reps Gay Legg and Alice Farley organized a GH & D Workshop Lecture at Winterthur Garden, attended by GH & D reps from neighboring zone clubs. We had a wonderful and informative tour of the Garden given by our very own fabulous Linda Eirhart, director of horticulture at Winterthur. Rebecca Parmer, Director of Library showed early 20th century autochromes and landscape drawings of the garden and H.F. du Pont's award from the GCA. Afternoon lectures were presented by Jeff Groff, retired Garden Historian, Chris Strand, Director of Winterthur and Eleanor Weller, author of *The Golden Age of American Gardens*

It has been a fruitful and educational year setting us up for successful documentation of members' and other's gardens next year.