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Hortulus Farm Honors Two Irreplaceable County Institutions

On Saturday, August 2, Renny Reynolds and Jack Staub will host a sunset cocktail reception and garden stroll through their Hortulus Farm to honor Hildegard Wachtel on the occasion of her 80th birthday and to support the ongoing community mission of Bucks and Hunterdon County's Fisherman's Mark.

Hortulus Farm has been called "one of Pennsylvania's hidden treasures" and "a garden of world-class charm." The historic 100-acre property and its gardens have been featured in such magazines as Garden Design, W, House Beautiful, Food and Wine, Horticulture, and House and Garden, and on HGTV's "Secret Gardens of Philadelphia" and The Travel Channel.

The garden stroll will be the only opportunity this summer to stroll through the seasonal splendor of Hortulus Farm's 20 gardens, enjoy a cocktail, and sample some of Hamilton Grill Room's food.

The irreplaceable Hildegard Wachtel has been adding her unique brand of continental flair to the New Hope cultural scene for more than a decade. Although Austrian born, she has made herself an indispensable mainstay of New Hope community life through her tireless efforts on behalf of The Riverside Symphonia and FACT Bucks County, as well as through her job as classified advertising manager for the New Hope Gazette.

Daily giving new meaning to "young at heart," Hilde's ageless Viennese charm is only rivaled by her energy, elegance, enthusiasm, and heartfelt dedication to the community.

Fisherman's Mark is Bucks and Hunterdon County's single most vital and important social services agency. Founded in 1980 as an independent adjunct of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Lambertville, Fisherman's Mark helps anyone in our community who is in need.

Hunger, poverty and abuse are just some of the issues that Executive Director Barbara Petty and Board President, The Reverend Richard Townley, daily.

Last year alone, Fisherman's Mark provided free food for more than 20,000 meals to neighbors in need, dressed hundreds of children and adults in warm, clean clothing, counseled countless clients on everything from spousal abuse to drug addiction, and assisted many more with job-training, literacy, legal and health issues.

Donations in attending the Hortulus Farm benefit will go directly to the establishment of the Hildegarde Wachtel Youth Services Center in the Kohl House on Main Street in Lambertville.

The exterior of the facility will be restored to its historic beauty; the interior will offer a broad range of services for young children and young people on three state-of-the-art floors.

Many opportunities are available for both private and corporate giving as well as naming opportunities at Fisherman's Mark, ranging from floors and ceilings to classrooms, furniture, computers, and even the fountain on the growing campus.

To receive an invitation to the garden walk, please contact Barbara Petty at 609-397-0194.