

Lecture, Founding Gardeners, Richman

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“Founding Gardeners”, a program to interest individuals who love both history and gardening, will be the May offering in the monthly lecture series sponsored by The Friends of Cornwall Iron Furnace. It will be held on Tuesday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Freeman Hall Auditorium on the campus of Cornwall Manor Retirement Community.

Dr. Irwin Richman, Research Associate at Landis Valley Village and Farm Museum, will be the guest lecturer.

Did you know that William Penn, George Washington and Thomas Jefferson were avid gardeners connected through a Quaker garden network centered around Germantown and the nursery along the Schuylkill operated by John Bartram and his son William? John Bartram was a self-taught botanist, horticulturist and explorer, called by Carl Linnaeus “the greatest natural botanist in the world”. His son William was also a well-known naturalist who traveled widely and helped to maintain his father’s botanic garden.

Richman, who holds a PhD from the University of Pennsylvania and a Certificate in Ornamental Plants from Longwood Gardens, will elaborate on this topic. A popular speaker, he is the author or co-author of 30 plus books, including six written with Mike Emery, site director at the Cornwall Iron Furnace. Their newest book, *The Graphic Flower*, will be published this spring.

This lecture is open to the public in a handicap-accessible facility. There is no admission charge, but there will be an opportunity to give a freewill donation to support this series.

For more information, please visit our website at www.cornwallironfurnace.org.

The next lecture in the series, “Historic Sites on Cornwall Manor Campus” by Henry Deemer, is scheduled for Tuesday, July 9, 2019.