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**Friends of Rancocas Nature Center plans holiday bus trip to Longwood Gardens**

**By Rebecca Carlbom, staff writer October 24, 2016**

Friends of Rancocas Nature Center (FRNC) and garden lovers enjoyed their springtime Philadelphia Flower Show bus trip so much, that they have planned another excursion to Longwood Gardens, for Christmas, on Nov. 29.

They'll leave from Prospectors Steakhouse & Saloon parking lot, 3050 Route 38 East, Mount Laurel, at 10:30 a.m. and return at 7:30 p.m.

Sanctuary Director Susan Buffalino said, "Boarding will begin at 10:15 a.m., someone else drives and parks, while you just enjoy the spectacular floral and lighting displays at this famous site."

The cost is \$60 with a limited number of seats available, includes round trip bus transportation and admission to Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, Pennsylvania.

Reservations can be made at the Nature Center in person; by mailing a check to Rancocas Nature Center, 794 Rancocas Road, Westampton, NJ 08060; or by calling the Center at 609-261-2495 to pay with a credit card. Checks must be received by Nov. 19; and seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Go to the website [rancocasnaturecenter.org](http://rancocasnaturecenter.org) for more details.

The Burlington County Times readers voted Rancocas Nature Center One of the Best Tourist Destinations of 2016.

The center is supported through the partnership of the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders; NJ State Park Service Division of Parks & Forestry; Westampton Township; Friends of Rancocas Nature Center; and Rancocas Conservancy. A 210-acre piece of the Rancocas State Park that features three miles of hiking trails through varied habitats including meadows, forest, and wetlands, plus access to Rancocas Creek, providing environmental education, with programs both on- and off-site.