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## **Seventh Annual Pennsylvania Lavender Festival June 13-15, 2008**

The seventh annual Pennsylvania Lavender Festival will be held June 13-15 at Willow Pond Farm in Fairfield, Pennsylvania, located an hour-and-a-half from Washington, DC, and Baltimore. The **only such festival** in the **mid-Atlantic region**, the Pennsylvania Lavender Festival is a sensory delight and offers a wide range of experiences for participants, including **tours of lavender fields and demonstration gardens, lectures and workshops** by nationally known experts, **herbal cuisine**, and **cut-your-own** lavender from the farm's three-acre field. Garden-related vendors will be selling their wares.

This year's **featured speakers will be Susan Belsinger and Tina Marie Wilcox, co-authors of *The Creative Herbal Home***. Susan is a prolific writer and contributing editor of "The Herb Companion." Tina Marie is the head gardener at The Ozark Folk Center Heritage Herb Garden and the president of The International Herb Association.

The Festival is a "must do" event for lavender lovers, gardeners, cooks, and crafters. Willow Pond Farm propagates nearly 100 certified organic varieties of lavender, including three varieties—"Madeline Marie," "Rebecca Kay," and "Two Amys"—developed at the farm.

Admission is \$5.00; children 12 and under can attend for free. Shuttle and parking are free.

Festival hours are Friday, June 13, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, June 14, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sunday, June 15, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tours and festival activities occur outdoors. Please dress casually to ensure your comfort. No pets, please.

Willow Pond Farm is located at 145 Tract Rd., Fairfield, PA, 10 minutes west of Gettysburg, Pa., and 45 minutes north of Frederick, MD.

For more information and a complete schedule, visit [www.palavenderfestival.com](http://www.palavenderfestival.com).

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**Press kits and interviews** with the Wajdas and guest speakers will be available at the festival and in advance. The festival offers **outstanding photographic opportunities** throughout the grounds and at workshops. To request a press kit or interview, contact Tom Wajda by phone at 717-642-6387 or by e-mail at [info@palavenderfestival.com](mailto:info@palavenderfestival.com).



## Schedule of Events, June 13-15, 2008

\* Unless otherwise noted, events are free. Festival admissions is \$5.00; children 12 and under attend for free.

### Friday, June 13, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

- 9:00 a.m. Festival opens
- 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Cut-your-own lavender (\$2.00-\$5.00/bunch)
- 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. “Make Your Own Lavender Wand” (\$7.50 fee/reservation)
- 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Children’s Corner Open (free)
  
- 10:00 a.m. **Lecture:** “Growing Lavender,” Tom Wajda, Willow Pond Farm (includes field/**garden tour** at 10:30 a.m.)
- 11:00 a.m. **Workshop:** “Nature Leaf Painting,” Susanna Reppert Brill, Rosemary House (\$15.00 fee)
- 11:30 a.m. **Lecture:** “The Creative Herbal Home,” Susan Belsinger and Tina Marie Wilcox, co-authors of *The Creative Herbal Home*
- 12:30 p.m. **Workshop:** “Lavender Crafts,” Linda Guise, Floral Designer—Willow Pond Farm (\$15.00 fee)
- 12:30 p.m. **Lavender Field Tour**, Tom Wajda, Willow Pond Farm
- 1:00 p.m. **Lecture:** “Cooking with Lavender,” Madeline Wajda, Willow Pond Farm
- 1:30 p.m. **Workshop:** “Golden Petals: Calendula, Herb of the Year” Susan Belsinger and Tina Marie Wilcox, co-authors of *The Creative Herbal Home* (\$15.00 fee)
- 2:30 p.m. **Lecture:** “Make Your Own Herbal Medicine,” Susanna Reppert Brill, Rosemary House
- 3:00 p.m. **Workshop:** “Make Your Own Herbal Teas,” Cathy Olson (\$15.00 fee)
- 3:30 p.m. **Lecture:** “Growing Lavender,” Tom Wajda, Willow Pond Farm (includes field/**garden tour** at 4:00 p.m.)
- 5:00 p.m. Festival closes for the day
- 5:20 p.m. Last shuttle bus to parking lot

Traditional American Music by Tom Jolin (banjo, hammer dulcimer, & harmonica) 12-3:00 p.m.

### Saturday, June 14, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

- 9:00 a.m. Festival opens
- 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Cut-your-own lavender (\$2.00-\$5.00/bunch)
- 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. “Make Your Own Lavender Wand” (\$7.50 fee/reservation)
- 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Children’s Corner Open (free)
  
- 9:45 a.m. **Lecture:** “Growing Lavender,” Tom Wajda, Willow Pond Farm (includes field/**garden tour** at 10:15 a.m.)

- 10:00 a.m. **Workshop:** “Lavender from the Kitchen to the Boudoir,” Susan Belsinger and Tina Marie Wilcox, co-authors of *The Creative Herbal Home* (\$15.00 fee)
- 11:30 a.m. **Lecture:** “Aromatherapeutic Effects of Lavender,” Arlene Bobonich, M.D., Gettysburg Adult Medicine
- Noon **Workshop:** “Photographing Your Garden,” Michael Chapman, Photographer (\$15.00 fee)
- 1:00 p.m. **Lecture:** “Mediterranean Grey and Green Herbs,” Susan Belsinger and Tina Marie Wilcox, co-authors of *The Creative Herbal Home*
- 1:30 p.m. **Workshop:** “Herbal Cordials You Can Make and Use,” Susanna Reppert Brill, Rosemary House (\$15.00 fee)
- 2:30 p.m. **Lecture:** “Cooking with Lavender,” Madeline Wajda, Willow Pond Farm
- 3:00 p.m. **Workshop:** “Natural Dyes,” Juanita Breidenbaugh, Fiber Artist (\$15.00 fee)
- 4:00 p.m. **Lecture:** “Growing Lavender,” Tom Wajda, Willow Pond Farm (includes field/**garden tour** at 4:30 p.m.)
- 5:00 p.m. Festival closes for the day
- 5:20 p.m. Last shuttle bus to parking lot

Folk/bluegrass music by “The Banjo Man,” Frank Cassel, 12:00-3:00 p.m.

### **Sunday, June 15, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.**

- 10:00 a.m. Festival opens
- 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Cut-your-own lavender (\$2.00-\$5.00/bunch)
- 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. “Make Your Own Lavender Wand” (\$7.50 fee/reservation)
- 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Children’s Corner Open (free)
- 10:15 a.m. **Lecture:** “Growing Lavender,” Tom Wajda, Willow Pond Farm (includes field/**garden tour** at 10:45 a.m.)
- 10:30 a.m. **Workshop:** “Nature Leaf Painting,” Susanna Reppert Brill, Rosemary House (\$15.00 fee)
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- 2:00 p.m. **Lecture:** “Cooking with Herbs,” Joe Renfroe, Chef Instructor, York Culinary Institute, and Madeline Wajda, Willow Pond Farm
- 3:00 p.m. **Workshop:** “Create an Herbal Bonsai,” Sylvia Braderman, The Creative Bonsai (\$30.00)
- 3:30 p.m. **Lecture:** “The Creative Herbal Home,” Susan Belsinger and Tina Marie Wilcox, co-authors of *The Creative Herbal Home*
- 4:00 p.m. **Lavender field tour**, Tom Wajda, Willow Pond Farm
- 5:00 p.m. Festival closes for the year
- 5:20 p.m. Last shuttle bus to parking lot

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**All Days**

Herbal picnic-style lunch will be offered all days from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Herbal treats and beverages available at all times. Children's activities and pick-your-own lavender will be ongoing throughout each day, as will the sale of lavender, other plants, and garden related merchandise.