

# 'Crockett's Victory Garden' to feature Longwood Gardens

KENNETT SQUARE — Garden lovers across America will have a unique opportunity to visit world-famous Longwood Gardens in the comfort of their own

home. The popular television series "Crockett's Victory Garden" will air two special half-hour segments on Longwood during the first and third weeks in

November. Check local Public Broadcasting Service listings for dates and times. "These trips are very popular with our audience said Crockett. "Many people

have stopped me here at Longwood, people from Michigan, Montana, Oklahoma, wanting to know when the program will be on, because they don't want to miss it."

Joining Crockett to explore Longwood will be Peter Seabrook, the English horticulturist who is seen by six million British viewers each week on the BBC. "By showing our joint ventures on both American and British television," Crockett explained, "we can help to expand communications between nations and people, expressing the good will and love that flowers bring."

Longwood Gardens, located some 30 miles southwest of Philadelphia near Kennett Square, Pa., is one of the country's outstanding horticultural showplaces. Its four acres of heated, indoor gardens and 300 acres of outdoor gardens attract over 600,000 visitors annually. The property was developed by the late Pierre S. du Pont, corporate leader

of the Du Pont and General Motors companies.

Featured on the two programs are a walk through the conservatories, with special attention to orchids, ferns, and waterlilies. Outdoors, a daytime display of Longwood's spectacular fountains will be shown.

Jim Crockett is especially enthusiastic about the educational appeal of such areas as the Container House and the Balcony Gardens, both of which will be highlighted. "Longwood is one of the greatest teaching gardens I've ever encountered," he notes, "where the average home gardener is shown what he can do without a fortune."

"These gardens are filled with educational features, proven by visitors with notebooks as well as cameras. Even those who come just for the spectacle go home with a whole pocketful of ideas."

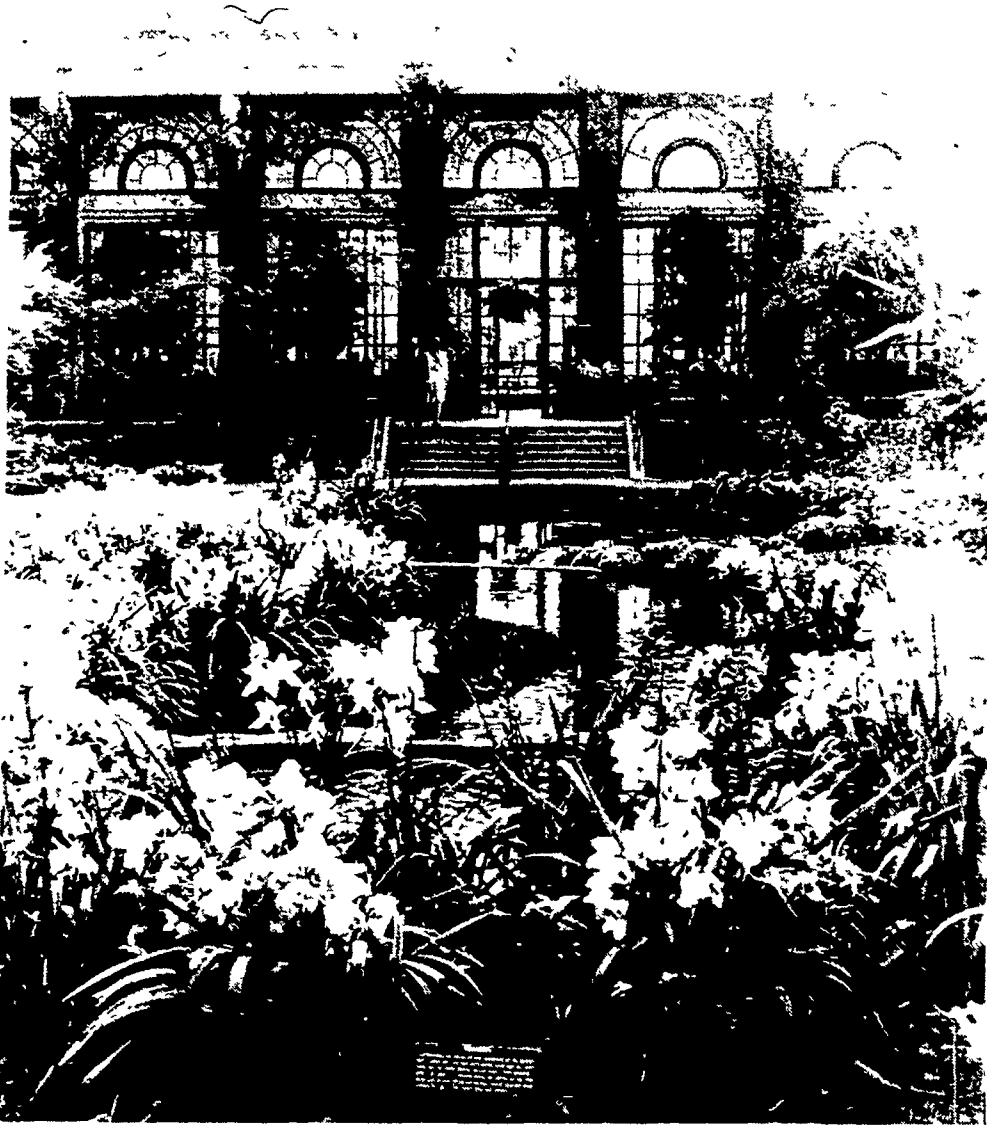
"It's a joy for me to come to Longwood and see these plants growing right here,

all my particular favorites, as well as plants I've not seen growing indoors for years. Some require special care, some mature slowly, and others are not well enough known. For instance, Longwood has the first buddleias I've seen in a greenhouse in 40 years. Some people have them outdoors - but here they're on display indoors!"

"My philosophy is diversity. The more the public is offered, the more intrigued they will become with gardening. And as they view the rich diversity of Longwood, their eyes will be opened."

Crockett's approach to gardening is based on practicality and honesty. "There are countless ways to garden successfully," he notes. "I hope to show one way that works for the greatest number of people." He, too, has his gardening failures, but he doesn't try to hide them. "If my tomatoes have

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Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square will be presented to television viewers as part of "Crockett's Victory Garden". Two half-hour segments will be aired during the first and third weeks of November.

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