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ANTIQUES SALE & GARDEN TOURS AWAIT YOU ON MAY 17th & 18TH

Explore Enchanting Gardens and Elevate Your Green Space at the 25th Anniversary Event by Project SAGE

Lakeville, CT. January 6, 2025 – Project SAGE, a vital non-profit domestic violence agency serving northwest Connecticut and surrounding communities, is delighted to announce the return of its signature annual fundraiser, Trade Secrets, for its special 25th anniversary year on May 17th and 18th, 2025. This year's renowned gardening event promises another extraordinary experience with garden tours on Saturday, May 17th, and the highly anticipated Rare Plant and Garden Antiques Sale on Sunday, May 18th. This iconic event brings together vendors and visitors from the northeast and beyond – all sharing a passion for gardening and a belief in ending relationship violence.

Saturday Garden Tours – May 17, 2025

This year's anniversary garden tour boasts six exceptional gardens that capture the essence of the past 25 years of Trade Secrets excellence. Each garden offers a unique opportunity for both novice gardeners and seasoned green thumbs to explore the beauty and creativity of Connecticut and New York's finest landscapes. These private and public gardens will be open for one day only, providing a wealth of ideas and inspiration for garden enthusiasts. Immerse yourself in the beauty of Bunny Williams and John Rossell's gardens alongside Michael Trapp and Douglas Dockery-Thompson. Explore enchanting landscapes in Millbrook, New York, including Clove Brook Farm and Innisfree, for a day of horticultural inspiration.

Sunday Rare Plant and Garden Antiques Sale – May 18, 2025

On Sunday, May 18, the Rare Plant and Garden Antiques Sale will again transform Lime Rock Park in Lakeville, CT, into a haven for plant lovers and garden aficionados. With over 40 vendors showcasing the finest garden antiques and flowers, this sale is a staple on the society gardener calendar.

"All of us at Project SAGE look forward to gathering together at our special 25th anniversary Trade Secrets weekend in May. Each year, essential funds are raised from Trade Secrets to support the growth of our Client Services including our shelter program, which provides emergency and long-term housing for families in crisis, as well as the growth of our Prevention Education programming, teaching children and teens about the dynamics of healthy relationships. We are grateful to the outpouring of support we receive each year for this iconic event. It is indeed a beautiful gathering for a great cause " said Kristen van Ginhoven, Executive Director at Project SAGE.

Mark your calendars – tickets for Trade Secrets 2025 go on sale on April 1st. Don't miss this opportunity to immerse yourself in the beauty of these carefully curated gardens and acquire rare plants and garden antiques to elevate your own green space.

Trade Secrets is not just an event; it's a celebration of horticulture, a gathering of gardening enthusiasts, and an opportunity to support Project SAGE's vital mission. Join us for a weekend of inspiration, education, and the joy of gardening.

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For more information and to purchase tickets, visit TradesecretsCT.com or call 860-364-1080.

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About Project SAGE:

Trade Secrets is the signature annual fundraiser for Project SAGE.

Project SAGE creates social change to end interpersonal relationship violence by challenging attitudes and beliefs about power, control, and gender norms and by advocating for victims and survivors. We serve clients in Canaan / Falls Village; Cornwall; Kent; North Canaan; Salisbury / Lakeville; Sharon; Nearby New York and Massachusetts towns and Communities served by GA-18 court (Bridgewater, New Milford, Roxbury). In 1979 several women in the Northwest Corner of Connecticut identified the need for services for women experiencing domestic violence. Forty-five years later, we carry the torch forward as a community-focused organization dedicated to supporting, advocating, guiding and educating all victims of interpersonal relationship violence regardless of gender or circumstance. We are dedicated to creating social change to end interpersonal relationship violence. We envision a world where everyone can be themselves and everyone can have healthy relationships. Project SAGE provides an array of free, confidential crisis services for clients, including a 24/7 hotline, emergency shelter, re-housing support, individual safety planning, individual and group counseling, legal advocacy for both civil and criminal court. Project SAGE also provides education through primary prevention and community outreach activities. We believe strongly that we must not only respond to the immediate crisis needs of individuals and families facing violence right now, but also do our best to educate youth and adults about healthy relationships so that our communities might be safer for all. https://project-sage.org/

Project Sage is located at 13A Porter Street in Lakeville. Walk-ins are welcome.

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