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# News from the AHS

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PROGRAMS • EVENTS • ANNOUNCEMENTS

## NEW AHS PRESIDENT AND CEO NAMED

FOLLOWING A national search, **Beth Tuttle** has been named the next President and CEO of the American Horticultural Society (AHS). Tuttle will officially join the AHS on October 30 after wrapping up her commitments as President and CEO of DataArts, a Philadelphia-based national resource for in-depth data on cultural nonprofit organizations.



Beth Tuttle will join the AHS in October.

"Beth has exceptional leadership experience from her work in cultural, educational, and advocacy organizations, as well as a personal passion for gardening and the natural world, so we are thrilled to have her join us," says **Amy Bolton**, Chair of the AHS Board of Directors. "She arrives at a pivotal time for this organization, when our mission of getting more Americans to actively embrace their connection with plants and the environment is increasingly important for human and planetary health."

Prior to DataArts, Tuttle was managing director of METStrategies, LLC in Alexandria, Virginia, which provides strategic counsel, planning, and branding services to cultural, philanthropic, and social benefit organizations. She also has served as deputy director and chief of external relations and planning for the Smithsonian's Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden in Washington, D.C., and as senior vice president for communications for The Freedom Forum and Newseum, also in Washington, D.C. Tuttle is a certified Master Gardener volunteer who helped establish a garden at a middle school in Alexandria, Virginia.

"I believe in the essential role that gardeners of all ages and walks of life play in creating healthy, livable communities," says Tuttle, "and I am excited to have this opportunity to advance their efforts with the rich horticultural resources and sound scientific information that have been the AHS's hallmark."

**Holly H. Shimizu**, who has been serving as Interim Executive Director during the national search process for the AHS's new leader, will continue in that role through the end of October.



## Seed-Saving Time

When the garden starts going to seed, that's a good thing, especially for AHS members. It means it's time to collect some to send in to the AHS Members-Only Seed Exchange. Those who donate seeds to the program get first pick of the entire catalog of seeds on offer next January. The deadline to send in seeds is November 1. Look for more details and a submission form in the September/October issue of this magazine.

## HONORING GREAT AMERICAN GARDENERS AWARD WINNERS AND SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR 2018

ON JUNE 8, the AHS presented the 2017 Great American Gardeners Awards at its River Farm headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia. These awards, which the Society has presented since the 1950s, recognize outstanding achievements in various horticultural fields such as landscape design, plant breeding, and teaching.



Allen Bush, 2017 recipient of the Paul Ecke Jr. Commercial Award, with AHS Interim Executive Director Holly H. Shimizu, left, and AHS Board Chair Amy Bolton, right, at River Farm in June.

"These individuals, businesses, and organizations represent American gardening at its best," says **Holly H. Shimizu**, chair of the AHS awards committee and Interim Executive Director, "and each has helped the Society fulfill its vision of 'Making America a Nation of Gardeners, a Land of Gardens.'"

The Society also honored five recipients of the AHS Book Award. This award has been presented since 1997 to exceptional books that are relevant to American gardeners.

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2018 Great American Gardeners Awards. For more details about the award categories and how to submit nominations, please see page 11.

## GARDEN GALA IN SEPTEMBER

THE AHS's annual Gala will take place on September 23 at its River Farm headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia. The **Honorable Donald S. Beyer, Jr.** and his wife, **Megan Beyer**, will be the honored guests at this black-tie-optional event, which this year is themed, "America's Garden Legacy: From Sea to Shining Sea." The evening will feature an elegant dinner in the gardens and a silent auction. Proceeds from the gala support the stewardship of River Farm and the Society's outreach programs. For more information about the gala, including advertising and sponsorship opportunities, call (703) 768-5700 ext. 127 or visit [www.ahsgardening.org/gala](http://www.ahsgardening.org/gala).



Donald S. Beyer, U.S. Representative for Virginia's 8th District, with his wife, Megan Beyer

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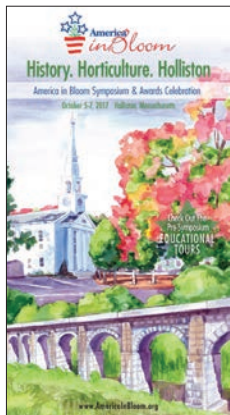
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## AMERICA IN BLOOM SYMPOSIUM COMING TO MASSACHUSETTS

AMERICA IN BLOOM (AIB) holds a friendly annual competition for communities across the country, designed to encourage beautification through plants and gardens. Winning towns and cities are announced at the AIB Symposium and Awards Celebration, for which the AHS has been a sponsoring organization for several years. This year's event will take place October 5 to 7 in Holliston, Massachusetts, where participants will enjoy presentations and tours pertinent to beautification efforts. Excursions include a walking tour of historic Holliston and a visit to the iconic Mount Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge. For more information or to register, visit [www.americainbloom.org](http://www.americainbloom.org). Early registration ends September 8.



### AHS NATIONAL EVENTS CALENDAR

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events that are sponsored or co-sponsored by the AHS. Visit [www.ahsgardening.org](http://www.ahsgardening.org) or call (703) 768-5700 for more information.

- AUG. 5. **Tree Fest.** River Farm, Alexandria, VA. (AHS partner event.)
- SEPT. 5–15. **Gardens of Genoa, the Italian Riviera & Florence.** AHS Travel Study Program.
- SEPT. 23. **AHS Annual Gala.** River Farm, Alexandria, VA.
- OCT. 5–7. **America in Bloom Symposium and Awards Program.** Holliston, MA. (AHS partner event.)



- OCT. 12–26. **9th Annual AHS Online Auction.** National.
- OCT. 30–NOV. 8. **Gardens of Argentina: Buenos Aires, Mendoza & Salta** (with optional post-tour to Iguaza Falls, Nov. 8–10). AHS Travel Study Program.
- DEC. 1–22. **Indoor Holiday Display.** River Farm, Alexandria, VA.
- DEC. 9. **Holiday Open House.** River Farm, Alexandria, VA.

#### 2018

- JAN. 6–28. **Gardens, Wine & Wilderness: A Tour of New Zealand.** AHS Travel Study Program.

## COALITION OF AMERICAN PLANT SOCIETIES ANNUAL MEETING

THE COALITION of American Plant Societies (CAPS) meets annually to share ideas about increasing public awareness of plant societies. This year's meeting, jointly coordinated by the American Dahlia Society and the American Horticultural Society, took place on May 17 and 18 at the headquarters of Ball Horticultural Company in West Chicago, Illinois. **Anna Ball**, president & CEO of Ball Horticultural, welcomed the group, which also received a tour of the company's seed processing facilities. Authors **Shawna Coronado** and **Maria Zampini** gave presentations, as did **Tom Underwood**, executive director of the Friends of Birmingham Botanical Gardens in Alabama. This garden in Birmingham will host the 2018 CAPS meeting.

## TREE CELEBRATION EVENT AT RIVER FARM

ON AUGUST 5 at River Farm, the AHS will host Tree Fest, the final event for the TREE Fund's 2017 Stihl Tour des Trees bicycle race. From 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the community is invited to cheer on the Tour riders and celebrate all things trees. In addition to family-friendly crafts and demonstrations, Toronto arborist and veteran Tour cyclist **Warren Hoselton**, aka **Professor Elwood Pricklethorn**, will give an interactive presentation for kids. He



Toronto-based arborist Warren Hoselton, in his persona as Professor Elwood Pricklethorn, shows a group of kids how to plant a tree.

will explain how trees grow, where and how to plant a tree, and how to care for trees in the world. There also will be a ceremonial planting of a Liberty Tree, a tulip poplar propagated from the last surviving Liberty Tree of the Revolutionary War that was felled in 1999 in Annapolis, Maryland. For further details, visit [www.ahsgardening.org/treefest](http://www.ahsgardening.org/treefest). To find information about all Tour des Trees events, go to [www.stihltourdestrees.org](http://www.stihltourdestrees.org).

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