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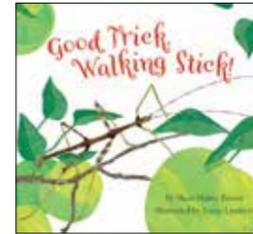
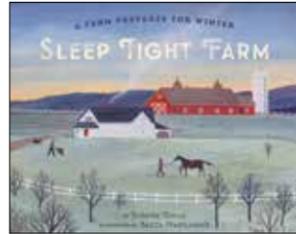
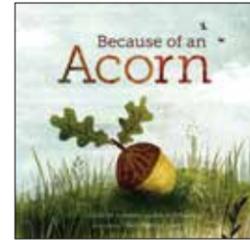
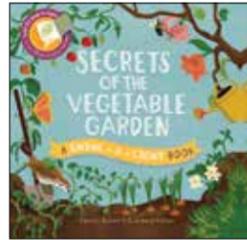
# News from the AHS

September / October 2017

PROGRAMS • EVENTS • ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GROWING GOOD KIDS CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARDS

SINCE 2005, the Junior Master Gardener Program and the American Horticultural Society (AHS) have honored engaging, inspiring works of plant, garden and ecology-themed children's literature through the annual "Growing Good Kids—Excellence in Children's Literature Awards." The awards selection committee includes AHS staff members, Junior Master Gardener specialists and coordinators, teachers, youth leaders,



and kids. The committee's goal is to recognize children's books that are especially effective at promoting an understanding of, and appreciation for, gardening, nature, and the environment.

The 2017 winners of the Growing Good Kids Book awards are: **Secrets of The Vegetable Garden**, by Carron Brown, illustrated by Giordano Poloni; **Because of an Acorn**, by Lola M. Schaefer and Adam Schaefer, illustrated by Fran Preston-Gannon; **Sleep Tight Farm**, by Eugenie Doyle, illustrated by Becca Stadlander; **Good Trick, Walking Stick!**, by Sheri Mabry Bestor, illustrated by Jonny Lambert; and **The Night Gardener**, by Terry Fan and Eric Fan.

This year's winners received their awards in July during the AHS's National Children & Youth Gardening Symposium in the greater Portland, Oregon, and Vancouver, Washington, area. To learn more about the Growing Good

Kids awards and view previous winners, visit [www.jmgkids.us/bookawards](http://www.jmgkids.us/bookawards).

## AHS JOINS OUTDOORS ALLIANCE FOR KIDS

THE AHS recently joined Outdoors Alliance for Kids (OAK), a national partnership of organizations and businesses that share a common interest in connecting children, youth, and families with the outdoors. "We are excited to be a part of this diverse coalition, whose goals dovetail so closely with our own focus on getting kids involved with plants and gardening," says **Nora MacDonald**, AHS's Associate Director of Membership and Member Programs.

OAK's mission is to advocate for equitable and readily available opportunities to connect with the outdoors. The coalition's 100 member organizations—which include the Sierra Club, the American Heart Association, Seed Your Future, and the Children & Nature Network—are brought together by the belief that the wellness of current and future generations, the health of our planet and communities, and the economy of the future are all reliant on ensuring that people have a personal,

## Seed-Saving Time

Remember to submit your seeds for the 2018 AHS Seed Exchange. Turn to page 61 to find a submission form and information on how to participate in this popular annual AHS member program.

direct, and life-long relationship with nature and the outdoors.

One of OAK's signature initiatives is the Every Kid in a Park program, in which every fourth grader in America can obtain a pass for free entry into more than 2,000 federally managed sites nationwide for an entire year. The program's goal is to inspire a new generation to become stewards of our nation's cultural and natural heritage.

To learn more about OAK and how to become involved, visit [www.outdoorsallianceforkids.org](http://www.outdoorsallianceforkids.org).

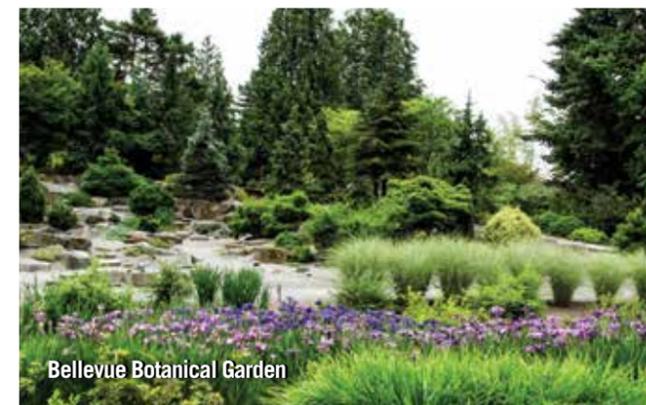
## ONLINE AUCTION IN OCTOBER

THROUGH AN annual online auction, the AHS offers personal tours of some of the finest gardens in America, led by notable horticulturists and other experts. This year, bidding on auction items begins on October 12 and runs through October 26.

Among the destinations for this year's tour packages are the Coastal Maine Botanical Garden in Boothbay, Maine (led by President and CEO **William Cullina**); Bellevue Botanical Garden in Bellevue, Washington (led by Garden Manager **Nancy Kartes**); the Biltmore Estate & Gardens in Asheville, North Carolina (led



Sarah P. Duke Gardens



Bellevue Botanical Garden

TOP: RICK FISHER, COURTESY OF SARAH P. DUKE GARDENS. BOTTOM: COURTESY OF BELLEVUE BOTANICAL GARDEN

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by Director of Horticulture **Parker Andes**); Quarryhill Botanical Garden in Glen Ellen (led by Executive Director **Bill McNamara**), California; and the Sarah P. Duke Gardens in Durham, North Carolina (led by Executive Director **Bill LeFevre**).

Each unique auction package is for four guests and includes a personal tour of the garden guided by a horticulturist or garden director, lunch at the garden (usually with the guide), and additional items such as access to behind-the-scenes areas, gift-shop discounts, and more.

Proceeds of the auction will support the Society's national education and outreach programs and the stewardship of River Farm. More details about the individual auction destinations are available at [www.ahsgardening.org/online-auction](http://www.ahsgardening.org/online-auction).

## NATIONAL POLLINATOR GARDEN NETWORK MEETING AT RIVER FARM

THE AHS will host the third annual meeting of the National Pollinator Garden Network (NPGN) at its River Farm headquarters in Virginia on October 14. Along with the AHS, more than 50



partnership organizations belong to NPGN, which is a collaborative effort to inspire the creation of pollinator habitat through sustainable gardening practices and habitat conservation.

One major focus for the group is its Million Pollinator Garden Challenge, a campaign that encourages people to create and register gardens that support pollinators. At the annual meeting, representatives from participating organizations will strategize about expanding awareness of this effort and other promotional initiatives.

Visit [www.millionpollinatorgardens.org](http://www.millionpollinatorgardens.org) for more information about NPGN and registering a garden.

## RIVER FARM BECOMES CERTIFIED WILDLIFE HABITAT

IN AUGUST, the National Wildlife Federation officially granted the status of Certified Wildlife Habitat to River Farm, the AHS's 25-acre headquarters in Virginia along the banks of the Potomac River. To achieve this designation, a space must meet a set of criteria such as employing sustainable practices and providing sources of water, food, and shelter to wildlife.



Associate Director of Gardens and Facilities Dan Scott poses by a sign identifying River Farm as a certified wildlife habitat.

“This certification reflects the AHS’s commitment to encouraging environmentally-friendly gardening practices on a national scale,” says Associate Director of Gardens and Facilities Dan Scott. “River Farm models how gardeners can attract and support wildlife through its four-acre meadow, wildlife garden, and diverse mix of plants.”

For more information about this certification program, visit [www.nwf.org/Garden-For-Wildlife.aspx](http://www.nwf.org/Garden-For-Wildlife.aspx).



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## 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.

OCT. 5–7. **America in Bloom Symposium and Awards Program.**

Holliston, MA. (AHS partner event.)

OCT. 6. **Great Plants Symposium.** Sturbridge, 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. (*Wait list only.*)

APR. 13 & 14. **Spring Garden Market.** River Farm, Alexandria, VA.

## AHS MEMBERS ELIGIBLE FOR TGOA/MGCA PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

THROUGH A special partnership with the Gardeners of America/Men’s Garden Clubs of America (TGOA/MGCA), the AHS’s members are eligible to participate in the group’s annual photography contest. The winning images from each year’s competition are featured in calendars produced by TGOA/MGCA. Visit [www.tgoa-mgca.org](http://www.tgoa-mgca.org) to find out how to enter.

## THREE BOARD MEMBERS RECENTLY PASS AWAY

THREE PAST and present AHS Board of Directors members passed away this summer. **Charles Henry (Bee) Smith, Jr.**, who was a Board member from 1996 to 2001 and then served on the AHS Advisory Council for many years, died on July 24 at age 96. Another former Board member, **Gerald T. Halpin**, passed away on August 14 at age 94. A well-known Washington, D.C.-area developer, he served on the Board from 1990 to 1996 and was also a longtime River Farm neighbor. Also on August 14, AHS Board member **Thomas E. Johnson** died at age 62. A prominent Washington D.C.-area architect specializing in the preservation of historic buildings, Johnson had been on the Board since 2014.

*News written by AHS staff.*