Common Ground: Gardens for a Greener Tomorrow

The American Horticultural Society’s 17th Annual

National Children & Youth Garden Symposium

July 23–25, 2009 • Cleveland, Ohio
Hosted by Cleveland Botanical Garden
During the Symposium, participants will enjoy a theatrical production of the Cleveland-based book Seedfolks by Newbery Award-winning author Paul Fleischman. Seedfolks tells the story of an impromptu community garden in a diverse Cleveland neighborhood and how the simple act of growing vegetables and flowers on common ground brought people together.

This engaging show is produced by Jimmie Woody, a professional actor, director, and teaching artist, who works with diverse age groups and cultures throughout Cleveland and New York. Currently a drama teacher at Cuyahoga Community College, Jimmie has also taught at the Cleveland School of the Arts, East High School, Cleveland Heights High School, and the High School for Global Citizenship in Brooklyn, New York.

Neither we garden in a rural or urban setting, in a vacant lot or on a verdant plot, we all work with plants. Our diversity in age, gender, ethnicity, religious affiliation, and education only make the experience richer. The simple truth is that gardens offer a level playing field, a safe haven, a place for sharing seeds, traditions, and ideas, a common ground for humankind.

Join leading national children's and youth gardening experts, teachers, parents, volunteers, and the youth themselves to explore how gardens bring together diverse communities and foster curiosity, wonder, beauty, understanding, and acceptance. With more than 30 educational sessions featuring youth programs and children’s gardens from across the nation—as well as an in-depth exploration of Cleveland Botanical Garden’s youth gardening initiatives—the 2009 National Children & Youth Garden Symposium is the place for educators, garden designers, youth program leaders, and children’s gardening advocates to gather to share ideas and learn how gardens can create common ground for bringing communities together.

Through creative education and outreach, Cleveland Botanical Garden is helping to shape the next generation by introducing youth to the beauty and wonder of plants through self-guided experiences, classes, and work immersion programs. A 10-acre urban garden, the Garden is rich in horticultural beauty and diversity. Highlights include the Eleanor Armstrong Smith Glasshouse, a spectacular 18,000-square-foot conservatory, a rose and a Japanese garden, and the Western Reserve Herb Society Herb Garden—one of the world’s premier public herb gardens. And for the child in all of us, there is the Hershey Children’s Garden, celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2009.

Symposium participants will have the opportunity to explore the Garden’s programs and collections through first-hand experiences, educational sessions, and tours. The Garden’s staff and volunteers are excited to show off all Cleveland has to offer, so plan on arriving early to take part in the Wednesday afternoon pre-Symposium workshop “Enliven a Space with Environmental Art” and stay through the end when we extend the experience to Cleveland’s Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Located in University Circle, the Garden is surrounded by other notable cultural attractions including the Children’s Museum of Cleveland, the Cleveland Museum of Art, and the Cleveland Natural History Museum, which participants will be able to explore during their stay.
annually recognizes qualifying titles published in the previous year. The Growing Good Kids—Excellence in Children’s Literature Award plant-, garden-, and ecology-themed children’s literature. This unique book award program debuted in 2005 with the one-time designation of “Classics,” jointly by the National Junior Master Gardener Program and the American Horticultural Society, these awards honor engaging and inspiring works of

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Outstanding Achievement in Children’s & Youth Gardening

In 1999, the Board of Directors of the American Horticultural Society established the Jane L. Taylor Award to recognize an individual, organization, or program that has inspired and nurtured future horticulturists through efforts in children’s and youth gardening. The 2009 winner of the Jane L. Taylor Award is Shawn Akard, the outdoor education coordinator for Hollin Meadows Science and Math Focus School in Alexandria, Virginia. The school’s Outdoor Education Program began in 2005 as a volunteer effort to beautify school grounds by planting native Virginia species. Under Akard’s leadership, it has grown to include numerous working gardens that serve as active outdoor classrooms for 600 students and a resource for the community at large. This program is serving as a successful model and Akard is working with other local schools to establish their own children’s gardening programs.

Growing Good Kids—Excellence in Children’s Literature Awards

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 22
11:30 am – 8:00 pm  Symposium Registration
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm  Pre-Symposium Workshop – Enliven a Space with Environmental Art (pre-registration required)

THURSDAY, JULY 23
7:30 am – 11:00 am  Symposium Registration
8:00 am – 9:00 am  Continental Breakfast
9:00 am – 9:30 am  Welcome and Symposium Opening
9:30 am – 10:30 am  General Session
Opening Keynote: Will Allen
Growing Food in the Heart of the City
10:30 am – 11:00 am  Break
11:00 am – 12:30 pm  Concurrent Educational Sessions
• The Pond Is NOT A Jacuzzi and Other Implied Rules
  Megan Croswell, Janelle Leonard, Jami McGarry, and Bernadette Whithworth
• Building a Sustainable K-12 Garden
  Michael O’Loughlin
• Empowering Approaches to Plant-Based Learning
  Jacob Gold
• The D. Landreth Seed Company and the Story of America’s Greatest Seed Houses
  Barbara Melera
• Sharing Wonder and Imagination
  Tres Fromme and Janet Schroeder
• Children’s Literature as a Doorway to the Garden
  Claudia McVicker
• The D. Landreth Seed Company and the Story of America’s Greatest Seed Houses
  Barbara Melera
• How to Grow a Successful Children’s Gardening Program
  Anita Wesler, Sammie Winick, and Lynn Zocolo
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm  Lunch
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm  Poster Session
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm  Concurrent Educational Sessions
• Designing Gardens for Children of All Ages
  Jennifer Bakshi
• The Pond Project: Children Constructing a Water Habitat
  Scott Brouette
• Grounds for Understanding: A Special Science Curriculum
  Guenn Fried and Katherine Levy
• Creating Sustainable Common Ground for Children
  Renee Byrd, Mary Haque, Susannah Horton, and Lolly Tai
• The Engagement Zone: Design Lessons from Children’s Environments
  Carol Krawczyk
• Incorporating Plants into the Classroom Curriculum
  Lisa Davis
• Cultivate Creativity!
  Dar Hosta
• Sensory Gardens for Special Needs Children
  Karin Kincaid and Janeen Wright
3:30 pm – 6:30 pm  Garden Explorations—Hershey Children’s Garden and Cleveland Botanical Garden
Panel Discussion, Self-guided Tours, Activity Stations
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm  Reception and Dinner at Cleveland Botanical Garden

FRIDAY, JULY 24
7:30 am – 11:00 am  Symposium Registration
8:00 am – 9:00 am  Continental Breakfast
9:00 am – 10:00 am  Presentation of 2009 Growing Good Kids Book Award and Preview of 2010 Symposium
10:00 am – 10:30 am  Break
10:30 am – 12:00 pm  Concurrent Educational Sessions
• Decoding the Design Process: Taking Away the Mystery
  Cindy Tyler
• Easy to Use Camp Ideas
  Dave Francis
• Cool Kid Plants
  Norm Lownds
• How to Fit a Children’s Garden into the School Year
  Karin Kincaid and Janeen Wright
• Capturing the Garden
  Tammy Macey and David Pippin
• The Story Garden: A Small Space with a Big Idea
  Nancy Hargrave and Julie Shapiro
• How Well Does Your Garden Grow?
  Evaluating Children’s Garden Programs
  Claire Oberst, Lisa Packard, and Verna Vander Kooi
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm  Lunch
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm  Garden Explorations—Green Corps Learning Gardens

Evening on your own

SATURDAY, JULY 25
7:30 am – 11:00 am  Symposium Registration
8:00 am – 9:00 am  Continental Breakfast
9:00 am – 9:15 am  Break
9:15 am – 10:45 am  Concurrent Educational Sessions
• Adventures in the Storybook Garden
  Jessica Albright
• Magical Moons & Seasonal Circles
  Susan Betz
• Growing Up WILD!
  Josetta Hawthorne
• From Curiosity to Inquiry
  Sue Suratt and Margaret Weiss
• Gardening Without Borders—Creating a Diverse Community in Your Garden
  Lorien MacAuley
• Junior Plant Scientist
  Norm Lownds
• We Are THIS Much Old!
  Ian Warnock
10:45 am – 11:00 am  Break
11:00 am – 12:30 pm  Concurrent Educational Sessions
• Sustainable Landscapes for Integrated Learning
  Charlotte Albers
• GreenBridges: Safe Passage for Plants and Pollinators
  Karin Kincaid and Janeen Wright
• Whither Weathering: Rocking Around the Garden
  Jeanne Bystricky and Jane Tuth
• A Garden at Every School
  Stu Nunnery and Kurt Van Dexter
• The Whole Garden as a Children’s Garden
  Eileen Prendergast and Tracy Warwick
• Plant Programs with Cross-curricular Connections
  Melissa Crist
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm  Lunch
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm  General Session
  Theatrical Production of Seedfolks
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm  Symposium Closing
3:30 pm – 9:30 pm  Optional Post-Symposium Trip—Rock and Roll Hall of Fame followed by dinner at Great Lakes Brewing Company (pre-registration required)

A detailed description of the Concurrent Educational Sessions can be found at www.ahs.org.
MEETING FACILITIES
The Symposium will be headquartered at Cleveland Botanical Garden and the neighboring Case Western Reserve University. Registrants will receive a campus map and directions with their Symposium confirmation.

LODGING
There are two lodging options for Symposium attendees: the Case Western Reserve University’s residence hall and the Glidden House Inn. The residence hall is three blocks from the Garden and Glidden House Inn is across the street from the Garden.

A block of rooms has been reserved in the Case Western Reserve University’s The Village at 115 residence hall, which features apartment-style rooms. The residence hall offers single air-conditioned rooms with private bathrooms. The residence hall rooms are available at either a three- or four-night package rate. The three-night package rate is available at $160 per person single. The four-night package is $215 per person single. The residence hall package is available for arrivals starting on Wednesday, July 22 and the latest departure being Sunday, July 26. The residence hall includes a linen package with two sheets, a light blanket, a pillow and pillowcase, two towels, and a washcloth.

Reservations for the residence hall are made on the Symposium registration form. The deadline for requesting residence hall lodging is June 30.

The Glidden House Inn is offering a special rate of $139 per night single/double occupancy for reservations made by June 23. There are a limited number of rooms available, so make your reservations early. After June 23, reservations at this special rate are subject to availability. When making your reservation, ask for the National Children & Youth Garden Symposium room block.

Glidden House Inn
1901 Ford Drive
Cleveland, OH 44106
(216) 231-8900

REGISTRATION
AHS members receive a discount on Symposium registration. For non-members, a full Symposium registration includes an AHS membership.

The early full registration fee is $320. AHS members receive a discounted rate of $285. Full registration includes admission to all programs, continental breakfast and lunch each day, and dinner on Thursday. Daily registrations are also available. Student registration rates are available for full Symposium registration and only apply to attendees who are currently full-time students. For early registrants, the pre-Symposium workshop is $45. The optional trip to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame is $75, which includes transportation, admission, and dinner. Registrations received after June 1 will be charged the regular rate of $340 and $305 for members, if available. Register early—space is limited.

Registrations received by July 15 will be confirmed by e-mail unless otherwise requested. Registrations after July 15 will be confirmed by phone or e-mail.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS
A full refund, less a $50 processing fee, will be made if requested in writing prior to June 20. No refunds will be made after June 21.

POSTER SESSION
The Symposium will include a poster session. The interactive portion of the poster session will be on Thursday, July 23 from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm. The posters will remain on display throughout the Symposium. If you would like to showcase an activity or program through a poster, please download the poster session proposal form from www.ahs.org. The deadline for poster proposals is June 15.

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS
Participants are eligible for CEUs and graduate credits. Visit www.ahs.org for more information.

SPECIAL NEEDS
Please indicate on your registration form any special services needed.

Have questions or need more information? Visit www.ahs.org, e-mail youthprograms@ahs.org, or call (703) 768-5700 ext. 132.

The AHS would like to thank the following Symposium sponsors:
2009 AHS National Children & Youth Garden Symposium

Mr. □ Mrs. □ Ms. □ Other □ Name _____________________________

Organization or Institution _______________________________________

Address _______________________________________________________

City __________________________________ State __________ Zip __________

This address is: □ home □ work □ E-mail _____________________________

Home phone ___________________________ Work phone __________________

I will be staying at: □ Glidden House Inn □ Residence Hall □ Other ________

I am a presenter: □ poster session □ educational session

Do you want your full contact information to be included in the attendees listing? □ Yes □ No

Full Symposium Registration
(includes Thursday—Saturday, except optional activities)

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Pre-Symposium Workshop: "Enliven a Space with Environmental Art"

|                      | $ 45                         | $ 55        |

Post-Symposium Trip to Rock and Roll Hall of Fame

|                | $ 75                         | $ 85        |

LODGING (must be requested by June 30)

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PAYMENT

□ Check (payable to AHS) □ Credit Card

Card number ___________________________ Exp. date ___________________________

Signature _____________________________

TOTAL ENCLOSED

$ ______________________________

EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

KEY: Please select one “A” and one “B” session on Thursday and Saturday. Select one “A” session for Friday.

A detailed description of the sessions can be found at www.ahs.org.

THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY
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A1 | A13 | A19 |
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SPECIAL NEEDS □ Vegetarian Meals □ Other ______________________________

THREE WAYS TO REGISTER

1. ONLINE: Visit www.ahs.org
2. FAX: (703) 768-7533
3. MAIL TO: American Horticultural Society, Attention: NCYGS Registration, 7931 East Boulevard Drive, Alexandria, VA 22308

Attendee Demographics

To assist the AHS in writing grants to support the Symposium, please tell us about yourself.

I am a (check all that apply):

□ Garden Designer/Landscape Architect
□ Horticulturist
□ Garden Club Member
□ Educator
□ Classroom
□ Home School
□ Extension
□ Informal (zoo, museum, public garden)
□ University
□ Youth Group (4-H, Scouts)

How many youth do you work with in a calendar year?

□ I do not work with youth directly
□ < 100
□ 100–500
□ 501–1,000
□ 1,001–2,500
□ 2,501–5,000
□ 5,001–10,000
□ Other ___________________________

How many times have you attended the NCYGS prior to 2009?

□ I am a first-time attendee
□ ________ years

I am a presenter:

□ poster session
□ educational session

Do you want your full contact information to be included in the attendees listing? □ Yes □ No