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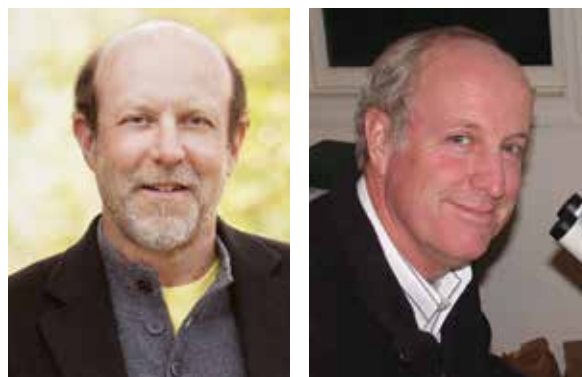
News from the AHS

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PROGRAMS • EVENTS • ANNOUNCEMENTS

GARDENING WEBINARS OFFERED THROUGH COLLABORATION WITH NEW DIRECTIONS IN THE AMERICAN LANDSCAPE

WE ARE PLEASED to announce that the AHS is cosponsoring a series of online educational webinars with New Directions in the American Landscape (NDAL), a Pennsylvania-based nonprofit organization known for its focus on ecological landscape design.



Webinar instructors include NDAL founder Larry Weaner, above left, and ecologist Douglas Tallamy, above right.

The webinar series, titled “Ecology and the Residential Landscape: At Home with Nature,” begins May 28 and runs through June 23. The instructors—who include award-winning author and ecologist **Douglas Tallamy**, landscape architect and NDAL founder **Larry Weaner**, and others—will illustrate landscaping concepts and techniques that can help make our gardens more ecologically sound and enjoyable to experience. Some of the sessions are available for a fee, while others are free.

Under the direction of Weaner, NDAL has been a pioneering influence on the practice of ecological landscape design since 1990. The centerpiece of NDAL's programming has been its annual symposium, which has featured some of the leading voices in the industry over the years, including Tallamy, Ian McHarg, and Carol Franklin.

Tallamy, a professor at the University of Delaware and author of several books on ecological gardening, says NDAL's approach to design is based on the idea that “guiding natural processes rather than fighting them is the key to creating healthier landscapes and happier gardeners.” To register for the webinar series, visit the NDAL website at www.ndal.org.

GREAT AMERICAN GARDENERS AWARD WINNERS PROVIDE VIDEO ACCEPTANCE SPEECHES

UNDER NORMAL circumstances, the AHS's Great American Gardeners Awards are presented to the winners at a celebration held at the Society's River Farm headquarters.



Because of the pandemic, this year's ceremony, originally scheduled for June 18, had to be canceled. Instead, we'll be honoring the award winners from all around the country by way of video acceptance speeches that will be released on our website and social media starting in late May.

“While we are disappointed not to be able to honor our 2020 award winners in person, we are pleased to be able to highlight their exceptional achievements in American horticulture and share their acceptance speeches with American gardeners,” says **Holly Shimizu**, an AHS Board member and chair of the Great American Gardeners Awards Committee. For more on the 2020 award winners, visit our website at <https://ahsgardening.org/awardwinners>.

TOP LEFT: KIM SOKOLOFF; COURTESY OF NDAL. TOP RIGHT: COURTESY OF DOUGLAS TALLAMY

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Springtime at River Farm



Native eastern bluestar (*Amsonia tabernaemontana*) blooms in clumps in the André Bluemel Meadow at River Farm.

NATIONAL CHILDREN & YOUTH GARDEN SYMPOSIUM



NCYGS 2020 GOES VIRTUAL JULY 8–10

Previously scheduled to take place in Santa Cruz, California, the 28th annual National Children & Youth Garden Symposium (NCYGS) will be shifting this year from an in-person event to a virtual one. Like so many other event organizers around the world, the American Horticultural Society has been forced to pause and pivot in this era of COVID-19 and the accompanying “stay at home” orders.

NCYGS is a professional development event, held annually in a different city each year, that brings together garden educators, administrators, designers, and others who work with youth in garden spaces. The location for the 2020 symposium was selected in advance of, and announced at, the 2019 event. Preparations were well under way with local host organization Life Lab for a robust symposium schedule that was to include tours and workshops at some of outstanding garden sites on and around the campus of the University of California at Santa Cruz.

Instead, NCYGS will be offered July 8 to 10 as a collection of live and pre-recorded webinars that will approximate the in-person symposium experience as much as possible. The meat of the symposium has always been the peer-led educational sessions; this year, many previously selected lectures and workshops will be prerecorded and viewable as on-demand content. One general session daily will be live, interactive content. **Of/By/For All**, a non-profit organization that provides tools to help civic and cultural organizations, will deliver a workshop on relevance and public value focusing on sharing inspiring stories and practical tools to help organizations navigate this crisis in partnership with communities and come out stronger for it. **Susan E. Yoder**, Executive Director of Seed Your Future, will moderate a panel discussion sharing novel ideas for engaging middle and high school students.

The silver lining of this shift in platforms is the ability to deliver a more sustainable professional development event with a significantly decreased carbon footprint. With support from sponsors **Ball Horticulture**, **Longwood Gardens**, **Terra Design LLC**, **National Garden Clubs Inc.**, and **Dr. Erich E. Veitenheimer and Mr. Andrew Cariso**, we are looking forward to offering high-quality educational content at a low price point making NCYGS accessible for many more educators than normal.

Visit <https://ahsgardening.org/gardening-programs/youth-gardening/ncygs/ncygs-2020/> for updates on the virtual symposium.



AHS NATIONAL AND LOCAL EVENTS CALENDAR

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

Because of the unpredictable timeline for the lifting of quarantine restrictions, please check our website and those of our partners for updates on the status of events for the remainder of the year.

MAY 28–JUNE 23 **New Directions in the American Landscape Webinar Series.** Virtual. www.ndal.org. (Partner event).

JUNE TBD **Great American Gardeners and AHS Book Awards Ceremony.** Virtual format.

JUNE 22–28 **National Pollinator Week.** (Partner event).

JULY 8–10 **National Children & Youth Garden Symposium.** Virtual format.

OCT. TBD **America in Bloom Symposium and Awards Program, Virtual format.** www.americainbloom.org. (Partner event).

OCT. TBD **Fall Garden Market.** River Farm, Alexandria, VA.

NOV. TBD **AHS Online Auction.** National.

DEC. 7–24 **Indoor Holiday Display.** River Farm, Alexandria, VA.

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JAN. 9–31 **Gardens, Wine, and Wilderness: A Tour of New Zealand.** AHS Travel Study Program. <https://ahsgardening.org/gardening-programs/travel-study/gardens-wine-wilderness-a-tour-of-new-zealand>.

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Did you know you can easily search back issues of *The American Gardener* through our website and even gain early access to the most current issue before your copy arrives in the mail? You'll also find discount codes with AHS partner companies, links to discounted events, and more as new benefits pop up! Here are a few things to do to help access your member benefits online.

1. Create a username and password. This can be done from any page on our website (www.ahsgardening.org) by clicking on the Member Login in the top right corner and following the instructions.
2. If you have already done this and still aren't able to access benefits, e-mail us at membership@ahsgardening.org and we'll troubleshoot the problem with you.
3. Make sure @ahsgardening.org is marked as a **safe sender** within your e-mail provider to make ensure you are receiving timely communication from us or if you ever need to reset your password. If you still aren't getting our e-mails, please let us know and we can look into it further for you.

NEW AHS MEMBER BENEFIT

THANKS TO Princeton University Press, we're able to offer American Horticultural Society members a new benefit that's ideal for garden planning and planting season.



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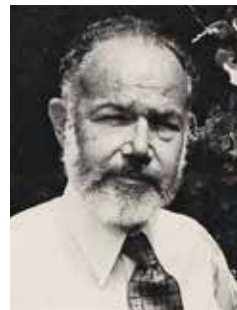
Current AHS members receive a 30 percent discount on all gardening books from the publisher. This includes *The Gardener's Botanical: An Encyclopedia of Latin Plant Names*, written by horticulturist Ross Bayton and published in February 2020. Other

discounted books include ones focused on pollinator gardening and wildflowers, among other topics.

To take advantage of this new benefit, AHS members can log in to the member portal and access the discount code. Non-members can join the AHS to start enjoying member benefits!

IN MEMORIAM GILBERT S. DANIELS

WE HAVE received word that Gilbert S. Daniels, who was president of the American Horticultural Society from 1978 to 1982, died on April 14, in Athens, Ohio.



Gilbert Daniels, 1980

Born in 1927 in Brooklyn, New York, Gilbert's lifelong love of horticulture and botany started at age seven when he became the youngest participant in the Brooklyn Botanic Garden children's program.

In 1944, he was one of 40 high school students from across the United States to be selected as a winner in the 3rd Annual Science Talent Search for the Westinghouse Scholarships.

The paper he submitted, titled "Research in the Drug Industry," focused on the future use of plants in pharmacology.

After serving with the armed forces during and after the Second World War, he worked in the computer industry for just over a decade, at which point he switched fields and earned a Ph.D. in botany at UCLA. In 1965, Gilbert joined the staff of the Hunt Botanical Library at Carnegie Mellon in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he served first as assistant director and then as director until his retirement in 1977.

Daniels met his second wife, Emily, while leading a botanical tour on the Amazon for the American Horticultural Society. For 30 years, the couple maintained a highly regarded garden in Indianapolis, Indiana. Photographs of their garden, collected by the Garden Club of America, are archived at the Smithsonian Institution.

A well-known editor and author of many horticultural and botanical publications, Daniels served in leadership roles in many organizations including the AHS, where he was an officer on the Board of Directors from 1969 to 1982. After serving as the organization's 24th president, he ended his tenure with the AHS as acting executive director in 1983.

(Editor's note: A column Daniels wrote for the earlier incarnation of this magazine, *American Horticulturist*, can be found via a link on the content page for this issue on our website.)

Written by AHS staff.