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News from the AHS

July / August 2020

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AHS GARDEN PARTY: "CELEBRATING TOGETHER: ARRIVING HOME"

THIS YEAR'S annual AHS fundraiser has been reinvented as a virtual "garden party" to be held Sunday, November 8, 2020. Join us for this special event, which will help usher in the fall holiday season and highlight the joy of celebrating together at home.

This year's honorary guest is celebrated interior designer, gardener, and bestselling author **James Farmer**, who will take us on a live tour of his beautiful south Georgia home and garden while sharing his favorite tips for seasonal entertaining, table design, and fall gardening—all served up with a large dose of his signature Southern charm and style.



Garden party honorary guest James Farmer, above left, and event moderator Monte Durham, above right.

Among the other notable guests is **Monte Durham**—the witty host of TLC's *Say Yes to the Dress: Atlanta*—who will help moderate the festivities live from the American Horticultural Society's River Farm headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia.

In addition to enjoying the live program, guests will have special access to recipes and gardening and flower arranging tips, participate in an online auction, and receive a signed copy of Farmer's newest book, *Arriving Home*. The event is being coordinated by co-chairs **Laura Dowling**, former chief White House florist, and **Drew Carioso**, artist and president of the Del Ray Artisans.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the stewardship of historic River Farm and support the AHS's national outreach programs. Information about tickets, sponsorship opportunities and the online auction can be found on the AHS website or by contacting **Susan Klejst**, vice president of development, at sklejst@ahsgardening.org.

NEW GARDENS JOIN RAP

THREE NEW public gardens have joined the AHS's Reciprocal Admissions Program (RAP), bringing the total number of participating gardens up to 345 gardens for 2020. The



International Peace Garden in Dunseith, North Dakota

new gardens are **Mercer Botanic Gardens** in Humble, Texas; the **International Peace Garden** in Dunseith, North Dakota, along the border with Canada; and **Lasdon Park and Arboretum** in Katonah, New York.

If you plan on visiting RAP gardens this summer, remember to take along your AHS membership card and call gardens in advance of your visit to verify hours of operation and admission guidelines.

TOP-LEFT: COURTESY OF JAMES FARMER. TOP-RIGHT: ANDREW SAMPŁAWSKI. COURTESY OF MONTE DURHAM. BOTTOM: COURTESY OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN



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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 regional guidelines for holding events are still in flux, please check our website and those of our partners for updates on the status of events for the remainder of the year.

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

Virtual format. (Note: Recordings of some

presentations will remain available online after the event.)

SEPT. 30–OCT. 2 **America in Bloom Symposium and Awards Program.** Virtual format. www.americainbloom.org.

(Partner event).

NOV. 8 **Garden Party Fundraiser.** Virtual format. River Farm, Alexandria, VA.

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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IN MEMORIAM: J. LANDON REEVE, IV

IT'S WITH great sadness we share news of the death of **John Landon Reeve, IV**, a longtime American Horticultural Society (AHS) Board member and a prominent leader of the horticultural industry in the greater Washington, D.C., area. Reeve, who died Monday, May 25, was 79 years old.

After graduating from the University of Maryland with a degree in ornamental horticulture, Reeve founded Chapel Valley Landscape Company in 1968. The company, based in Woodbine, Maryland, now has regional offices in Dulles, Virginia, and Canton, Georgia. Chapel Valley has been involved with many notable landscaping projects in the Baltimore/Washington, D.C., metro areas, including the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden and the Baltimore Inner Harbor.



J. Landon Reeve, IV

In addition to running a successful business, Reeve served as the past president to the Associated Landscape Contractors of America (now National Association of Landscape Professionals), the Landscape Contractors Association: MD, DC, VA, and the Maryland Nursery, Landscape and Greenhouse Association.

From 2006 to 2019, Reeve served on the AHS Board of Directors, for many of those years as treasurer. Chapel Valley has also been providing invaluable maintenance support at the AHS's River Farm headquarters for many years as an AHS Corporate Member. Earlier this year, Reeve was named the 2020 recipient of the AHS's Meritorious Service Award.

"It's impossible to overstate Landon's leadership and contributions to the horticultural industry," says AHS Board Chair **Erich Veitenheimer**. "Those of us who worked closely with him will always remember his passion for plants and the people who work with plants, his commitment to his family and community, and his generosity."

Because of restrictions related to the pandemic, a memorial service will be scheduled at a future date. Reeve's obituary can be seen here: www.harrywitzkefuneralhome.com/obituary/John-ReeveIV. In lieu of flowers, Reeve's family requests charitable contributions to the **American Horticultural Society** (<https://connect.ahsgardening.org/donate>) or the **Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation** (www.jdrf.org/donate).

News written by AHS Staff.

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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.

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Save the Date
Virtual Garden Party

November 8, 2020



Celebrate together with James Farmer, Honorary Chair

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