**TERRY HAYES IS NEW AHS BOARD CHAIR**

**IN SEPTEMBER, Terry Hayes** was named the Chair of the American Horticultural Society’s Board of Directors. Hayes, who has been an AHS Board member since 2016, lives in Woodinville, Washington, where she worked as an accountant for several years before following her passion for gardening to become proprietor of Dirty Hands Designs, which provides landscape design and coaching services to homeowners. Her experience with gardening nonprofits also includes stints as a board member for the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society and as a trustee for the Washington Garden Club. An AHS member since 2009, Hayes has visited gardens around the world as a regular participant in—and occasional host of—AHS Travel-Study programs.

**AHS COSPONSORS NEW WEBINAR SERIES STARTING IN JANUARY**

**WE ARE** very pleased to announce that the AHS is again partnering with New Directions in the American Landscape (NDAL) to cosponsor a series of professional and home gardener/educator virtual programs running from January to March 2021. Based in Glenside, Pennsylvania, NDAL is a non-profit organization focused on ecological design founded by landscape designer **Larry Weaner**.

The topics and featured speakers for the series are still being finalized, but among the presenters will be influential Dutch garden designer and plantsman **Piet Oudolf**; plant ecologist **Daniela Shebitz**, who’s a professor at Kean University in Union, New Jersey; **Ujjiji Davis**, a landscape architect with the SmithGroup in the greater Detroit area; and **Charles A. Birnbaum**, founder, president and CEO of The Cultural Landscape Foundation, headquartered in Washington, D.C.

For more details on the webinar series, please visit the NDAL website (www.ndal.org) or the AHS website (www.ahsgardening.org). Registration is open in November.

**A 30% DISCOUNT FROM PRINCETON UNIVERSITY PRESS**

**AS THE** holidays approach, give your friends—or yourself—the gift of books about gardening by taking advantage of a 30 percent discount available to AHS members through our arrangement with Princeton University Press (press.princeton.edu). Among the current books available from Princeton is The Gardener’s Botanical, which New York Times writer Margaret Roach praised in a recent column. Just enter promo code AHS30 at checkout to receive the discount.

**BRENT AND BECKY’S BLOOMIN’ BUCKS**

**PLANTING BULBS** in autumn is a great way to ensure a colorful spring garden. And now, through Brent and Becky’s Bulbs Bloomin’ Bucks program, there’s a way to enhance your garden while at the same time supporting the AHS’s outreach programs.

A family-owned mail-order bulb supplier based in Gloucester, Virginia, Brent and Becky’s Bulbs created Bloomin’ Bucks, a progressive fundraising program that allows the company’s customers to support nonprofits of their choice through a percentage of their purchases. When checking out, just mention that you would like your order to benefit the AHS, and 25 percent of the total amount you spend will go to the AHS. This
As mentioned in “Notes from River Farm,” the January/February 2021 issue of this magazine will not be mailed to members, but will be available via our digital magazine platform. This cost-saving measure, necessitated by revenue losses resulting from the pandemic, dovetails with the AHS’s goal of environmental sustainability by saving paper, ink, and the fuel used in shipping those magazines to homes around the country.

If you have not previously accessed the online version of the magazine, instructions on how to create an AHS account and access the magazine will be available on the AHS website (www.ahsgardening.org) in January. You will also be able to access all past issues of the magazine.

Regular mailing of the printed copy of the magazine will resume with the March/April 2021 issue.
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VIRTUAL GARDEN PARTY RESCHEDULED FOR SPRING 2021

The AHS’s Virtual Garden Party, originally scheduled in November as a replacement for our annual fundraising gala, has been rescheduled for spring 2021. “By postponing the event until the spring, we are optimistic that in addition to a virtual component that gives us a tour of extraordinary gardens both here and abroad, we’ll be able to feature a live program direct from River Farm,” says Laura Dowling, chair of the Spring Garden Party.

Thank you to those who graciously purchased tickets for or sponsored the event; these will be honored for the rescheduled date. We’ll be announcing additional details about the rescheduled event and a spring date soon.

News written by AHS Staff.