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# News from the AHS

## January / February 2021

PROGRAMS • EVENTS • ANNOUNCEMENTS

### AHS COSPONSORS WEBINAR SERIES WITH NDAL

WE ARE PLEASED to announce that the AHS is co-sponsor of New Directions in the American Landscape (NDAL)'s Ecology-Based Landscapes virtual series for Home Gardeners and Educators, 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**.



Piet Oudolf will be among the webinar participants

In addition to Weaner, presenters and participants include influential Dutch garden designer and plantsman **Piet Oudolf**; **Jillian Bell**, program coordinator for Audubon Connecticut and New York's Bird Friendly Communities; **Sama Mirghavami**, who is the garden specialist at the Edible Schoolyard Project in Berkeley, California; and **Clayton Brascoupe**, founder and director of the Traditional Native American Farming Association in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

AHS members are eligible for an \$8 discount on the \$28 priced webinars in the Home Gardener series. Register now and enter code **member20** to receive the discount. For more details on the webinar series, or to register, please visit [www.ndal.org](http://www.ndal.org).

### GARDEN WEBINARS WITH KERRY MENDEZ

THE AHS is also cosponsoring two educational webinars—on January 23 and February 13—being offered by **Kerry Mendez** of Perennially Yours. Mendez is a garden designer, speaker, and author based in Kennebunk, Maine. The first webinar on January 23 at 11:00 a.m. (EST) is titled "Power Up Garden Beauty; Power Down Garden Maintenance." Then on February 13 at 11:00 a.m. (EST), join Mendez for a presentation titled "Heavenly Plants for Tough Spots and Hellstrips."



Each one-hour webinar includes four pages of lecture notes, as well as CEU form for Master Gardeners and green industry professionals. After each live broadcast, the lectures will be available—after 72 hours—online, so participants can watch anytime at their convenience, and as many times as they want. For more information visit [www.pyours.com](http://www.pyours.com).

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## NEW RAP GARDENS IN 2021

SEVEN NEW GARDENS have joined the AHS's Reciprocal Admissions Program in 2021, bringing the program's national participation to more than 330 public gardens that offer free visitation and other benefits to AHS members. The new gardens offer broad geographic representation from states on the West Coast, deep South, Mid-Atlantic, and Southeast.

Joining the RAP are the **UCLA Mildred E. Mathias Botanical Garden**, Los Angeles, CA; the **Will Rogers Garden**, Oklahoma City, OK; the **John Fairey Garden**, Hempstead, TX; **Reynolda Gardens of Wake Forest University**, Winston



Reynolda Gardens of Wake Forest University

## Access Member Benefits Online!

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](http://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](mailto:membership@ahsgardening.org) and we'll troubleshoot the problem with you.
3. Make sure [ahsgardening.org](mailto: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.

[www.ahsgardening.org](http://www.ahsgardening.org)

## Colonial Williamsburg's 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Garden Symposium



CELEBRATE PLANET  
EARTH:

*Giving Back with Our Gardens*



April 22-25, 2021

In recognition of Earth Day on April 22, we invite you to join us *virtually* from your home or garden, as we examine garden designs, gardening practices, and plant choices that embrace nature yet beautify the landscape. Renowned guest speakers and Colonial Williamsburg horticultural staff will share some of their best practices for creating gardens that are sustainable and earth-friendly. While we may not be able to gather in person for the conference, each registrant will receive a multi-day ticket to enjoy our historic and iconic gardens during a future visit!

To learn more, visit [colonialwilliamsburg.org/learn/conferences](http://colonialwilliamsburg.org/learn/conferences) or call 1-800-603-0948





## 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](http://www.ahsgardening.org) or call (703) 768-5700 for more information.

**Because guidelines for holding events are subject to change, please check our website for the most up-to-date information.**

JAN.–MAR. **Online Webinars hosted by New Directions in the American Landscape.** (AHS partner event)

JAN. 23. **Power Up Garden Beauty, Power Down Garden Maintenance.** Webinar. Perennially Yours. (AHS partner event)



FEB. 13. **Heavenly Plants for Tough Spots and Hellstrips.** Webinar. Perennially Yours. (AHS partner event)

APR. 13–24 **Discovering the Beauty of Bhutan.** AHS Travel Study Program. <https://ahsgardening.org/gardening-programs/travel-study/discovering-the-beauty-of-bhutan-land-of-the-thunder-dragon>.

APR. 22–25. **Colonial Williamsburg 74th Annual Garden Symposium** Virtual program. (AHS partner event)

MAY TBD. **AHS Virtual Garden Party.**

MAY 3–12 **Gardens of Provence.** AHS Travel Study Program. <https://ahsgardening.org/gardening-programs/travel-study/gardens-of-provence>.

JULY 7–9 **National Children & Youth Garden Symposium.** Virtual event.

SEPT. 30–OCT. 2. **America in Bloom Symposium.** Spartanburg and Greenwood, SC. (AHS partner event)

Salem, NC; **Wood County Arboretum & Botanical Gardens**, Quitman, TX; **Lake Wilderness Arboretum**, Maple Valley, WA; and **Landcraft Garden Foundation**, Mattituck, NY.

While garden open hours and programming are currently still in flux because of the pandemic, many public gardens are hoping that restrictions on visitation and travel will be easing later this year. Before planning any garden visits, be sure to check with the individual gardens about their open hours and visitor requirements. You can find details on the benefits available to AHS members at these new RAP gardens and all of the other participating organizations on the AHS website ([www.ahsgardening.org](http://www.ahsgardening.org)).

## Gifts of Note

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## WILLIAMSBURG GARDEN SYMPOSIUM GOES VIRTUAL

THE AHS is partnering again with Colonial Williamsburg on its annual Garden Symposium, scheduled April 22–25. This year's 74th annual event is titled "CELEBRATE PLANET EARTH: Giving Back with Our Gardens." In honor of Earth Day, April 22, the virtual program will include presentations from guest speakers and Colonial Williamsburg staff on garden designs, gardening practices, and plant choices that are sustainable and earth-friendly. While the program is virtual, each participant will receive a multi-day ticket to enjoy Colonial Williamsburg's historic gardens during a future visit. To learn more, visit [colonialwilliamsburg.org/learn/conference](http://colonialwilliamsburg.org/learn/conference).

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