THE AHS WELCOMES A NEW DIRECTOR

KEITH P. TOMLINSON has been named the new Director of the American Horticultural Society. An experienced horticulturist, public speaker, and public garden administrator, Tomlinson was most recently garden manager of Meadowlark Botanical Gardens in Vienna, Virginia, where he worked for 22 years before retiring in 2020. He replaces interim Executive Director J. Robert Brackman, who resigned on September 30. “We are thrilled to welcome Keith as the new leader of the AHS staff,” says AHS Board Member Holly H. Shimizu. “He brings both strategic and operational skills to our team, along with extensive fundraising and outreach experience.”

“His visionary leadership at Meadowlark spans a broad range of programmatic, operational, and strategic areas,” adds Shimizu. “He will be instrumental in re-imagining and improving River Farm’s gardens. We feel he is the ideal choice to collaborate with the Board and AHS stakeholders to move forward with our goals—to protect the property in perpetuity and to use it as a springboard for building national horticultural programs in support of our mission.”

“River Farm is a national treasure,” says Tomlinson. “This spectacular property is both a symbolic link to our national heritage and an idyllic slice of natural beauty and open space. I’m very honored to join the AHS team on the eve of its 100th anniversary and to be part of the exciting opportunity we have to strengthen both the Society’s horticultural mission and the stewardship of River Farm.”

RIVER FARM REOPENS TO PUBLIC

THE AHS’s River Farm headquarters is reopening to the public five days a week starting in November. The property had been closed for nearly a year because of the pandemic. For the time being, open hours will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. River Farm will remain closed on weekends. To get information about facility rentals or make an appointment for a rental tour, please call (703) 768-5700, ext. 114 or e-mail rentals@ahsgardening.org.

AHS COSPONSORS NEW WEBINAR SERIES STARTING IN FEBRUARY

WE ARE very pleased to announce that the AHS is again partnering with New Directions in the American Landscape (NDAL) to cosponsor its Winter 2022 Virtual Education Series running from February to March 2022. 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 winter series are still being finalized, but among the presenters will be landscape designers W. Gary Smith and Wambui Ippolito. Presentations will also include a “Prairie-side Chat” between Thomas Woltz and Weaner and a five-session intensive design course featuring Weaner and Ian Caton. For more details on the virtual education series, visit www.ndal.org.

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**AMERICA IN BLOOM AWARDS COMMUNITIES**

AMERICA IN BLOOM (AIB) held its national symposium virtually from September 29 to October 1. During the event, the non-profit group announced the winners of its community beautification awards for 2021. Among the awards is the Community Involvement Award, which is sponsored by the American Horticultural Society, a longtime AIB supporter. The recipient of this year’s award is Washington, Missouri. For more information and a complete list of the 2021 winners, visit www.americainbloom.org.

*Written by AHS staff.*