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# News from the AHS

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## 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."



Keith Tomlinson

"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](mailto: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](http://www.ndal.org).

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### 2022

- JAN. 15. **Webinar: Design Tips for Traffic-Stopping Curb Appeal!** Perennially Yours. (AHS partner event)
- JAN. 27. **Conversations with Great American Gardeners: Michael J. Balick.** (Virtual presentation at 7 p.m. Eastern)
- FEB.-MAR. TBD. **New Directions in the American Landscape Winter Webinar Series.** (AHS partner event, virtual)
- FEB. 19. **Webinar: Workhorse Plants and Design Tips for Older and Time-Pressed Gardeners.** Perennially Yours. (AHS partner event)
- MAR. 5. **Webinar: Reblooming Perennials and Flowering Shrubs.** Perennially Yours. (AHS partner event)
- APR. 8 & 9. **Spring Garden Market.** River Farm, Alexandria, VA.
- APR. 9-20. **Discovering the Beauty of Bhutan: Land of the Thunder Dragon.** (AHS Travel Study Program)
- APR. 21. **Conversations with Great American Gardeners: Shane Smith.** (Virtual presentation at 7 p.m. Eastern)
- APR. 28-MAY 1. **Colonial Williamsburg Garden Symposium.** Williamsburg, VA. (AHS partner event)
- APR. 30-MAY 8. **Ponant Cruise to Japan.** (AHS Travel Study Program)
- MAY 18-27. **Provence, France.** (AHS Travel Study Program)
- JUNE 6-15. **Umbria and Southern Tuscany.** (AHS Travel Study Program)
- JULY 12-15. **30th Annual AHS National Children & Youth Garden Symposium.** Richmond, VA.
- AUG. 6-15. **Glaciers, Geysers, and Gardens of Iceland.** (AHS Travel Study Program)
- SEPT. TBD. **The Netherlands and Floriade.** (AHS Travel Study Program)
- SEPT. 29-OCT. 1. **America in Bloom Symposium and Awards Ceremony.** St. Louis, MO. (AHS partner event)

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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](http://www.americainbloom.org).

*Written by AHS staff.*