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# News from the AHS

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## AHS COSPONSORS WEBINAR SERIES WITH NDAL

WE ARE PLEASED to announce that the AHS is once again a co-sponsor of **New Directions in the American Landscape** (NDAL)'s Winter Virtual Education Series, running from February to March 2022. Founded by award-winning landscape designer **Larry Weaner**, NDAL is a non-profit organization in Glenside, Pennsylvania, focused on ecological design.



This series will examine the fine points and subtle nuances of ecology-based landscape design, and the role culture and art can play in its further evolution. Presentations in the winter series include: "Native Meadows: Let's Get Real" by Larry Weaner; "Creating Landscapes for Bird Diversity: Beyond Feeders & Fountains" by **Claudia Thompson**; "Thomas Woltz: Craft, Conservation, & Cattle" interviewed by Larry Weaner; "Close Encounters with Nature: Native Design in the Residential Landscape" by Larry Weaner; "Art, Music, & Ephemerality in the Designed Landscape" by **W. Gary Smith** & Larry Weaner; and "Landscape Commonalities: People & Plants of the World" by **Wambui Ippolito**. For details on the webinar series, visit [www.ndal.org](http://www.ndal.org).

## NEW AHS BOARD LEADERSHIP

MARCIA ZECH was elected Chair of the American Horticultural Society's Board of Directors during the Board's meeting in November 2021. Zech, a longtime Board member, philanthropist, and former chair of the Development committee, resides in Mercer Island, Washington. She is active in local civic and cultural organizations and is an avid gardener. Marcia and her husband Klaus have participated in the AHS's Travel Study Program and regularly attend the AHS gala at River Farm.

Three new members—**Amy Golden**, **Scott Plein**, and **Jane Diamantis**—joined the AHS Board in November 2021. Golden, an executive with the World Wildlife Fund in Washington, D.C., has extensive experience in marketing, fundraising, membership, strategic planning, and operations for non-profit organizations.

Plein is the founding principal of Equinox Investments, LLC, a real estate investment, development, and management firm specializing in community planning and entitlements in Northern Virginia. He has served on boards with several regional organizations and owns White House Natives nursery, which is devoted to growing trees and shrubs native to Virginia.

Jane Diamantis, a landscape design consultant from McDonald, Tennessee, brings a deep commitment to River Farm, knowledge of AHS, and extensive philanthropic experience. During her previous term on the Board, from 2009 to 2018, she served on many committees, including as chair of the Awards committee. She also frequently hosted tours in the Travel Study Program with her husband, George.

## COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG GARDEN SYMPOSIUM

THE AHS is partnering again with Colonial Williamsburg on its annual Garden Symposium, scheduled April 28 to May 1. This will be the 75th anniversary of this wonderful event, which the AHS has been associated with since 1965.

The theme of the symposium is "Responsible Gardening: Sowing Seeds for a Bright Future." Speakers embracing this theme will include **Elizabeth Hope Cushing**, **P. Allen Smith**, **Matthew Benson**, **Rebecca Lindenmeyr**, **Brie Arthur**, and **Renny Reynolds**. Attendees will be given the choice of virtual or in-person registration. For more information, visit [colonialwilliamsburg.org/learn/conference](http://colonialwilliamsburg.org/learn/conference).



## AHS 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.

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. 15. **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. TBD. **AHS President’s Council Trip.** Alexandria, VA.

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. 22. **Earth Day.** (Local volunteer work day)

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 TBD. **Member Appreciation Event.** River Farm, Alexandria, VA.

MAY 2–8. **Screen-Free Week.** Campaign for commercial-free childhood. (AHS partner event)

MAY 6–15 **Go Public Gardens Days.** (APGA) (AHS partner event)

MAY 18–27. **Provence, France.** (AHS Travel Study Program)

JUNE 6–15. **Umbria and Southern Tuscany.** (AHS Travel Study Program)

JUNE 20–26. **National Pollinator Week.** (AHS partner event)

JULY 12–15. **30th National Children & Youth Garden Symposium.** Richmond, VA.

AUG. 6–15. **Glaciers, Geysers, and Gardens of Iceland.** (AHS Travel Study Program)

AUG. 24–SEPT. 4. **The Netherlands and Floriade.** (AHS Travel Study Program)

SEPT. 17. **AHS Annual Gala.** River Farm, Alexandria, VA.

SEPT. 29–OCT. 1. **America in Bloom Symposium and Awards Ceremony.** St. Louis, MO. (AHS partner event)

OCT. TBD. **Annual AHS Online Auction.**

## 75th Annual Garden Symposium



### RESPONSIBLE GARDENING:

Sowing Seeds for a Bright Future



APRIL 28 – MAY 1, 2022

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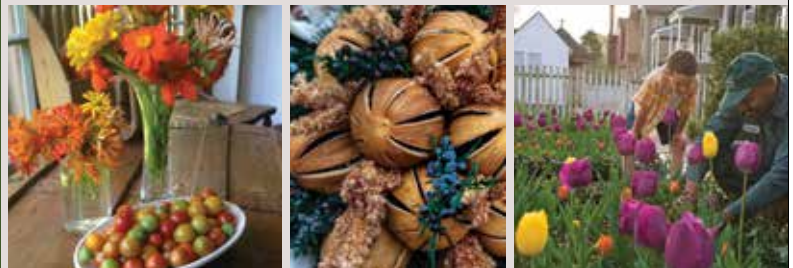
#### ART MUSEUMS & HISTORIC AREA OF COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG

This year’s theme is inspired by Audrey Hepburn’s quote, “*To plant a garden is to believe in the tomorrow*”. Now more than ever it is important that we, as gardeners, create healthy landscapes for all living creatures for the future of our planet. Join featured speakers Elizabeth Hope Cushing, P. Allen Smith, Matthew Benson, Rebecca Lindenmeyr, Brie Arthur, Renny Reynolds, and Colonial Williamsburg’s talented landscape staff as they commemorate 75 years of our celebrated Garden Symposium, and share methods and techniques for creating gardens that benefit humans and wildlife in an environment both beautiful and sustainable for years to come.

*Both virtual and in-person options for attendance available. Visit [www.colonialwilliamsburg.org/learn/conferences](http://www.colonialwilliamsburg.org/learn/conferences) for more information.*

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### GARDEN WEBINARS WITH KERRY MENDEZ

THE AHS is cosponsoring two educational webinars being offered by **Kerry Mendez** of Perennially Yours. Mendez is a garden designer, speaker, and author based in Kennebunk, Maine. The first webinar on February 15 is “Workhorse Plants and Design Tips for Maturing and Time-Pressed Gardeners.” Then on March 5, join Mendez for a presentation titled “Re-blooming Perennials and Flowering Shrubs.”

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).

### 30TH ANNUAL NCYGS IN RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

THE AHS is pleased to announce its 30th annual National Children & Youth Garden Symposium (NCYGS), the longest

running professional development event of its kind aimed at energizing, inspiring, and training today’s garden educators to cultivate tomorrow’s gardeners.

NCYGS 2022 will take place July 13 to 15 in Richmond, Virginia. After hosting the event virtually for the past two years due to the pandemic, we’re excited to see everyone in person again and show you around a lively city with world-class cultural institutions—including our host, **Lewis Ginter Botanical**

**Garden**—a vibrant array of street art, and a restaurant scene that earned its designation as “America’s Next Great Food Destination” from *Departures* magazine. For more information on this anniversary event, visit [www.ahsgardening.org](http://www.ahsgardening.org).

*Written by AHS Staff.*