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# News from the AHS

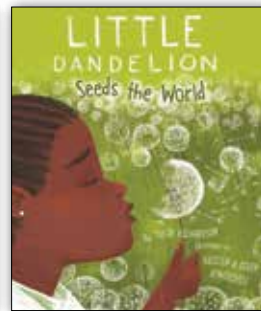
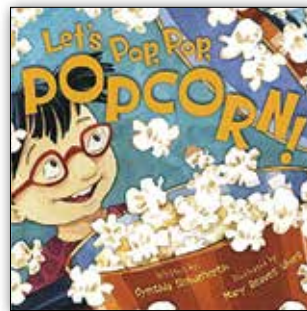
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PROGRAMS • EVENTS • ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GROWING GOOD KIDS BOOK AWARDS ANNOUNCED

THE AMERICAN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY (AHS) and the **Junior Master Gardener** (JMG) program have announced four winners of the 2022 Growing Good Kids—Excellence in Children's Literature Awards program. This year's awards were announced during the AHS's National Children & Youth Garden Symposium, held in July in Richmond, Virginia.

The winning books are: **Let's Pop, Pop, Popcorn!** by Cynthia Schumert (Sleeping Bear Press); **Little Dandelion Seeds the World** by Julia Richardson (Sleeping Bear Press); **Saguaro's Gifts** by Kurt Cyrus (Sleeping Bear Press); and **The Wall and the Wild** by Christina Dendy (Lantana).



All the books selected this year have engaging and inspiring themes related to plants, gardens, and ecology, according to **Randy**

**Seagraves**, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service program specialist and JMG program curriculum director. "The year's winners are must-haves for any school or home library as they will engage kids with powerful messages," says Seagraves. "Their content ranges from the ubiquitous dandelion to America's favorite snack food to the folly of trying to have a 'perfect' garden to a centennial birthday celebration for a grand Saguaro cactus. These books are beautiful, novel and great fun. We're sure their content and compelling illustration will inspire young readers."

Jointly developed by AHS and the Junior Master Gardener group, the Growing Good Kids—Excellence in Children's Literature Awards is an annual program recognizing picture book titles published within the previous year. Since 2005, winners have been selected as representing the best in children's garden- and ecology-related books.

## NEW WEBINAR SERIES ANNOUNCED

THE AHS is co-hosting a new series of gardening webinars in partnership with **Garden Communicators International (GardenComm)**. Titled "Plants and Gardens Happy Hour: Tips and Secrets," the webinar series debuted September 9 and will continue on October 7 and November 4. Each hour-long webinar is built around a live-streamed tour of a public garden, followed by presentations from noted garden experts facilitated by a moderator.

For the October 7 webinar, the **Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center** in Texas will be the featured garden, and presenters include garden designer **Claire Jones** on "Pollinator Pathways," organic gardening expert **Jacob Mogler** on

OMRI and the Organic Gardener,” and book author/moderator **Kathy Jentz** on “What’s Making Us Smile: Tips, Plant Picks, and Inspirations.”

The featured garden destination for the November 4 webinar is **St. George Village Botanical Garden** in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands. Presenters include cut-flower garden expert **Lisa Ziegler** on “Secrets of Cutting Gardens,” book author **Teri Speight** on “New Plant Introductions for 2023,” and garden television host and author/moderator **Joe Lamp’l** on “What’s Making Us Smile: Tips, Plant Picks, and Inspirations.”

“This series of three webinars is designed to be fast-paced and fun,” says Jentz. “Newbie plant parents and veteran gardeners alike will find something of value plus be entertained and inspired by the rotating selection of great presenters. They offer tips and tricks from insiders on gardening practices, new plant picks, and much more.”

The webinars, which begin at 7 p.m. Eastern time, are priced at \$15 each and participants will receive a recipe for a signature garden-based beverage from mixologist **Ellen Zachos**, author of *The Wildcrafted Cocktail*. For more information, visit the AHS website at [www.ahsgardening.org](http://www.ahsgardening.org).

### 2023 GREAT AMERICAN GARDENERS AWARD NOMINATIONS

THE DEADLINE for nominating candidates for the 2023 Great American Gardeners Awards has been extended to October 14. This is your chance to recognize individuals and organizations for exceptional contributions to the field of horticulture. To view the list of awards for which nominations are being accepted, visit <https://ahsgardening.org/gardening-programs/national-awards/great-american-gardeners>.

### The Award Goes to...



**MAHROU AKHUNDZADEH** receives the American Horticultural Society’s Meritorious Service Award from President and CEO Suzanne Laporte, left, at the Society’s headquarters at River Farm in July. This award is given to an individual in recognition of outstanding service and support of the AHS. Mahrou has been a dedicated volunteer in the membership office at River Farm for over two decades.

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

### 2023

JAN. 7–29. **Gardens, Wine, and Wilderness—A Tour of New Zealand.** (AHS Travel Study Program)

FEB. 15–19. **Northwest Flower & Garden Festival.** Seattle, WA. (AHS Environmental Award presented)

MAR. 4–12. **Philadelphia Flower Show.** Philadelphia, PA. (AHS Environmental Award presented)

MAR. 8–17. **The Enchanting Gardens and Allure of Morocco.** (AHS Travel Study Program)



APR. TBD. **San Fran Bay–Nor Cal Flower & Garden Show.** Pleasanton, CA. (AHS Environmental Award presented)

APR. 14 & 15. **Spring Garden Market at River Farm.** Alexandria, VA.

APR. 15–22. **Garden Club of Virginia Historic Garden Week.** (AHS partner event)

APR. 15–26. **Discovering the Beauty of Bhutan: Land of the Thunder Dragon.** (AHS Travel Study Program)

APR. 22. **Earth Day.** (National and local volunteering opportunities)

APR. 27–30. **Colonial Williamsburg Garden Symposium.** Williamsburg, VA. (AHS partner event)

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*Written by AHS Staff.*