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News from the AHS

January / February 2023

PROGRAMS • EVENTS • ANNOUNCEMENTS



MEMBER DISCOUNTS ON HOME AND GARDEN SHOWS

If you're looking for fresh and creative ideas for your garden this spring, we have just the ticket. Through a partnership with **Marketplace Events**, AHS members are eligible for a special 2-for-1 ticket discount at 21 upcoming Home and Garden Shows around the country. You can view the complete list of participating shows on our website (www.ahsgardening.org) to find one near you or in regions where you may be traveling. Shows are also listed in the "Regional Happenings" section of this issue on pages 50 and 51.

RECIPROCAL ADMISSIONS PROGRAM ADDS GARDENS

Five new public gardens have joined the AHS's Reciprocal Admissions Program (RAP) for 2023, bringing the total number of gardens to more than 345 that AHS members can visit free or for reduced admission or other benefits. The new gardens are the **Wil-**



Boyce Thompson Arboretum in Superior, Arizona, above left, and Fredericton Botanic Garden in Fredericton, New Brunswick, above right, are among the new public gardens participating in the AHS's Reciprocal Admissions Program.

TOP: COURTESY OF MARKETPLACE EVENTS. BOTTOM LEFT: COURTESY OF BOYCE THOMPSON ARBORETUM. BOTTOM RIGHT: COURTESY OF FREDERICTON BOTANIC GARDEN

bur **D. May Arboretum and Botanical Garden**, Reno, Nevada; the **Boyce Thompson Arboretum**, Superior, Arizona; the **Central Gardens of North Iowa**, Clear Lake, Iowa; **Fredericton Botanic Garden**, Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada; and **Palma Sola Botanical Park**, Bradenton, Florida.

For more information about all the participating gardens, visit the RAP page on the AHS website (www.ahsgardening.org/rap).

COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG GARDEN SYMPOSIUM

In a collaboration that now spans more than 50 years, the AHS is once again partnering with Colonial Williamsburg on what will be its 76th Annual Garden Symposium, scheduled for April 27-30. The theme of this year's program is "Digging the Garden: Horticulture, History & Archaeology."

The opening keynote on Thursday evening is English garden designer **Lady Xa Tollemache**, a regular medal winner at London's Chelsea Flower Show and creator of gardens at England's stately houses. Author, renowned garden historian, and historic landscape consultant **Mark Laird** takes the stage Thursday evening to discuss Virginia's own Royal Governor Lord Botetourt and his English gardener Thomas Wright's work at Botetourt's Stoke Gifford.

On Friday morning, Colonial Williamsburg's Director of Archaeology **Jack Gary** will discuss some of the exciting discoveries made at the site of Custis Square, home to John Custis IV (1678-1746), known by his contemporaries as a curious garden-



Daria McKelvey, supervisor of the Kemper Center for Home Gardening at Missouri Botanical Garden, is among the symposium speakers.

er whose ornamental garden was unparalleled in the American Colonies. This dig has offered a deeper understanding not only of the land, but of the people, enslaved and free, who cultivated it. Nationally recognized garden writer, speaker, and radio and television personality **Charlie Nardozi**, a regular contributor to this magazine, continues the conversation by addressing the necessity of soil for the modern gardener. Friday afternoon breakout sessions feature walking tours, lectures on herbs and

76th Annual Garden Symposium

DIGGING THE GARDEN: *Horticulture, History & Archaeology*

APRIL 27-30, 2023

Virtual & In-Person Options Available



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Soil. To gardeners and horticulturists soil is a fundamental element which influences the survival of a plant in the future. To archaeologists, soil is the very thing that holds the remains of the past. Digging in the soil is key both to gardening and to archaeology, which converge for Colonial Williamsburg's 76th Annual Garden Symposium.

This year's Garden Symposium will feature an opening Keynote by English garden designer and author **Lady Xa Tollemache**, Gold and Silver winner at London's Chelsea Flower Show, and creator of gardens at England's stately houses.

Join notable horticulturists, archaeologists, historians, and guest experts, including **Mark Laird**, **Charlie Nardozi**, **Daria McKelvey**, and **Kerry Mendez** as we examine best practices through an historical lens, using the past to inform the present and future.

In addition to mainstage presentations, in-person registrants may choose from a variety of hands-on breakout sessions and walking tours. Join us in-person where you, too, can dig deep in our historic and iconic gardens!

Colonial Williamsburg

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family homesteading, and exciting behind-the-scenes workshops at Colonial Williamsburg's nurseries.

Saturday morning's opening speaker is **Daria McKelvey**, supervisor of the Kemper Center for Home Gardening at Missouri Botanical Garden in St. Louis, who will highlight how to combat pests and disease in the garden. McKelvey is also the 2022 recipient of AHS's Emerging Horticultural Professional Award. Next up is author, speaker, and garden design consultant **Kerry Mendez**, who will speak about Inspired Garden Design. For a grand finale, these gardening experts will join Colonial Williamsburg's Director of Landscape **Joanne Chapman** on the stage for an Ask the Gardener Panel Saturday afternoon.

Symposium attendees can register for in-person or virtual options. For registration information, visit www.colonialwilliamsburg.org/conferences.

AHS COSPONSORS WEBINAR SERIES WITH NDAL

The AHS is once again a cosponsor of New Directions in the American Landscape (NDAL)'s Virtual Education Series: Winter 2023, running through early 2023. Founded by award-winning landscape designer **Larry Weaner**, NDAL is an educational organization in Glenside, Pennsylvania, dedicated to the art, culture, and science



Botanist Jared Rosenbaum, above, will speak about restoring native edible and medicinal plant communities. Julianne Schrader Ortega, left, will speak on landscaping for social impact.



of landscape design. This series, which includes sessions geared to professionals and non-professionals, will again examine the nuances of ecology-based landscape design. Presentations in this year's program, which is

still being finalized, include **Jared Rosenbaum** on restoring native edible and medicinal plant communities; **Kay McConnell** on ecological school campuses; **Daniel Jaffe Wilder** on lawn replacement strategies; and Weaner on seed in the landscape. **Keith Green** and **Julianne Schrader Ortega** from the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society will be speaking on simple designed landscapes that offer deep social impact, based on their experience with urban communities throughout Philadelphia. Registration will open in January.

For more information about the webinar series, visit www.ndal.org.

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NATIONAL CHILDREN & YOUTH GARDEN SYMPOSIUM

JULY 12-15, 2023 • KNOXVILLE, TN
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS to join the AHS in Knoxville, Tennessee, from July 12-15 for NCYGS 2023. Knoxville is known as "a nature-loving-adventure-seeking-artsy-kinda town" with a little bit of something for everyone. Its very walkable downtown allows for leisurely discovery of its vibrant murals, local music, historic sites, art museums, parks and greenways and more. The symposium host, UT Gardens Institute of Agriculture, and its UT Gardens (Knoxville) is one of three locations that make up the State Botanical Garden of Tennessee, an outdoor learning laboratory that showcases the latest research and education in horticulture. For more about the 2023 symposium, look for updates on our website.

GARDEN WEBINARS WITH KERRY MENDEZ

Those looking for more ideas and inspiration for their spring gardens can select from among four educational webinars being offered by **Kerry Mendez** of AHS Horticultural Partner Perennially Yours. Mendez is a garden designer, speaker, and author based in Kennebunk, Maine. Here are the dates and webinar topics:

Saturday, January 21: Unusual, Easy-To-Grow Perennials that Attract Attention!

Saturday, February 25: Striking, Remarkable Natives for Beautiful, Planet-Friendly Gardens

Saturday, March 16: Clever Design Tips for Ever-Blooming, Low-Maintenance Gardens



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Saturday, April 1: Time-Saving, Sustainable Maintenance Routines for Lush Flower Gardens

All webinars are scheduled for Saturday at 11 a.m. EST. Registrants do not have to attend the live broadcast; a link to the video recording will be sent to all participants afterwards. Each one-hour webinar is \$13.95, but packages are available at a discount. Webinars include detailed lecture notes and a CEU form for Master Gardeners and green industry professionals. For more information, visit pyours.com.

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AHS EVENTS CALENDAR

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JAN. 21. **Perennially Yours webinar: Unusual, Easy-To-Grow Perennials that Attract Attention!** (Partner event)

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

FEB. 25. **Perennially Yours webinar: Striking, Remarkable Natives for Beautiful, Planet-Friendly Gardens** (Partner event)

FEB. TBD. **New Directions in the American Landscape Virtual Education Series: Winter 2023.** (Partner event)

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

MAR. 5 & 6, 11–13. **Maryland Home & Garden Show.** Timonium, MD. (AHS Environmental Award presented)

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

MAR. 16. **Perennially Yours webinar: Clever Design Tips for Ever-Blooming, Low-Maintenance Gardens.** (Partner event)

MAR. TBD. **New Directions in the American Landscape Virtual Education Series: Winter 2023.** (Partner event)

APR. 1. **Perennially Yours webinar: Time-Saving, Sustainable Maintenance Routines for Lush Flower Gardens.** (Partner event)

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.** (Partner event)

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

APR. 22. **Earth Day.**

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

MAY 16–25. **Greece: Antiquity, Culture and Gardens.** AHS Travel Study Program.

JUN.–AUG. TBD. **New Directions in the American Landscape Summer Education Series.** (Partner event)

JUN. 18–22. **International Master Gardener Conference.** Overland Park, KS.

JUN. 19–25. **National Pollinator Week.** (Partner event)

JUN. 26–JULY 5. **Hampton Court Garden Festival & The Gardens of Southern England.** AHS Travel Study Program.

TBD. **San Diego County Fair Garden Show.** San Diego, CA. (AHS Environmental Award presented).

JULY 12–15. **National Children & Youth Garden Symposium.** Knoxville, TN.

SEPT. 23. **AHS Annual Gala.** River Farm, Alexandria, VA.

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