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-
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 stateliest 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 gardener 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 Nardozzi, 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

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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 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; Julianne Schrader Ortega, left, will speak on landscaping for social impact.

**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

For more information about the webinar series, visit www.ndal.org.
**Gifts of Note**

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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)

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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.