The AHS is again cosponsoring educational programs with New Directions in the American Landscape (NDAL), a nonprofit organization based in Glenside, Pennsylvania. Registration is now open for NDAL’s March–April Virtual Education Series, which runs from March 7 through April 21.

Among the many program presenters are **Julianne Schrader Ortega** and **Keith Green** of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, who will speak about landscapes for deep social impact, landscape designer **Laura Kuhn**, pollinator expert **Douglas Sponsler**, ecologist and author **Dan Jaffe Wilder**, and NDAL Founder and landscape designer **Larry Weaner**. All will explore avenues for expanding the practice of ecological landscape design. For more information and to register, visit [https://www.ndal.org/virtual-series-winter-2023](https://www.ndal.org/virtual-series-winter-2023).

### INTRODUCING NEW AHS STAFF MEMBERS

Three new staff members have recently joined the AHS team, heading up our development, national programs, and communications departments.

**Courtney Allen**, AHS’s new Director of National Programs, brings experience as head of public programs and education at the Arnold Arboretum at Harvard University, director of programs at the Native Plant Trust in Massachusetts, and education manager at the Huntington Library, Art Museum, & Botanical Gardens in California. She brings a wealth of horticultural knowledge, connections, and innovative and educational programming ideas to share with AHS members.

**Susan Friedman**, AHS’s Director of Marketing & Communications, recently worked for a communications agency in Washington, D.C., where she supported multiple teams to create awareness about social issues among the public and policymakers. Previously, she owned and operated an award-winning public relations agency in Dallas, Texas.

And **Katie Tukey**, AHS’s new Director of Development & Engagement, brings a background in gardening and horticulture—including positions at Longwood Gardens and the Massachusetts Horticultural Society—to enhance her experience in nonprofit fundraising and development, most recently with the Levine School of Music in Washington, D.C.

### SPRING GARDEN MARKET AT RIVER FARM

On April 14 and 15, the AHS will host its annual Spring Garden Market at our River Farm headquarters. This two-day outdoor plant sale connects over 2,000 attendees to plant, seed, and garden accessory retailers, nature-focused artists and authors, gardening experts, food vendors, and fun activities for the whole family! Advance online tickets sales begin March 1 at [www.ahsgardening.org](http://www.ahsgardening.org), and tickets will also be available at the event itself. Admission is free for AHS members and children under six. Entry fees for non-members are $5 for individuals walking/cycling in, and $20 per car (which covers all passengers) for parking. Exceptions apply.

### HISTORIC GARDEN WEEK TOURS

The AHS’s River Farm headquarters is one of the sites on the Alexandria itinerary for Historic Garden Week (April 15–22), an annual event sponsored by the Garden Club of Virginia. Participants can tour inspirational private landscapes, public gardens, and historic sites across Virginia at the peak of spring bloom. This statewide
event, celebrating its 90th anniversary this year, will include 29 unique tours organized and hosted by 48 member clubs located from the foothills of the Shenandoah Valley all the way to the beaches of Tidewater. For more information, visit www.vagardenweek.org.

REMOVING INVASIVES AT RIVER FARM

Invasive plant species—plants that are non-native to an area and spread rapidly—can often cause environmental harm because they negatively disrupt ecosystems. A common problem on large properties like our River Farm headquarters, invasive plants require ongoing management. We are working with Laura Hassell, executive director of the White House Farm Foundation, to remove and control the invasives. Hassell is focusing on removal of English ivy (Hedera helix) and Asian honeysuckles (Lonicera spp.), among several plants that have spread widely at River Farm. The first phase of the removal process was done with heavy equipment. In our next phase, we’ll be removing invasives by hand and are seeking the help of volunteers. If you live in the Washington, D.C., area and are interested in participating, email volunteer@ahsgardening.org.

YOUTH GARDEN SYMPOSIUM REMINDER

Mark your calendars to join the AHS in Knoxville, Tennessee, from July 12–15 for NCYGS 2023, our annual youth garden symposium. Knoxville has something for everyone. It’s 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 at https://ahsgardening.org/ncygs.

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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 stateliest houses.

Join notable horticulturists, archaeologists, historians, and guest experts, including Mark Laird, Charlie Nardozzi, 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!

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For a full agenda and registration information, please visit www.colonialwilliamsburg.org/learn/conferences or call 1-800-603-0948

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