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News from the AHS

March / April 2023

PROGRAMS • EVENTS • ANNOUNCEMENTS

NDAL SPRING WEBINARS

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>.

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, 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



Eyre Hall, a private garden on Virginia's Eastern Shore, will be open for tours on April 22 during Historic Garden Week.

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>.

Written by AHS Staff

76th Annual Garden Symposium

DIGGING THE GARDEN: *Horticulture, History & Archaeology*

APRIL 27-30, 2023

Virtual & In-Person Options Available



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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- 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. 7–APR. 21. **New Directions in the American Landscape Virtual Education Series: Winter 2023.** (Partner event)
- 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)
- APR. 1. **Perennially Yours webinar: Time-Saving, Sustainable Maintenance Routines for Lush Flower Gardens.** (Partner event)
- 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. **5th Annual Environment Expo on Earth Day, at Fort Hunt Park.** Alexandria, VA. (AHS local partner event)
- 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.
- 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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