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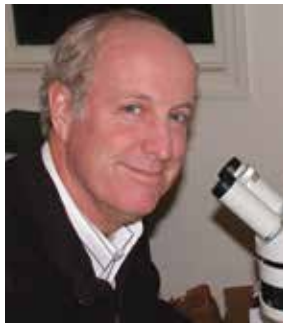
# News from the AHS

May / June 2023

PROGRAMS • EVENTS • ANNOUNCEMENTS

## AHS WEBINAR SERIES RETURNS

The AHS's popular Conversations with Great American Gardeners webinar series returns with three new installments this summer. Holly Shimizu, an AHS board member and former executive director of the U.S. Botanic Garden, is once again the host of these lively and engaging conversations with current and past winners of our Great American Gardeners Awards and Book Awards. At the end of each conversation, audience members will have the opportunity to ask questions. These programs are free to anyone, so register today at <https://ahsgardening.org/gardening-programs/national-awards/great-american-gardeners/conversations-with-great-american-gardeners/conversations-with-great-american-gardeners>.



Left to right: Doug Tallamy, Ira Wallace, and Lucinda McDade.

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- Wednesday, May 10 at 7 p.m. ET: **Doug Tallamy**, ecologist and author with the University of Delaware, Newark.
- Wednesday, June 14 at 7 p.m. ET: **Ira Wallace**, horticulturist and heirloom vegetable expert with Southern Exposure Seed Exchange, Mineral, Virginia.
- Wednesday, August 23 at 7 p.m. ET: **Lucinda McDade**, professor and horticultural researcher with the California Botanic Garden and Claremont Graduate University in California.

## BRYANT IS NEW DIRECTOR OF TRAVEL STUDIES

We are pleased to introduce **Mercedes Bryant**, who joins the AHS as the new Director of Travel Studies. Bryant studied and worked in France for six years and traveled widely in Europe. She previously worked at the Smithsonian Institution and National Geographic in Washington, D.C., helping to create immersive educational travel adventures for curious lifelong learners. In her new role at AHS, she will design and develop AHS's Travel Study programs and create new opportunities for travelers to explore horticulture and gardens in the United States and around the world.

## NEW RAP GARDENS ADDED

Two more gardens have joined the AHS's Reciprocal Admissions Program (RAP), bringing the total to nearly 350 gardens around North America and the Caribbean that offer AHS members free or discounted admission and other benefits.

Located outside of Philadelphia, **Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens** began as a love story presented as a gift to the public. H. Lawrence Jenkins cultivated the original 20-acres of land in the Pennsylvania countryside, tending to the property after the



**Blooming azaleas create a late spring and early summer feast for the eyes at the Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens.**

death of his wife, Elizabeth Phillipe Jenkins. Today Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens has grown to 48-acres of gardens and woodland, with over a mile of trails and a world-class collection of rhododendrons and azaleas.

Benefits for AHS members include free or discounted access to educational programs, free or discounted entry to select special events, and a discount at the gift shop.

**Ambler Arboretum of Temple University**, just north of Philadelphia, is a 187-acre natural site in the style of an outdoor



**The Ambler Arboretum of Temple University offers more than 185 acres of gardens, woodlands, and meadows to explore.**

classroom and living laboratory for students, faculty, staff, and the public. On the grounds you'll find horticultural displays, botanical collections and acres of woodlands and meadows. Founded in 1911 as the Pennsylvania School of Horticulture for Women, today the Ambler Arboretum highlights the health benefits of nature, plants, and gardening for all.

Benefits for AHS members include free or discounted tours or audio guide rental, free or discounted educational programs, and free or discounted entry to select special events at the arboretum.

For more about the RAP and the benefits provided by individual gardens in the program, visit our website at [www.ahsgardening.org](http://www.ahsgardening.org).



## AHS EVENTS CALENDAR

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events that are sponsored or cosponsored by the AHS. Visit [www.ahsgardening.org](http://www.ahsgardening.org) or call (703) 768-5700 for more information.



MAY 10. **Great American Gardeners Webinar: Doug Tallamy** (Virtual)

JUNE–AUG. **New Directions in the American Landscape Summer Education Series.** (Partner event, virtual and in-person)

JUNE 14. **Great American Gardeners Webinar: Ira Wallace** (Virtual)

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

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

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

JULY 1–6. **American Institute of Floral Designers "Grow" Symposium.** Chicago, IL. (AHS-sponsored event.)

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



NATIONAL CHILDREN & YOUTH GARDEN SYMPOSIUM

**JULY 12–15, 2023 • KNOXVILLE, TN**  
AMERICAN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

AUG. 23. **Great American Gardeners Webinar: Lucinda McDade** (Virtual)

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

SEPT. 28–30. **America in Bloom Symposium and Awards Program.** Spartanburg and Greenwood, SC. (Partner event)

## AHS ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS

Each year, the AHS sponsors the presentation of Environmental Awards to the designers of outstanding exhibits at major flower shows around the country. These awards recognize exhibits of horticultural excellence that best demonstrate the bond between gardening and the environment and inspire viewers to beautify home and community through skillful design and appropriate plant selection. Here are three of the recipients of the 2023 AHS Environmental Award.



### Northwest Flower & Garden Festival, Seattle, WA

Winner: **Livingroom Landscape**, based in Carnation, WA. Judges appreciated the realistic shade plantings in this exhibit, which included lots of native plants and ferns, and capably demonstrated plantings in “dense” shade (as imagined by a grove of vine maples that had not yet leafed out) transitioning to a more open, sunny meadow planting that included grasses and daffodils.



### Philadelphia Flower Show, Philadelphia, PA

Winner: **Treeline Designz**, based in Portland, OR, Seattle, WA, and San Francisco, CA.

The judges selected this exhibit, titled “In Search of Peace — A Tribute to the Children of War,” because it effectively created a serene, peaceful experience as one meandered along the gently curved walkways. The design offered a sense of tranquility using blooming rhododendrons, azaleas, blue stars (*Amsonia* spp.), and spireas with a moss carpet and a pond.

## GIFTS OF NOTE

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### Maryland Home & Garden Show, Timonium, MD

Winner: **Urban Gardens, Inc.**, based in Reisterstown, MD. The judges praised this exhibit for its portrayal of native plants in a natural setting, with interesting rock formations and a good mix of sun and shade plantings. ■

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