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News from the AHS

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AHS WEBINAR SERIES

Don't forget to register for the next installment of the AHS's *Conversations with Great American Gardeners* national speaker series, which will be August 23 with guest **Lucinda McDade**, PhD, executive director of the California Botanic Garden and winner of the AHS's Liberty Hyde Bailey Award in 2021. This free, live program is hosted by **Holly Shimizu**, former executive director of the United States Botanic Garden in Washington, D.C. and an AHS Board member, who will lead a lively and engaging conversation that will tap into the speaker's knowledge and experience. The interactive program format allows audience members to ask questions of the guests. Recordings of earlier conversations featuring **Ira Wallace**, owner of the cooperatively managed Southern Exposure Seed Exchange, and **Doug Tallamy**, ecologist and award-winning book author, are available on the AHS YouTube site.

AHS GALA CELEBRATES 50 YEARS AT RIVER FARM

Excitement is building for the AHS's annual gala! September 23 marks a special evening highlighting "Simple Pleasures of the Garden" featuring renowned interior and garden designer **Charlotte Moss**. Moss, a native Virginian and the gala's Honorary Chair, will help the AHS celebrate 50 years at its River Farm headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia. Led by Gala Chair **Laura Dowling** (AHS Board Member), Gala Co-Chairs **Cindy Connor** and **Amy Golden** (AHS Board Member), and Young Patrons Chair **Cameron Hardesty**, the celebration will launch with a cocktail party framed in the splendor of the early autumn landscape at sunset at River Farm! Lovely tablescapes and opulent fresh flowers will create a beautiful backdrop for an elegant evening of dinner, dancing, and fundraising to toast the AHS's 50-year history at River Farm and to celebrate the next 50 years. Sponsorships are now available. Contact Director of Development & Engagement **Katie Tukey** at ktukey@ahsgardening.org or call (703) 768-5700 ext. 144. For more information and tickets, visit www.AHSGala2023.org.



Charlotte Moss

NOMINATIONS FOR 2024 GREAT AMERICAN GARDENERS AWARDS

Nominations are now being accepted for the AHS's 2024 Great American Gardeners Awards. This is your chance to help recognize individuals and organizations from throughout North America for exceptional contributions to American horticulture and gardening.

Among the awards that are open for nominations are the H. Marc Cathey Award—named for a former president of the AHS—and the Horticultural Innovation Award, both of which are only presented every other year.

For a list of the awards that will be offered and to make nominations, visit <https://ahsgardening.org/gardening-programs/national-awards>. The nomination deadline is September 29, 2023.





AHS EVENTS CALENDAR

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events that are sponsored or cosponsored by the AHS. Visit www.ahs-gardening.org or call (703) 768-5700 for more information.

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

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

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)

DEC. TBD **Indoor Holiday Display.** River Farm, Alexandria, VA.

DEC. TBD **AHS Holiday Open House.** River Farm, Alexandria, VA.

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JAN. 28–FEB. 5. **Natural Wonders of the Caribbean.** AHS Travel Study Program

MAY 11–21. **Treasures of Japan: Gardens, Art, and Architecture.** AHS Travel Study Program. **SOLD OUT**



America in Bloom Symposium attendees will have a chance to tour Hatcher Garden & Woodland Preserve in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

AMERICA IN BLOOM SYMPOSIUM

America in Bloom (AIB), a long-time AHS partner organization, will hold its 2023 Symposium & Awards program September 28–30 in Spartanburg and Greenwood, South Carolina. The symposium features several educational sessions, tours around the host cities, and the annual awards ceremony. AIB promotes nationwide beautification efforts

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