AHS LAUNCHES FIRST ONLINE COURSE

AHS is pleased to announce the launch of its first online course, “Gardening in America.” This self-paced online course offers an introductory overview to the state of the country’s gardening culture, the contexts that inform gardening, and ways to apply gardening approaches, styles, and practices for the greater good. This course is constructed in seven modules, each with lessons that include AHS-produced text, videos, articles, activities, and resource recommendations. For information on the syllabus and to register, visit www.ahsgardening.org/lifelong-learning-2. Participants may register on a rolling basis throughout the spring/summer semester. The cost is $95 for AHS members and $120 for non-members. Course access will be available from mid-March to mid-August.

NEW LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAMS FOR SPRING AND SUMMER

Spring brings new opportunities with AHS Lifelong Learning! Launching in early April, the spring/summer semester of these popular educational programs features behind-the-scenes garden tours around the country with garden curators and directors, and virtual talks with horticulture and landscape experts such as Edwina Von Gal and Toshi Yano. Visit https://ahsgardening.org/lifelong-learning-2 for information about all these new spring/summer Lifelong Learning programs. [See a partial list of programs on page 11.] Registration opens in March.

YOUTH GARDEN SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Registration is now open for the 32nd annual National Children & Youth Garden Symposium, taking place on Chicago’s North Shore from July 8 to 11. Enjoy the Chicago Botanic Garden and the lakeshore while learning with hundreds of youth garden colleagues. This professional development event features dynamic keynotes, dozens of peer learning sessions, and field trips to local schools and parks. For more about the 2024 symposium, look for updates on our website at https://ahsgardening.org/gardening-programs/youth-garden-symposium-2024.

NEW GARDENS IN THE AHS NETWORK

We would like to welcome five new gardens that recently joined the AHS Reciprocal Garden Network! These gardens join over 360 gardens around North America that offer free admission and other benefits to AHS members. Be sure to visit these and other gardens in the AHS Garden Network!

Dubuque Arboretum & Botanical Gardens (Dubuque, Iowa) The Dubuque Arboretum and Botanical Gardens feature numerous plant collections on 56 acres,
including herbs, roses, cacti, prairie plants, a Japanese Garden and formal English Garden, and deciduous and conifer collections.

Hermitage Museum & Gardens (Norfolk, Virginia). The Hermitage features a nationally recognized art collection spanning 5,000 years, changing indoor and outdoor exhibitions, a Visual Arts Studio, and 12 acres of gardens and grounds that offer art and culture to the community.

Hope Botanical Garden (Leoma, Tennessee). Hope Botanical Garden features four acres of volunteer-maintained gardens, including a native plant garden, a rose and meditation garden, a Japanese garden, a water garden, and a maze garden.

University of Idaho Arboretum & Botanical Garden (Moscow, Idaho). The University of Idaho stewards two arboreta: C. H. Shattuck Arboretum (a 14-acre naturalized arboretum started in 1909) and the Arboretum and Botanical Garden (a 64 acre cultivated arboretum founded in 1982). University of Idaho Arboreta are outdoor museums maintained for the acquisition and proper curation of a living collection of native and introduced plants hardy in the Inland Pacific Northwest.

Graycliff (Derby, New York). Located on a cliff above Lake Erie on the outskirts of Buffalo, Graycliff, the summer home of businessman Darwin Martin and his wife Isabelle Martin, has been aptly called “the Jewel on the Lake.” The gardens, which spread over 8.5 acres, were designed by Frank Lloyd Wright as well as Ellen Biddle Shipman.

Aerial view of Graycliff, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright

AHS EVENTS CALENDAR

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events that are sponsored or cosponsored by the AHS. Visit www.ahsgardening.org for more information.

LIFELONG LEARNING
See page 11 for spring/summer programs.
To learn more about the Lifelong Learning program, visit https://ahsgardening.org/lifelong-learning. Unless noted, all events are virtual.

TRAVEL STUDY
To learn more, visit www.ahsgardening.org/travel.

AHS SIGNATURE EVENTS
APR. 12–13. Spring Garden Market. River Farm, VA.
JULY 8–11. National Children & Youth Garden Symposium. Chicago’s North Shore, IL.

AHS DISCOUNTS AT MARKETPLACE EVENTS HOME + GARDEN SHOWS
Get inspired at three Marketplace Events garden shows in March: Maryland Home + Garden Show in Timonium, MD (March 2 & 3 and 8–10), Salt Lake Home + Garden Show in Salt Lake City, UT (March 8-10), and Indiana Flower + Garden Show in Indianapolis, IN (March 9–17). AHS members receive 2-for-1 ticket discounts by logging into their account homepage to get the promo code.

AHS’S RIVER FARM TO PARTICIPATE IN VIRGINIA HISTORIC GARDEN WEEK
From April 20 to 27, over 170 private landscapes, public gardens and historic sites across Virginia will be open to the public during the Garden Club of Virginia’s Historic Garden Week. The annual event draws over 25,000 visitors to view picturesque sites at the peak of spring, in addition to over 1,000 world class-floral arrangements created by Garden Club of Virginia members. The statewide event includes 30 unique tours organized by 48 member clubs. On April 20, AHS’s River Farm headquarters will be participating as a place of interest in the Old Town Alexandria tour, hosted by Hunting Creek Garden Club and Garden Club of Alexandria. Proceeds from Historic Garden Week fund the restoration and preservation of Virginia’s historic public gardens and provide graduate level research fellowships. For more information and tickets, visit www.vagardenweek.org.
SPRING GARDEN MARKET AT RIVER FARM

Start off the gardening season at the American Horticultural Society’s annual Spring Garden Market, April 12 and 13, at our River Farm headquarters in Alexandria. This outdoor fundraising event brings together plant, seed, and garden accessory retailers, gardening experts, food vendors, and fun for the whole family. Proceeds contribute to the maintenance and preservation of River Farm. AHS members have free entry. Visit www.ahsgardening.org/sgm2024 for details.

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