**TRISH GIBSON MEMORIAL INTERNSHIP ESTABLISHED**

This summer, the AHS is launching a newly endowed horticultural internship program at River Farm. The Trish Gibson Memorial Internship at River Farm is supported by an endowment established by Campbell Gibson in honor of his late wife, Trish Gibson. A long-time AHS staff member who was a big supporter of the internship program, Trish died in 2018.

The overall goals of the Trish Gibson Memorial Internship are to provide horticulture students with real-world skills and experience, enhance their horticultural job prospects, increase the diversity of individuals working in horticulture, and foster a lifelong passion for gardening and horticulture. “We are grateful to Cam Gibson and his family for creating this program that will honor Trish while also serving as an opportunity for young horticulturists to gain practical experience working at our River Farm headquarters,” says AHS President and CEO Suzanne Laporte.

The first recipient of the new internship is Grace Walton, a rising senior at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia, who is majoring in environmental horticulture. Working directly with the AHS horticultural staff this summer, Grace will be involved with a wide range of horticultural tasks at River Farm, including planting, watering, weeding, and pruning. Field trips and networking with other horticultural professionals will also be part of the summer experience.

For more information about the internship, please visit the AHS website. If you are interested in making a donation to the internship fund in Trish’s honor or to expand the number of internships, contact Katie Tukey at ktukey@ahsgardening.org or (703) 768-5700 ext. 144.

**AHS AWARDS AT FLOWER SHOWS**

The following flower show exhibits across the country received the 2024 AHS Environmental Awards. The awards recognize exhibits of horticultural excellence that best demonstrate the bond between horticulture and the environment, and inspire viewers to beautify home and community through skillful design and appropriate plant choices.

**Northwest Flower & Garden Festival** (February 14–18): Captured Nature by GMC Landscapes LLC. The winning exhibit featured a watercourse and a skillful mix of native and ornamental plant material. Spaces between stones and plants appeared as they would in nature, and minimal use of forced color showed a good balance of showmanship and practical horticulture.
Connecticut Flower and Garden Show (February 20–23): Landscape #2 by Aqua Scapes of CT, LLC. Owner Robert Townsend was awarded for his naturalistic habitat highlighting aquatic plants in a water feature, surrounded by a diversity of outstanding specimen plants.

Maryland Home & Garden Show (March 1–10): Winner Urban Designs created a 1,000-square-foot outdoor oasis incorporating native plants, dry riverbed, natural bluestone walk, boulders as accents, and natural wood benches made from fallen timber.

The PHS Philadelphia Flower Show (March 2–10): A Beautiful Disturbance by Kelly D. Norris, LLC. This creative landscape demonstrated potential to “renature” a neglected urban site. It was an inspiration to bring nature back into the human habitat. The Environmental Award for the Philadelphia Flower Show was judged by AHS board chair Scott Plein and AHS board member Holly Shimizu.

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

To learn more about the Lifelong Learning program and view a complete list of events, visit https://ahsgardening.org/lifelong-learning. Unless noted, all events are virtual.

MAY 22. Designing for Nature with Edwina von Gal and Toshi Yano. 7–8 p.m. ET.

MAY 31. Inspired Garden Design Lessons from Magnificent Gardens with Kerry Mendez. 2–3 p.m. ET.


JUNE 11. Behind-the-Scenes Tour: Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens. Columbus, OH.

JUNE 14. Foggy Bottom.  Adrian Bloom. 2–3 p.m. ET.

JUNE 22. Behind-the-Scenes Tour: Private Maryland Gardens. Glen Echo, MD.

TRAVEL STUDY

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


AHS SIGNATURE EVENTS

JULY 8–11. National Children & Youth Garden Symposium. Chicago’s North Shore, IL.

NEW GARDENS IN THE AHS NETWORK

We would like to welcome two 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 as you travel!

Frank Lloyd Wright’s Martin House (Buffalo, NY): The 1.5-acre Martin House estate is comprised of multiple residences and interconnected buildings woven together within an integrated landscape. The grounds of the estate are punctuated with expansive gardens and outdoor rooms, the most distinctive of which is the floricycle arc of seasonal blooms. The 2,600-square-foot conservatory is an indoor glass-enclosed garden for protecting, cultivating, and showcasing rare and tropical plants.
The entrance garden at the Scott Arboretum in spring bloom

The Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College (Swarthmore, PA): This “garden of ideas” teaches best horticultural practices on a 425-acre arboretum. With 4,000 plant varieties representing the diversity of the Delaware Valley, the featured collections include conifers, witch hazels, crabapples, cherries, holly, hydrangeas, magnolias, and tree peonies.

BRICK WALKWAY COMPLETED AT RIVER FARM
Thanks to the sponsors of our 2022 and 2023 galas, we have received 111 engraved bricks and 11 engraved tiles to renovate and extend the garden walkway at our River Farm headquarters. The walkway, which was completed this spring, now runs from the Estate House past the Wedding Garden. In addition, we added a new walkway that connects the covered patio on the north side of the Estate House with a circular walkway near the front door. We are grateful for the continued support that lets us make River Farm more accessible to the wider community.

AHS ADVISORY COUNCIL ESTABLISHED
We are pleased to announce the launch of the AHS Horticultural Advisory Council. This new advisory group is comprised of highly regarded horticultural experts from all around the country, many of whom AHS has recognized through its national awards program. AHS staff members will consult council members for their insights on a wide array of horticultural projects that would benefit from their expertise, including the AHS’s book publication program and educational programs.

Inaugural Council members are Claire Sawyers (Liberty Hyde Bailey Award 2023), Dr. Jim Folsom (Liberty Hyde Bailey Award 2020), Bill McNamara (Liberty Hyde Bailey Award 2017), Dr. Mary Hockenberry Meyer (Teaching Award 2018), and Keith Tomlinson (retired public garden administrator and AHS travel study program host).

AHS GALA: SAVE THE DATE
Please mark your calendar for the 2024 AHS Gala, which will be held at the AHS’s River Farm headquarters on the evening of Saturday, September 21. More details will be available soon on the AHS website.

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