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# News from the AHS

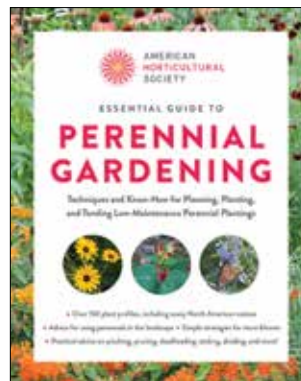
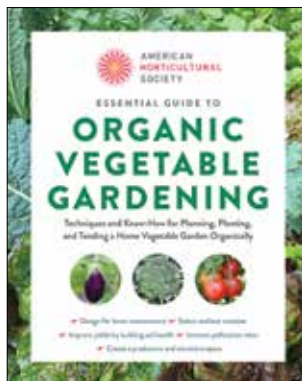
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PROGRAMS • EVENTS • ANNOUNCEMENTS

## NEW AHS GARDENING BOOKS ANNOUNCED

The American Horticultural Society is pleased to announce that pre-orders are now available for two new AHS books being released next year as part of a new publishing collaboration with Cool Springs Press.

The *American Horticultural Society Essential Guide to Organic Vegetable Gardening*, which will be released in January 2025, offers indispensable insight into growing a modern edible garden at home, regardless of whether home is in the



desert Southwest, the Midwestern plains, or on the shores of New England. Starting with a unique look at the history of vegetable gardening in North America, from indigenous cultures to Victory Gardeners to today's biodiversity-nurturing growers,

the book then digs into everything you need to know to cultivate a successful and productive vegetable garden without synthetic pesticides or fertilizers.

Hard on its heels, in February 2025, comes the *American Horticultural Society Essential Guide to Perennial Gardening*. This is a comprehensive and modern guide to cultivating and caring for herbaceous perennial plants and grasses, including many native to North America. Whether you grow in full sun or a shady corner, in a small space or a large landscape, the insight and guidance provided in this book will inspire a thriving, bloom-filled garden. This book contains all the information you need to grow perennials successfully in the face of today's many gardening challenges, including weather extremes, invasive pests, and water-use restrictions. Its progressive approach to perennial gardening focuses on treating the garden as an ecosystem that depends less on human interference and more on natural resiliency.

Pre-orders for both books are now available on Amazon and Bookshop.org..

## NEW LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAMS FOR FALL

Return to school this fall with new opportunities from AHS Lifelong Learning! Launching in mid-September, the fall term of these popular educational programs features four themed series: Horticulture & the Environment; Garden Design & Techniques; Plants, Culture, & Community; and Behind-the-Scenes Garden Tours. Programs take place online and across the country. Register for a program, a series, or all four series! Featured speakers for the fall include botanical artist and landscape designer **Lily Kwong**, ecological horticulturist and garden designer **Rebecca McMackin**, and bestselling author **Zoë Schlanger**. Visit [ahsgardening.org/lifelong-learning-2/](http://ahsgardening.org/lifelong-learning-2/) for information about all these new fall Lifelong Learning programs. [For a list of programs, turn to page 11.] Registration opens in late August.

## NEW STAFF MEMBERS JOIN AHS

Two new staff members joined the AHS this summer. **Rochelle Greayer** joins the AHS as Editor of *The American Gardener*, the organization's bimonthly maga-

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Could you please take 7 to 10 minutes of your time to respond to our magazine reader survey?

Over the last 102 years, *The American Gardener* magazine has evolved its visual style, features, and written content to respond to the needs of its members and the gardening and horticultural community. As we aim to meet the future publication in 2025, your opinions are our priority.

Scan the QR code to take the magazine reader survey today!



zine, and **Daniel Vincent** is the new Director of Membership and Communications.

A garden expert, landscape designer, and entrepreneur, Greayer founded Pith + Vigor, a newspaper, online magazine, and education platform. She created the acclaimed blog Studio 'g', named a top ten gardening blog by *Better Homes & Gardens*. She also co-founded *Leaf Magazine* and contributed to *Apartment Therapy* as the original creator of the column "The Gardenist." A graduate of the English Gardening School in London, Greayer has designed gardens and contributed to several gardening books. She published her first solo work, *Cultivating Garden Style*, in 2014.



Vincent, who will oversee Membership and Communications, is committed to building a culture that welcomes and celebrates our members. His role is to focus both on bringing new gardeners into the AHS fold and ensuring that our long-time members are always excited and engaged by our mission and work.



Vincent brings more than 25 years of leadership experience in nonprofit membership and marketing. He managed membership programs at the Trustees of Reservations, one of the nation's oldest conservation organizations, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the New York Landmarks Conservancy, the Frick Collection, and the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. He has a lifelong interest in the performing arts as well: he serves on the Board of the Berkshire Bach Society and was a member of the Boston Symphony Orchestra's renowned Tanglewood Festival Chorus.

## CALL FOR 2025 AWARD NOMINATIONS

Since 1953, the American Horticultural Society's Great American Gardener Awards have recognized individuals and institutions that have made significant contributions to American

## AHS EVENTS CALENDAR

Mark your calendar for these upcoming AHS events. Visit [ahsgardening.org](http://ahsgardening.org) for more information.

### LIFELONG LEARNING

To learn more about the Lifelong Learning program and view a complete list of events, visit [ahsgardening.org/lifelong-learning-2/](http://ahsgardening.org/lifelong-learning-2/). Unless noted, all events are virtual.

SEPT. 19. **Three Seasons of Outrageous Colors with Perennials.** Kerry Mendez. 2–3 p.m. ET.

SEPT. 25. **Ecotypes: Ecological Gardening with Nature's Heirloom Seeds.** Sefra Alexander. 7–8 p.m. ET.

SEPT. 27. **Behind-the-Scenes Garden Tour: Scott Arboretum.** 1:30–3:30 p.m. ET. Swarthmore, PA.

OCT. 3. **The Crevice Garden.** Kenton Seth. 2–3 p.m. ET.

OCT. 4. **Behind-the-Scenes Garden Tour: Newfields.** 2–3:30 p.m. ET. Indianapolis, IN.

OCT. 9. **The Light Eaters.** Zoë Schlanger. 7–8 p.m. ET.

OCT. 16. **Transformative Landscape Design.** Lily Kwong. 7–8 p.m. ET.

OCT. 18. **Behind-the-Scenes Garden Tour: Wakefield Arboretum.** 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m. ET. Milton, MA.

OCT. 30. **The Tree Collectors.** Amy Stewart. 7–8 p.m. ET.

NOV. 1. **Building a Garden Culture Through Media.** Rochelle Greayer. 2–3 p.m. ET.

NOV. 7. **Adventures in Ecological Horticulture.** Rebecca McMackin. 7–8 p.m. ET.

### TRAVEL STUDY

To learn more, visit [ahsgardening.org/travel](http://ahsgardening.org/travel).

DEC. 3–8. **Bermuda's Gardens, Homes and Holiday Magic.**

APR. 15–24, 2025. **Dutch Waterways by Private River Barge.**

APR. 27–MAY 3, 2025. **Hawaii's Garden Delights & Lei Day Festivities.**

horticulture. Nominations are now being accepted for 2025. Nominate your "horticultural champion"—an exemplary youth educator, a leader in sustainable design, or a media outlet that inspires and engages public interest in horticulture. To access the online nomination form, visit [ahsgardening.org/awards](http://ahsgardening.org/awards). Nominations must be received by September 27, 2024. For questions, e-mail [programs@ahsgardening.org](mailto:programs@ahsgardening.org).

## 2024 GROWING GOOD KIDS BOOK AWARDS

Each year, the Junior Master Gardener Program and the American Horticultural Society honor engaging, inspiring works of plant-, garden-, and ecology-themed children's literature through the "Growing Good Kids—Excellence in Children's Literature Awards" Program.

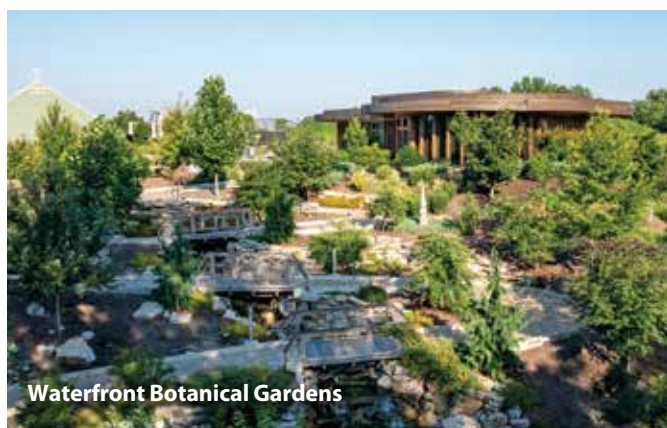
This year's five winners, announced during the AHS's 2024 National Children & Youth Garden Symposium at Chicago

Botanic Garden, focused on subjects as diverse as seeds, trees, butterflies, houseplants, and harvest. Here are this year's winners, selected from books published in 2023:

- **Every Little Seed** by Cynthia Schumerth, illustrated by Elisa Paganelli (Sleeping Bear Press)
- **Hello, Trees** by Bailey Bezuidenhout, illustrated by Maria Lebedeva (Kane Miller)
- **Home Is Calling** by Katherine Pryor, illustrated by Ellie Peterson (Worthy Kids/Hachette Book Group)
- **Beatrice and Barb** by Kate Jink Landry, illustrated by Vivian Mineker (Kids Can Press)
- **The Pie that Molly Grew** by Sue Heavenrich, illustrated by Chasmisa Kellogg (Sleeping Bear Press)

### NEW GARDENS IN THE AHS NETWORK

Three new gardens joined the AHS Reciprocal Garden Network over the summer: Waterfront Botanical Gardens, Conservation Garden Park, and the Botanic Garden of the Piedmont. These gardens join over 380 gardens around North America that offer free admission and other benefits to AHS members. Information on all network gardens can be found on the AHS Reciprocal Garden Network webpage ([ahsgardening.org/gardening-programs/rap/](http://ahsgardening.org/gardening-programs/rap/)).



Waterfront Botanical Gardens

**Waterfront Botanical Gardens** (Louisville, KY) is an urban garden being built on top of a former landfill. The Gardens opened in 2019 with five acres of the full 23-acre site developed. The Gardens feature the Graeser Family Education Center, Beargrass Creek Pathway, and a bonsai display.

With more than 8 acres of exhibits, pathways and plants, **Conservation Garden Park** (Salt Lake City, UT) is Salt Lake County's premier destination for learning about Utah's unique climate. Visitors can walk through a water pipe, explore a full-scale Localscape, see thousands of Utah-friendly plants, and learn how to create and maintain a water-efficient landscape.

**Botanic Garden of the Piedmont** (Charlottesville, VA) is a 15-acre native plant garden less than two miles from the heart of Charlottesville. Current projects in this newly opened garden include a stream restoration and a wildflower meadow. ■

*News written by AHS Staff*

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