

# News from the AHS

January / February 2025

PROGRAMS • EVENTS • ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DIGITAL AHS MEMBERSHIP CARDS DEBUT IN 2025

Starting in January, AHS Members will receive digital membership cards via email in place of paper cards through the mail. The new digital membership cards will provide quick and convenient access to your membership information when visiting participants in the AHS Garden Network.



AHS Members who already have an email address on file will be receiving an email with a link to download their new digital cards. Once downloaded, the personalized, non-transferable cards can be stored in either Apple Wallet or Google Wallet. Your digital cards will be updated automatically when you renew your AHS membership,

which will help save time and printing, paper, and postage costs.

“We are so excited to roll out this enhancement to our membership program,” says **Daniel Vincent**, AHS’s Director of Membership and Communications. “Please be on the lookout for an email with your new digital membership card in late January.”

Note that if you do not currently receive emails from AHS, then we may not have a current email address for you, or you may have unsubscribed from our email list. To sign up for

AHS emails, visit [connect.ahsgardening.org/signup](https://connect.ahsgardening.org/signup) or email us at [membership@ahsgardening.org](mailto:membership@ahsgardening.org).

## NEW LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAMS FOR WINTER

Spend your indoor time this winter learning about plants with AHS Lifelong Learning! Launching in mid-January, the winter term of these popular educational programs features four 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 winter include plantsman **Kelly D. Norris**, Indigenous plant educator **Linda Black Elk**, and landscape architect **Thomas Woltz**. Visit the AHS website for more information and program registration. [See the list of programs on the opposite page.]

## NEW GARDENS IN THE AHS NETWORK

Three new gardens joined the AHS Garden Network this past fall: Juniper Level Botanic Garden, Rest-Stop-Ranch, and Moore Farms Botanical Garden. 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 Garden Network webpage.

Established in 1986, **Juniper Level Botanic Garden** in Raleigh, North Carolina, is a 28-acre not-for-profit private research and botanic garden with over 28,000 different plants.



Juniper Level Botanic Garden

The garden’s mission focuses on ex-situ plant conservation, research, education, breeding, propagation, and plant distribution. With 10 acres of display gardens, Juniper Level promotes botanical diversity along with appropriate cultural practices. Plant combinations using color, texture, and form to accent each plant’s best characteristics create aesthetic views in the garden during each season of the year.

## AHS EVENTS CALENDAR

### LIFELONG LEARNING

SEE OUR WINTER 2025 PROGRAMS ON THE OPPOSITE PAGE.

### TRAVEL STUDY

MAY 21–29. **Garden Wonders of Southern Italy.**

AUG. 18–24. **Santa Fe's Cultural & Garden Wonders.**

AUG. 24–SEPT. 5. **South Africa's Blooming Landscapes.**

NOV. 2–13. **Japan's Autumn Majesty.**

### RIVER FARM

APR. 11 & 12. **Spring Garden Market.**

For more information about Lifelong Learning, AHS events, and Travel please visit the AHS website at [ahsgardening.org](https://ahsgardening.org).



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# WINTER 2025 AHS LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAMS

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

For a complete list of programs and to register, visit [ahsgardening.org/lifelong-learning-2/](https://ahsgardening.org/lifelong-learning-2/)



KELLY D. NORRIS



ANDREA DELONG-AMAYA



LINDA BLACK ELK



THOMAS WOLTZ

## HORTICULTURE & THE ENVIRONMENT

### Lawn Alternatives and Organic Lawn Care

with Paul Tukey, author and director of regional partnerships, Glenstone Museum  
• Thursday, January 23, 7–8 pm ET  
Virtual

### Your Natural Garden: Caring for an Ecologically Vibrant Garden

with Kelly D. Norris, author and founder, The Public Horticulture Company  
• Thursday, February 27, 7–8 pm ET  
Virtual

### The Texas Native Plant Primer

with Andrea DeLong-Amaya, author and director of horticulture, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center  
• Wednesday, March 12, 7–8 pm ET  
Virtual

## GARDEN DESIGN & TECHNIQUES

### The Perennial Plant Collector's Treasure Chest

with Kerry Mendez, principal and founder, Perennially Yours  
• Friday, January 17, 2–3 pm ET  
Virtual

### Designing Small Gardens

with Cheryl Salatino, principal and founder, Dancing Shadows Garden Design  
• Thursday, February 20, 1–3 pm ET  
Virtual

### Create Foundation Gardens with Native Plants

with Kathy Connolly, founder and principal, Speaking of Landscapes  
• Friday, March 14, 2–3 pm ET  
Virtual

## PLANTS, CULTURE, & COMMUNITY

### Plants in Southern Food History

with Terri Carter, educator, University of Georgia Extension  
• Friday, January 24, 2–3 pm ET  
Virtual

### Traditional Plant Knowledge

with Linda Black Elk, education director, North American Traditional Indigenous Food Systems  
• Thursday, January 30, 7–8 pm ET  
Virtual

### The Land Is Full

with Thomas Woltz, author and senior principal and owner, Nelson Byrd Woltz Landscape Architects  
• Wednesday, February 5, 7–8 pm ET  
Virtual

### Around the World in 80 Trees

with Dr. Jonathan Drori, author and board member, Cambridge University Botanic Garden  
• Thursday, February 13, 2–3 pm ET  
Virtual

## BEHIND-THE-SCENES GARDEN TOURS

### California Botanic Garden

with Dr. Lucinda McDade, executive director, California Botanic Garden  
• Friday, February 21, 10:30 am–12 pm PT  
Claremont, CA

### The State Botanical Garden of Georgia

with Jason Young, director of horticulture and grounds, The State Botanical Garden of Georgia  
• Friday, February 28, 10:30 am–12 pm ET  
Athens, GA

### Clark Gardens Botanical Park

with Carol Clark Montgomery, director, Clark Gardens Botanical Park  
• Friday, March 7, 10:30 am–12 pm CT  
Weatherford, TX

## ONLINE SELF-PACED COURSE

### Gardening in America

Course access from mid-September to mid-February

**Rest-Stop-Ranch** in Massachusetts is a 4-acre accessible garden designed to provide a therapeutic and inclusive space for long-term caregivers and care-receivers, especially those with mobility challenges. The site features ADA-compliant trails, sensory gardens, and a variety of themed flower festivals, including the Bulb Parade in April, Lilac Festival in May, Rose Festival in June, and Lily Festival in July. Programs include Sunday Strolls, Memory Café events, and hands-on horticultural activities. The gardens are open to visitors by appointment or during public events.



Moore Farms Botanical Garden

**Moore Farms Botanical Garden's** mission is to promote research and education in horticulture, agriculture, and forestry for the benefit of the people of South Carolina and beyond. Located near Lake City, the garden is a non-profit organization committed to creating gardens that inform, inspire, and delight. Collection highlights include southern heritage plants and native plants. By combining cutting-edge horticultural practices and rural gardening traditions, they are reinterpreting what it means to be a southern garden.

### SAVE THE DATE: AHS SPRING GARDEN MARKET

AHS members who live in the greater Washington, D.C. area should mark their calendars for the annual Spring Garden Market, which will be held April 11th and 12th at the AHS's River Farm headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia. As in past years, this lively event offers opportunities to shop for a diverse array of native and specialty plants, pick up beautiful works by local artisans, and browse through a broad selection of garden and culinary related gifts. A food truck will offer refreshments for visitors. Vendor and sponsorship registrations are available now. For more details, visit [ahsgardening.org](http://ahsgardening.org).

### PRIMEAU JOINS AHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Christian Primeau**, an accomplished horticulturist, garden designer, writer, and photographer with 30 years of experience in the green industry, recently joined the AHS Board of Directors. A resident of New York, Primeau has spent 22 years at nonprofit public gardens managing major glasshouse programs, most recently at New York Botanical



Garden (NYBG) where he directed operations at the iconic Enid A. Haupt Conservatory complex. There, Primeau collaborated with other horticulturists, artists, and designers to plan and build extensive seasonal exhibits, including Japanese Kiku chrysanthemum, orchid, and tropical foliage shows. The garden draws over a million visitors annually. Prior to joining NYBG, Primeau curated and managed tropical collections at the New England Botanic Garden in Massachusetts. His writing has been featured in NYBG's Plant Talk and Science Talk blogs as well as in *Fine Gardening* magazine. ■

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## GIFTS OF NOTE

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