

News from the AHS

March / April 2025

PROGRAMS • EVENTS • ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH GARDEN SYMPOSIUM: REGISTRATION OPEN

Registration is now open for the 33rd annual National Children & Youth Garden Symposium, taking place in Hartford, Connecticut from July 8 to 11. Enjoy summer in New England and time at the Connecticut Science Center while learning with hundreds of youth garden colleagues. This professional development event features dynamic keynotes, dozens of peer learning sessions, and field trips to the region's top university botanic gardens and student farms. For more about the 2025 symposium, see updates on the AHS website (ahsgardening.org).

NEW GARDENS IN THE AHS NETWORK

Three new gardens joined the AHS Garden Network at the end of 2024: George Washington's Mount Vernon, Longview Arboretum, and Bowers School Farm. 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.

George Washington's Mount Vernon, the historic Virginia estate of America's first president, offers a glimpse into



18th-century plantation life. Its gardens include a formal garden, botanical garden, kitchen garden, greenhouse, and historic trees, complemented by museum exhibits and immersive programs honoring Washington's legacy.

The Longview Arboretum and Nature Center in Longview, Texas, showcases the region's unique ecosystem through a public-private partnership. The 26-acre arboretum features woodlands, meadows, formal gardens, and a lily pond.

Since 1967, **Bowers School Farm** in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, has fostered community engagement in agriculture and

local food systems. The 93-acre farm includes a discovery garden for children, curated horticultural and vegetable gardens, community plots, and pastures with grazing animals. It offers community classes, harvest events, and youth camps.

AHS LAUNCHES ECOLOGICAL GARDENING ONLINE COURSE

AHS is excited to launch its second online course, Ecological Gardening. This self-paced program covers ecosystems, soil health, sustainable design, maintenance, and native plant-pollinator relationships.

The course consists of seven modules with lessons featuring AHS-produced text, videos, articles, activities, and resource recommendations.

To view the syllabus and register, visit the AHS website. Registration opens in early March, with rolling access available from late March to late August.

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 11 and 12 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

AHS EVENTS CALENDAR

TRAVEL PROGRAM

MAR. 24–28. **2025 President's Council Trip: The Glorious Gardens of Charleston, SC.**

APR. 15–24. **Floral Splendor and Artistry: Dutch Waterways by Private River Barge.**

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

MAY 29–JUNE 8. **Highlands, Islands, and Fjords: Scotland, Orkney Islands, and Norway.**

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 AHS events, please visit the AHS website at ahsgardening.org.



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For a complete list of programs and to register, visit ahsgardening.org.



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HORTICULTURE & THE ENVIRONMENT

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

How Can I Help? Saving Nature with Your Yard
with Dr. Douglas Tallamy, author and professor, University of Delaware
• Thursday, April 17, 2–3 pm ET
Virtual



JESSICA LEE

GARDEN DESIGN & TECHNIQUES

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

Gardening Year-Round: Inspiration for a Small Urban Garden in the Pacific Northwest
with Rizaniño Reyes, assistant director, Heronswood Garden and principal, RHR Horticulture and Landwave Gardens
• Thursday, April 10, 7–8 pm ET
Virtual

PLANTS, CULTURE, & COMMUNITY

Dispersals: On Plants, Borders, and Belonging
with Jessica Lee, author and environmental historian
• Friday, May 2, 2–3 pm ET

BEHIND-THE-SCENES GARDEN TOURS

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

University of North Carolina Charlotte Botanical Gardens Tour
with Jeffrey Gillman, director, UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens
• Friday, April 25, 10:30 am–12 pm ET
Charlotte, NC



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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.

REDESIGNED AHS WEBSITE COMING SOON!

AHS is launching a redesigned website this spring with improved navigation, vibrant visuals, and more timely content. It will also feature the organization's new branding introduced last year. We look forward to sharing it with you!

AHS LAUNCHES ONLINE PLANT SHOP

Think of AHS for your spring planting! Our new online Plant Shop is coming soon. It will offer a curated selection of plants for members. Each plant and grower has been carefully chosen for seasonality and hardiness, making it easy for both new and experienced gardeners. Visit the AHS Plant Shop on our website to explore the collection. ■

