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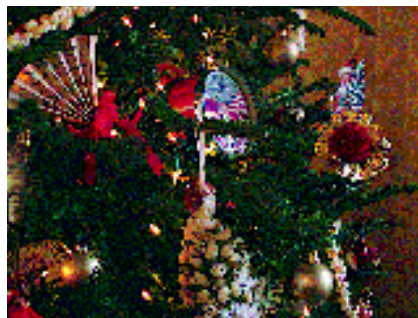
AHS Programs and Events

River Farm's Halls Were Decked

DURING THIS PAST holiday season, visitors to River Farm's main house were treated to a display of fragrant Christmas trees decorated with lovely handcrafted ornaments on loan from the archives of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

"The trees were a feast for eyes and noses," says Janet Walker, AHS director of horticulture. "Knowing that each ornament had been handmade or selected with care for our enjoyment increases our connection to those who celebrated long ago. We are grateful to the Smithsonian for sharing them with us."

The Christmas tree display at River Farm has become an annual tradition. The themes for the trees this past holiday season were American Colonial Designs, American Victorian, Appalachia, and Contemporary American. These ornaments and hundreds of other themed sets in the Smithsonian's archives were donated by various individuals and organizations.



A collection of American-themed ornaments

The American Colonial Designs tree featured heart- and star-themed ornaments made from materials available in colonial America, such as candlewicks, basket reeds, and sewing scraps. The American Victorian tree included elaborate ornaments that would have been found on the tree of an upper middle-class family of the 1870s. The Appalachian tree featured ornaments made from materials found in the home or landscape. The Contemporary American tree was decorated with glass ornaments, many that had

been in the donor's family for generations.

Volunteers from the Yacht Haven Country Club and Cadet Girl Scout Troop #211, both of Alexandria, Virginia, decorated the five eight- to 10-foot-tall Fraser firs donated by Homestead Gardens in Davidsonville, Maryland. Poinsettias donated by Bell Nursery in Burtonsville, Maryland, complemented the holiday tree displays.

2002 Youth Garden Symposium

Nutrition and environmental education will be the focus topics of this year's AHS National Children and Youth Garden Symposium, which will be held from August 1 to 3 at



the Holiday Inn Golden Gateway in San Francisco. California's educational establishments have traditionally produced strong nutrition and environmental education programs.

Co-sponsors for the symposium include a diverse array of educational and environmental organizations that will help foster dynamic and creative discussions and programs. Among the groups that have agreed to participate are:

- ☞ California State Department of Education
- ☞ Food, Land & People
- ☞ International Association of Culinary Professionals
- ☞ Life Lab Science Program

Web Site for Kids

On one of those bitterly cold days when outdoor adventures are curtailed, one way to keep the children in your life entertained—in an educational way—is to lead them on a virtual tour of Michigan State University's 4-H Children's Gardens.

The newly redesigned online kid's tour of the garden is an elegant integration of the real 4-H Children's Gardens and the virtual one. The award-winning Web site is visually rich, filled with interactivity, explorations, stories, garden sign language, and other enjoyable learning experiences.

Kids can dance on the dance chimes, grow their own pizza ingredients, create a special garden name tag, explore questions of the week, discover interesting information about microbes, build their own plant, send garden e-cards, and do lots of other fun and interesting activities. Helpful information for teachers and parents also appears throughout the tour.

Experience the Michigan State University's 4-H Children's Garden at 4hgarden.msu.edu/kidstour/

AHS Award Winners 2002

The following are the winners of this year's AHS Great American Gardeners Awards, which recognizes individuals and organizations who have made significant contributions to various fields in horticulture. Awards will be presented at the Society's Annual Conference in Seattle, June 6 to 8. For more information on the awards, please visit the AHS Web site (www.ahs.org).

George H. Ware
Liberty Hyde Bailey Award
(For horticultural contributions made in at least three of the following fields: teaching, research, writing, plant exploration, art, administration, business, and leadership.) Ware was a professor at Northwestern State University of Louisiana for 20 years before spending 40 years at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle, Illinois, where he coordinated the planning of the new research center and the urban vegetation laboratory. His research has included development of disease-resistant elm cultivars.

Warren H. Gabelman
Luther Burbank Award
(For achievements in plant breeding.) A plant breeder for 40 years, Gabelman developed new onions, carrots, and beets at the University of Wisconsin. The vegetable germplasm he developed is used by commercial vegetable breeders around the world.

August A. DeHertogh
H. Marc Cathey Award
(For achievements in horticultural research.) A professor at North Carolina State University, DeHertogh is being recognized for his outstanding research, particularly in the forcing of ornamental flower bulbs. His research program was established in 1965 with a grant from the Dutch Bulb Exporters Association of Hillegom, the Netherlands.

Rain Bird Corporation
G. B. Gunlogson Award
(For achievements in technology that make gardening more productive and enjoyable.) Rain Bird invented the impact sprinkler in 1933. Today, its sprinklers, valves, and controllers improve water management and conservation for both commercial and private landscaping ventures.

Penelope C. Decker
Frances Jones Poetker Award
(For achievements in floral design.) An award-winning floral designer, Decker is a National Council of State Garden Clubs judge; she also lectures and writes.

Joy Logee Martin
Catherine H. Sweeney Award
(For dedicated efforts in the horticultural field.) For over 20 years, Martin owned and operated Logee's Greenhouses in Danielson, Connecticut. Martin has lectured to horticultural organizations and has been an active member of the Herb Society of America, the American Begonia Society, and The Garden Conservancy.

National Gardening Association
Jane L. Taylor Award
(For contributions to children's gardening.) The National Gardening Association (NGA) has programs to help schools and communities promote children's gardening. More than 25,000 schools use NGA's K-8 plant-based curriculum, GrowLab: Activities for Growing Minds.

Walter's Gardens
Commercial Award—Organization
(For commercial contributions to gardening by a company.) Walter's Gardens, a family-run business in Zeeland, Michigan, opened in 1946 and is now the largest wholesale grower of field-grown perennials in the United States. Nearly 21 million field-grown perennials are cultivated each year on more than 2,000 acres of land.

Tony Avent
Commercial Award—Individual
(For commercial contributions to gardening by an individual.) Avent owns Plant Delights Nursery in Raleigh, North Carolina, a mail-order company specializing in rare and unusual herbaceous perennials,

including hostas and natives. Avent also travels in search of new plants, lectures, and writes.

Richard H. Mattson
Horticultural Therapy Award
(For contributions to the field of horticultural therapy.) Mattson developed the curriculum for and has been the director of the horticultural therapy program at Kansas State University since its inception. His research focuses on the physical, mental, and spiritual benefits of gardening for people of all ages, conditions, and abilities.

Jim Wilson
Communication Award
(For contributions to expanding horticultural awareness through various media.) For 53 years, Wilson has been promoting gardening through writing articles and books, lecturing, and serving 10 years as a host of "The Victory Garden." He is currently national spokesperson for the "Plant a Row for the Hungry" campaign.

Anne Raver
Writing Award
(For excellence in writing.) Since 1991, Raver has written about gardening, nature, landscape design, and environmental issues for *The New York Times*. She is author of *Deep in the Green*, a book of gardening essays. In 1998 she received the Loeb Fellowship at the Harvard Graduate School of Design for environmental journalism.

Mai K. Arbegast
Landscape Design Award
(For contributions to landscape design.) Arbegast has been a landscape architecture and horticultural consultant since 1967. Prior to that, she taught landscape architecture at the University of California—Berkeley.

Robert Chittock
Local Horticulture Award
(For contributions to gardening by an individual in the host city of the

AHS annual conference.) A landscape architect, Chittock has designed and installed gardens for large estates and small urban residences in Seattle and surrounding areas of western Washington State.

Julia Rappaport
Meritorious Service Award
(For dedicated service to AHS by a member or friend of AHS.) AHS advisory council member Julia Rappaport is being recognized for her exemplary service in support of the Society's goals, services, and activities. A member of AHS since 1974, she served on the Board of Directors and is a member of the President's Council and Horticultural Heritage giving societies.

Paul W. Meyer
Professional Award
(For contributions to horticulture by a director of an arboretum or botanical garden.) As the F. Otto Haas Director of the Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania, Meyer has played a vital role in the restoration of the late-Victorian gardens, architecture, and plant collections at the Morris Arboretum.

Leslie H. Fuchigami
Teaching Award
(For contributions to the teaching of horticulture.) A professor of horticulture at Oregon State University in Corvallis, Fuchigami has written more than 150 publications and holds two patents. His research focuses on stress resistance and dormancy development in temperate woody plants.

Center for Urban Horticulture
Urban Beautification Award
(For contributions to urban horticulture by an individual or organization.) The Center for Urban Horticulture provides the Seattle area with information, resources, and leadership for horticultural activities. The center manages several natural areas, including Washington Park Arboretum.