

REGIONAL HAPPENINGS

Horticultural Events from Around the Country

NORTHEAST

CT, MA, ME, NH, NY, RI, VT

JUNE 2-4. **Annual Native Plant Sale.** Massachusetts Audubon Society Pleasant Valley Sanctuary. Lenox, Massachusetts. (413) 637-0320. www.massaudubon.org.

JUNE 3. **Annual Plant Sale.** Marrett House. Standish, Maine. (207) 384-2454.

JUNE 3. **HerbFest 2006.** Connecticut Herb Association. Coventry, Connecticut. (860) 742-8239. www.topmostherbfarm.com.

JUNE 5-8. **2006 Northeast Regional Master Gardener Conference.** Newport, Rhode Island. (401) 874-2929. www.passionforgardening.com.

JUNE 10. **Annual Plant Sale.** Garden in the Woods. Framingham, Massachusetts. (508) 877-7630. www.newenglandwildflower.org.

JUNE 10 & 11. **Garden Weekend.** Old Sturbridge Village. Sturbridge, Massachusetts. (800) 733-1830. www.osv.org.

RAP JUNE 17. **Summer Solstice Celebration.** Polly Hill Arboretum. West Tisbury, Massachusetts. (508) 693-9426. www.pollyhillarboretum.org.

JUNE 23-25. **Newport Flower Show.** Newport, Rhode Island. (401) 847-1000 ext. 140. www.NewportFlowerShow.org.

JUNE 24. **Herb and Flower Festival.** Master Gardeners of Cornell Cooperative Extension. Parker Scripture Botanical Gardens. Oriskany, New York. (315) 736-3394 ext. 125.

JUNE 27-29. **Northeast Symposium on Native Plant Education, Conservation and Gardening.** Oswego County Board of Cooperative Educational Services. Mexico, New York. (315) 470-6817. www.esf.edu/outreach/nativeplants/program.htm

Looking ahead

JULY 8. **Hidden Treasures of the Berkshires.** Annual tour. Lenox Garden Club. Lenox, Massachusetts. (413) 298-5225.

JULY 9. **Connecticut Historic Gardens Day.** Woodstock, Connecticut. (860) 928-4074. www.historicnewengland.org.

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Events hosted by botanical gardens and arboreta that participate in AHS's Reciprocal Admissions Program are identified with the **RAP** symbol. Current AHS members showing a valid membership card are eligible for free or discounted admission to the garden or other benefits. Special events may not be included; contact the host site for details or visit www.ahs.org/events/reciprocal_events.htm.

MID-ATLANTIC

PA, NJ, VA, MD, DE, WV, DC

RAP MAY 19. **Clematis Connections.** Lec-

tures and sales. Green Spring Gardens. Alexandria, Virginia. (703) 642-5173. www.greenspring.org.

RAP MAY 19. **Creating Native Landscapes by Design.** Spring Garden Symposium. Adkins Arboretum. Ridgely, Maryland. (410) 634-2847 ext. 0. www.adkinsarboretum.org.

RAP MAY 20. **Birdathon.** Guided tours. Tyler Arboretum. Media, Pennsylvania. (610) 566-9134. www.tylerarboretum.org.

MAY 20. **Members' Plant Exchange and Sale.** Scott Arboretum. Swarthmore, Pennsylvania. (610) 328-8025. www.scottarboretum.org.

MAY 25. **Green Design: Rooftop Gardens for a Sustainable City.** Tour and discussion. Unit-

Exploring Specialty Fruit in Kentucky

NEW AND UNUSUAL varieties of fruit at specialty stores and farmers' markets are a relatively recent phenomenon, but the North American Fruit Explorers (NAFEX) have been seeking out, growing, and eating exceptional fruit since the mid-1960s. The group, a network of professional and amateur fruit growers devoted to the discovery, cultivation, and appreciation of fine fruits and nuts, will hold its annual meeting August 30 to September 1 in Lexington, Kentucky.

The event will include workshops on novel varieties for the home grower, bagging fruits for chemical-free pest control, growing fruit in small spaces, winemaking, fruit breeding, and other topics. The roster of speakers includes "Apple Wizard" Gene Yale, who grows over 100 trees in his Skokie, Illinois, backyard. Tours of private orchards and the University of Kentucky's Horticultural Research Fruit Farms will be offered as well.

Garden writer Doreen Howard, who is on the NAFEX board of directors, has been a member for about nine years. Her garden also has enjoyed some tangible benefits from her NAFEX membership. "I now have a little orchard of fruit trees on dwarf stock including nine heirloom apple varieties, Asian pears, and a shipova [a cross between eastern mountain ash and pear]; other NAFEX members have given me a Montrose cold-hardy apricot and an 11th-century pear called 'Le Nain Vert'."

For more information about NAFEX and its annual meeting, visit www.nafex.org.



An apple-tasting event was part of last year's annual meeting.

—Linda McIntyre, Editorial Intern

ed States Botanic Garden. Washington, DC. (202) 225-8333. www.usbg.gov.

JUNE 1. Native Plants in the Landscape. Conference and workshops. Millersville University. Millersville, Pennsylvania. (717) 872-3030. www.millersvillenativeplants.org.

JUNE 3. Annual Garden Tour. Reston Garden Club. Reston, Virginia. www.restongardenclub.org.

JUNE 9. The Beauty of Herbs. Lecture. Brookside Gardens. Wheaton, Maryland. (301) 962-1400. www.brooksidegardens.org.

RAP **JUNE 10. Roses for Richmond: It Can Be Done!** Lecture. Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden. Richmond, Virginia. (804) 262-9887. www.lewisginter.org.

RAP **JUNE 25. Tidewater Daylily Show & Plant Sale.** Norfolk Botanical Garden. Norfolk, Virginia. http://groups.hamptonroads.com/pages1.cfm?page_id=15212.

SOUTHEAST

AL, FL, GA, KY, NC, SC, TN

RAP **MAY 20. Perennial Plantings of Native Wildflowers.** Lecture. Marie Selby Botanical Gardens. Sarasota, Florida.

(941) 366-5731. www.selby.org.

RAP **JUNE 3. Hydrangeas in the Garden.** Lecture and tour. Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Birmingham, Alabama. (205) 414-3960. www.bbgardens.org.

JUNE 3. Monroeville Summer Tour of Gardens. Monroeville Garden Club. Monroeville, Alabama. (251) 743-4939.

RAP **JUNE 3. Trees and Shrubs for In-Town Gardens.** Lecture and walking tour. Atlanta Botanical Garden. Atlanta, Georgia. (404) 876-5859. www.atlantabotanicalgarden.org.

JUNE 17. Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) Workshop for Consumers. North Carolina State University Center for Environmental Farming Systems. Goldsboro, North Carolina. (919) 513-0954. www.cefs.ncsu.edu.

Looking ahead

JULY 19-25. Water Gardening Symposium. International Waterlily and Water Gardening Society. Orlando, Florida. (941) 756-0880. www.iwgs.org.

NORTH CENTRAL

IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI

JUNE 2 & 3. Plant Sale. Michigan State University Department of Horticulture.

East Lansing, Michigan. (617) 355-5191. E-mail: gardens@msu.edu.

JUNE 8-10. Herbs: Hands On! Herb Society of America Educational Conference and Annual Meeting. (Open to public, too.) Indianapolis, Indiana. (440) 256-0514. www.herbsociety.org.

JUNE 13 & 14. International Water Garden and Pond Show. Trade show. Rosemont, Illinois. (818) 316-0226. www.watergardenshow.com.

Looking ahead

JULY 8-11. OFA Short Course. Greater Columbus Convention Center. Columbus, Ohio. (800) 424-5249. www.ofa.org.

JULY 16. Dearborn Garden Walk and Heritage Festival. Chicago, Illinois. (312) 632-1241. www.dearbornwalk.com.

SOUTH CENTRAL

AR, KS, LA, MO, MS, OK, TX

RAP **JUNE 10. Improving Your Nature Photographs.** Workshop. San Antonio Botanical Garden. San Antonio, Texas. (210) 207-3270. www.sabot.org.

RAP **JUNE 13. Water Gardening: Plants and Fish.** Workshop. Biedenharn Museum and



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Gardens. Monroe, Louisiana. (318) 387-5281. www.bmuseum.org.

RAP JUNE 15. **Butterfly Plants Talk and Walk.** Missouri Botanical Garden. St. Louis, Missouri. (314) 577-5100. www.mobot.org.

SOUTHWEST

AZ, NM, CO, UT

RAP MAY 20. **Landscaping with Native Plants.** Lecture. Red Butte Botanical Garden. Salt Lake City, Utah. (801) 581-4747. www.redbuttegardens.org.

JUNE 10. **Weird Plant Sale.** Tuscon Botanical Gardens. Tuscon, Arizona. (520) 326-9686. www.tusconbotanical.org.

RAP JUNE 17. **Plant Sale and Garden Fair.** The Arboretum at Flagstaff. Flagstaff, Arizona. (928) 774-1442. www.thearb.org.

RAP JUNE 24. **Design Inspiration for a Water-Smart Garden.** Lecture with garden tours. Denver Botanic Gardens. Denver, Colorado. (720) 865-3500. www.botanicgardens.org.

WEST COAST

CA, NV, HI

MAY 20 & 21. **Sierra Foothills Garden Tour.** Grass Valley, California. (530) 477-8013. www.sierrasroptimist.org.

JUNE 8 & 9. **Integrated Pest Management Conference.** Lectures, workshops, and trade show. San Luis Obispo, California. www.calpoly.edu/~envhort/IPM_Conf.htm. E-mail: rrice@calpoly.edu.

JUNE 10. **Garden Tour.** Organic gardens with rare and endangered food, medicinal and ornamental plants. Occidental Arts and Ecology Center. Occidental, California. (707) 874-1557 ext. 203. www.oaec.org.

JUNE 10 & 11. **Flower, Garden and Art Festival.** Mission San Juan Capistrano. San Juan Capistrano, California. (939) 234-1300 ext. 425. www.missionsjc.com.

Looking ahead

JULY 7-9. **International Orchid Fair.** Santa Barbara Orchid Estate. Santa Barbara, California. (800) 553-3387. www.orchidfair.com.

NORTHWEST

AK, ID, MT, OR, WA, WY

MAY 21. **Wildflower Festival and Plant Sale.** Co-presented with the Native Plant Society of Oregon. Mt. Pisgah Arboretum. Eugene, Oregon. (541) 747-3817. www.efn.org/%7Eemtpisgah.

Paul Ecke Jr. Flower and Garden Show

THE PAUL ECKE JR. FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW, the biggest flower show west of the Rocky Mountains, will take place in San Diego from June 10 to July 4 as part of the San Diego County Fair. With over four acres of exhibits and display gardens, it will feature more than 50 landscape gardens and exhibits of bonsai, non bo, and container plants.

Susi Torre-Bueno, president of the San Diego Horticultural Society (SDHS), expects that this year's displays will reflect gardening trends in southern California, such as more use of water-thrifty plants and plants with colorful foliage. "With our mild climate, we can select plants that are attractive 12 months of the year," she says. "By choosing plants with interesting and colorful foliage, we can have a very eye-catching garden even when nothing is in bloom."

The SDHS will be giving Excellence in Horticulture Awards for the Best Youth Garden, the Best Expression of Garden Education, Accuracy in Nomenclature, Creative Use of Unusual Plant Material, and the Don and Dorothy Walker Award for Most Outstanding Exhibit. SDHS members also will provide tours of the display gardens and general gardening information to visitors.

The AHS will present an Environmental Award to the exhibit at the show that best demonstrates the connection between horticulture and environmental stewardship. Other awards include the Pat Welsh Award for the garden most likely to appeal to the imagination of children.

For more information about the show, call (858) 755-1161 or visit www.sdfair.com.

—Linda McIntyre, Editorial Intern



From the 2005 fair: A feature exhibit by Samia Rose Topiary, top, and an award-winning water garden, above.

JUNE 2-4. **Dream in Color.** Point Defiance Flower and Garden Show. Tacoma, Washington. (253) 305-1008. www.ptdefianceflowershow.com.

JUNE 10. **Annual Picnic and Plant Auction.** Meerkerk Rhododendron Gardens. Greenbank, Washington. (360) 678-1912. www.meerkerkgardens.org.

RAP JUNE 10. **Favorite Trees and Shrubs of the Cheyenne Botanic Gardens.** Walking tour. Cheyenne Botanic Gardens. Cheyenne, Wyoming. (307) 637-6459. www.botanic.org.

CANADA

MAY 28. **Ontario Rock Garden Society Spring Flower Show.** Toronto Botanical Garden. Toronto, Ontario. (416) 397-1340. www.torontobotanicalgarden.ca.

JUNE 3. **Paris Horticultural Society Garden Tour and Plant Sale.** Paris, Ontario. (519) 442-6495. E-mail: flwplus@execulink.com.

JUNE 13. **The Nature of Perception.** Lecture. Master Gardeners' Association. Van Dusen Botanical Garden. Vancouver, British Columbia. (604) 878-9821. www.vandusengarden.org.