

Green Garage® Gets Warm Reception in Seattle

THE AHS'S Green Garage® exhibit was the new kid on the block among the 25 major exhibits at this year's Northwest Flower & Garden Show in Seattle, Washington, held February 14 to 18. The exhibit, which earned a bronze medal at the show, emphasizes eco-friendly gardening through the plantings around a model garage as well as the "green" tools, products, and gardening methods on display.

"One of the most exciting aspects of the show," says **Tom Underwood**, AHS director of member programs and chief operating officer, "was the great support we received from the local gardening community." Dozens of volunteers helped set up and build the display, and then spent time at the show explaining the Green Garage concept to visitors.

Another positive aspect of the show was the strong interest in the Green Garage's earth-friendly gardening message, a unique focus for a flower show setting where displays often emphasize glamour at the expense of practicality. Visitors to the Green Garage "responded really well to the feasibility of the design for their home garden," explains **Laura Alexander**, AHS membership and marketing coordinator.

Molbak's, a garden center and nursery in Woodinville, Washington, contributed to the success of the Green Garage in Seattle by collaborating with the AHS to offer a store discount as part of an AHS membership promotion.

"Given the great success we had with this exhibit last year at the Philadelphia Flower Show, we were really pleased and proud to find an even more receptive audience here in the Pacific Northwest," says Tom. "It was encouraging to see so many people excited about the Green Garage and environmentally responsible gardening."



Above, left to right: Project Coordinator **Lois Pendleton**, volunteer **Nancy Evans**, and **Tom Fitzpatrick** from Lakeview Stone & Garden helped to create a successful Green Garage exhibit in Seattle, right.



AHS Garden Schools Begin in April

ON APRIL 26 AND 27, the first 2007 AHS Garden School will be "**After Dark in the Garden: Creating Landscapes for Evening Enjoyment**," held at the AHS's River Farm headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia.



Robert Lyons

Guest horticulturist **Robert Lyons**, director of the Longwood Graduate Program in Public Horticulture and professor at the University of Delaware, will be leading the program, which focuses on ways gardeners can use plants and design techniques to extend their enjoyment of gardens into the evening hours.

Other speakers are **Scott Ogden**, a Texas-based writer, garden designer, and author of *The Moonlit Garden*; **Karen Bussolini**, a garden photographer and co-author of *Elegant Silvers: Striking Plants for Every Garden*; **Suzy Bales**, a garden writer and lecturer who is author of *A Garden of Fragrance*; **Roger Foley**, a garden photog-

rapher who specializes in landscape architecture and garden design; and **David Inouye**, a biology professor at the University of Maryland whose specialty is pollination biology.

In addition to these speakers, landscape lighting specialists from **Outdoor Illumination** will lead an evening field study, during which attendees will interactively explore the lighting and design techniques discussed.

The second AHS Garden School, focusing on "**The Amazing World of Plants**," will be held October 4 and 5 at Yew Dell Gardens in Crestwood, Kentucky.

For more information and to register, visit www.ahs.org or call (703) 768-5700 ext. 137.

OXO Partners with the AHS

THE AHS'S newest corporate partner is **OXO International**. Based in New York City, OXO International specializes in producing easy-to-use products with a "Universal Design" philosophy. The company has signed on as a special Education Sponsor for many of the AHS's programs such as the National Children

& Youth Garden Symposium and the AHS Garden Schools.

“We are very pleased to announce this new partnership for our educational programs,” says AHS President **Deane Hundley**. “OXO is a prominent international company that is respected throughout the gardening industry for its commitment to quality garden tools and other products.”

OXO International creates more than 500 products ranging from cooking, cleaning, and storage items to a wide collection of gardening and hardware tools. As part of its arrangement with the AHS, OXO has donated an assortment of tools for use in the gardens at River Farm.

For additional information about OXO, visit www.oxo.com.

New AHS Online Lecture Series

ON MARCH 29, University of Georgia horticulture professor and author **Allan Armitage** will host “**Perennials That Work**,” the first of three online seminars—or webinars—available exclusively to AHS members.

In preparation for spring, Allan will profile eight of his favorite perennial plant groups for the garden. “For each group, I’m going to cover some of the best cultivars, both time tested and new,” says Allan. Participants will view the 30-minute, live lecture on their personal computer, and then have the opportunity to ask questions following the presentation. As an added bonus, participants will be eligible to receive a special discount on any of Allan’s many gardening books.

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Nikolai Antuychin Artwork at River Farm

From March 5 through June 28, visitors to the AHS’s headquarters at River Farm will have the opportunity to view the impressive floral artwork of Russian artist Nikolai Antuychin. Ranging in style from the traditional realistic mode of the Moscow School of Art



to the Russian Impressionists, Antuychin’s pastels and oil compositions have caught the attention of collectors around the world. Antuychin has also served as graphic arts instructor at the Moscow Pedagogical Institute and is a current member of the Russian Union of Arts.

Upcoming art exhibits at River Farm include collections from Sara Poly and students from July 2 through August 3, and Donna Sturm of Salon Eight from September 1 through October 31.

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AHS NATIONAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

2007 CALENDAR

Mark your calendar for these national events that are sponsored or cosponsored by the AHS. Visit www.ahs.org or call (703) 768-5700 for more information.

- APR. 2–28. **Washington Blooms!** George Washington's River Farm. Alexandria, Virginia.
- APR. 9–12. **AHS President's Council Trip.** Charlotte, North Carolina.
- APR. 5–JUNE 3. **Epcot International Flower & Garden Festival.** Lake Buena Vista, Florida.
- APR. 21 & 22. **Friends of River Farm Plant Sale.** George Washington's River Farm. Alexandria, Virginia. (Please note: Member's-only preview sale is from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on April 20.)
- APR. 26 & 27. **AHS Garden School.** "After Dark in the Garden: Creating Landscapes for Evening Enjoyment." George Washington's River Farm. Alexandria, Virginia.
- APR. 29–MAY 2. **Colonial Williamsburg Garden Symposium.** Williamsburg, Virginia.
- MAY 4. **Magic of Landscapes.** Lake Buena Vista, Florida.
- MAY 12. **Mother's Day Concert.** George Washington's River Farm. Alexandria, Virginia.
- MAY 20. **Friends of River Farm Family Picnic.** George Washington's River Farm. Alexandria, Virginia.
- MAY 31. **Taste of River Farm.** George Washington's River Farm. Alexandria, Virginia.
- JUNE 1. **Great American Gardeners Award Ceremony and Banquet.** George Washington's River Farm. Alexandria, Virginia.
- JULY 19–21. **National Children & Youth Garden Symposium.** Chaska, Minnesota. Hosted by the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum Public Policy Programs.
- AUG. 24–26. **Homestead Resorts Garden Symposium.** Hot Springs, Virginia.
- SEPT. 20–22. **Fashion in Bloom.** George Washington's River Farm. Alexandria, Virginia.
- SEPT. 29. **AHS Annual Gala.** George Washington's River Farm. Alexandria, Virginia.
- OCT. 4 & 5. **AHS Garden School.** "The Amazing World of Plants." Yew Dell Gardens. Crestwood, Kentucky.
- OCT. 23. **Dr. H. Marc Cathey Day.** George Washington's River Farm. Alexandria, Virginia.
- DEC. 3–21. **Holiday Trees Display.** George Washington's River Farm. Alexandria, Virginia.

The next webinar, "**Annuals That Work,**" will be offered on May 10, during which Allan will highlight successful annuals that are sure to brighten any garden. The series concludes on September 25 with Allan's timely discussion of "**Bulbs That Work.**"

While there is no fee for AHS members to participate, space is limited. To register, go to www.ahs.org.

Magic of Landscapes Symposium

THE MAGIC OF LANDSCAPES SYMPOSIUM, an AHS Horticultural Partner, will feature **Carol R. Johnson** at the Epcot® International Flower & Garden Festival at Walt Disney World's Epcot Center in Lake Buena Vista, Florida, on May 4.

Carol is the founder and board member of Carol R. Johnson Associates, Inc., a landscape architectural design and environmental planning firm with offices in Boston, Massachusetts, and Knoxville, Tennessee. A winner of the American Society of Landscape Architects Medal as well as a Gold Medal recipient from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, Carol has proven to be a luminary in her field. She taught for seven years at the Harvard University Graduate School of Design and lectures at colleges and universities throughout the world.

For more information on the Epcot International Flower & Garden Festival, visit www.magicoflandscapes.com.

AHS Receives ExxonMobil Grant

FOR THE SECOND YEAR in a row, the AHS will participate in the ExxonMobil Community Summer Jobs Program (CSJP), which will provide a grant for a youth programs intern to spend the summer at River Farm. The intern will assist with various AHS education programs, such as the National Children & Youth Garden Symposium July 19 to 21 in Chaska, Minnesota. He or she will also participate with other interns on a community service volunteer project.



A group of CSJP interns renovate an arbor at the Washington Youth Garden last summer.

"This internship was unique because I also gained career information through the ExxonMobil Community Summer Jobs Program," says **Mara Brettner**, last year's AHS youth programs intern funded by the grant. "This outside organization connected me with other college students working with non-profits in Fairfax County, Virginia," she adds.

For information about the youth programs intern position at River Farm, visit www.ahs.org or call (703) 768-5700 ext. 121.

AHS Spring Plant Sale

ON APRIL 21 AND 22, the AHS will hold its annual Friends of River Farm Plant Sale, offering hundreds of popular and unique garden plants from a variety of vendors. Shoppers will find a wide selection of vegetables, herbs, annuals, native plants, and many “hard to find, new introductions of trees, shrubs, and herbaceous perennials,” says **Peggy Bowers**, AHS horticulturist. Among the offerings will be many of Peggy’s favorite species and varieties, carefully chosen for their low maintenance needs, multiple seasons of interest, wildlife benefits, and proven garden performance in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

In addition to the plants, garden books, tools, accessories, and other items will be on sale in the AHS Garden Shop.

AHS members presenting a valid membership card may attend the preview sale from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, April 20. The public is welcome on Saturday, April 21 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, April 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For additional information, visit www.ahs.org or call (703) 768-5700.

AHS Partners with American Society of Landscape Architects

THE AHS is once again partnering with the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) in support of National Landscape Architecture Month (NLAM). Throughout April, ASLA will hold various events across the country in support of this

Washington Blooms!

Thousands of daffodils, tulips, and other colorful bulbs will brighten the gardens of George Washington’s River Farm this



April during *Washington Blooms!* Thanks to our generous donors, **K. Van Bourgondien & Sons** and the **Royal Dutch Wholesalers Association for Flowerbulbs and Nurserystock**, more than 12,000 bulbs were planted last fall, adding to approximately 90,000 bulbs already established in the gardens at River Farm.

Special events include garden tours and the Friends of River Farm Plant Sale. For more information, visit www.ahs.org and click on “Events” or call (703) 768-5700.


year’s theme, “Discover Careers in Landscape Architecture.”

NLAM events held at the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C., include “Spotlight on Design: James Corner,” on April 3, and a panel discussion on “Greening a River: the Four Mile Run Restoration Plan” on April 26. For more information on NLAM chapter events offered in your region, visit www.asla.org or call (202) 216-2371.

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