

AMERICAN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S  
18<sup>th</sup> Annual National Children & Youth Garden Symposium Call for Sessions  
**The Vitality of Gardens: Energizing the Learning Environment**

July 22 - 24, 2010  
Pasadena, CA

***Deadline for Receipt of Proposals is June 1, 2010***

The restoration we seek in gardens is more essential than ever, but gardens are also sources of healthy food, environmental protection and personal fulfillment. The garden can be an incubator for fostering engaged citizens. For children and youth, a garden can be a science lab, art studio, kitchen, gathering place, theater of the imagination, a special place to explore the world.

Come learn how to create and use gardens to provide dynamic environments for experimentation, social engagement, self-expression, and connection to the natural world. Hear from youth, the adults in their lives, and national experts about the vital role of gardens in the lives of today's youth.

As a symposium attendee you will:

- Participate in the only national symposium that explores the positive impact of gardens in the lives of children and youth;
- Meet and learn from leading youth garden experts;
- Receive useful and relevant project, curriculum, design and garden management ideas;
- Explore the gardens of the symposium hosts including Descanso Gardens, Garden School Foundation, The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens, Kidspace Children's Museum, Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Garden, and the University of California Common Ground Garden Program
- Participate in 3 dynamic days of workshops, lectures, poster sessions and field trips; and
- Network and share your own expertise with children's gardening advocates from across the nation.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING SESSION PROPOSALS**

Proposals can either be submitted by mail or fax to the address at the end of the form. All proposals for the poster session are due by close of business on Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Keep in mind when writing the proposal that the Review Panel will be making decisions based upon what is presented in the proposal. In order to deliver diverse and high-quality session any changes to the session proposal after acceptance must be authorized by the AHS.

Proposals will be evaluated for 1) Originality; 2) Quality; 3) Significance to Children & Youth Gardening; and 4) Value to Practitioner. The Review Panel also strives to offer a balanced program, with educational sessions speaking to the various intended audiences (pre-K, K-5, Middle School, High School) and the primary areas of focus (Curriculum, Garden Design, Creation, and Maintenance, Administration and Funding, Entrepreneurial Programs, Evaluation, Program Overview, Basic Horticulture/Science, Leadership Development, Literature, Horticulture Therapy.)

I. Presentation Details

Title of Presentation (10 words or less)

Brief Description of Presentation for Symposium Brochure (30 words or less)

What can attendees expect to do or learn in this session? (50 words or less)

Please provide a detailed description of the session you are proposing (200 words or less).

## II. Presentation Format

The posters will be on display throughout the Symposium. An hour and a half general session will be dedicated to posters, providing an opportunity for poster presenters to present to and interact with the attendees. Please note that no AV will be supplied for poster sessions and that posters need to be created on a free-standing tri-fold display board available at your local office supply store).

## III. Poster Presentation Information

Primary Topic Area		
<input type="checkbox"/> Administration and Funding	<input type="checkbox"/> Basic Horticulture/Science	<input type="checkbox"/> Curriculum
<input type="checkbox"/> Entrepreneurial Programs	<input type="checkbox"/> Evaluation	
<input type="checkbox"/> Garden Design, Creation, and Maintenance		
<input type="checkbox"/> Horticulture Therapy	<input type="checkbox"/> Leadership Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature
<input type="checkbox"/> Program Overview	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
Primary Audience(s) (select all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> pre-K	<input type="checkbox"/> K-5	<input type="checkbox"/> Middle School <input type="checkbox"/> High School

## IV. Presenter Information (Please list each presenter individually)

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Job Title		
Organization		
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