

AMERICAN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S
18th 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 December 15, 2009

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, Huntington Botanical Gardens, the Los Angeles County Arboretum.; and school gardens hosted by the Los Angeles County Master Gardeners;
- 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 online at www.ahs.org though the youth gardening section of the website or submitted by mail or fax to the address at the end of the form. All proposals for sessions are due by close of business on December 15th.

Selection Process: The NCYGS Educational Session Review Panel will meet in January to select the 2010 sessions. By February 5th notifications regarding the status of each proposal will be sent out. Please note the Session Review Panel may accept the proposal under a different format than originally proposed i.e. a lecture proposal may be offered as a poster. The Review Panel may also accept a session pending alterations to the scope, format, or educational objectives.

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.)

Expectations of Presenters of Lectures and Workshops:

Presenters are strongly encouraged to provide hand-outs for their session, to provide attendees with resources and further information to take home. Presenters should also bring their handouts, slide shows or any other presentation material on a USB flash drive, as well as have hard copy.

Financial Considerations:

The presenters will not be compensated for their travel, registration, or material costs. In appreciation of the presenter’s time and efforts, presenters will be offered a \$50 discount off either a daily or full-Symposium registration (does not apply to poster session presenters).

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

This is a:

_____ **Lecture**-60 minutes, to include time for questions (may feature one or more speakers)

_____ **Workshop**-90 minutes, to include hands-on activities and/or participant interaction

_____ **Poster**-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. 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 _____ | |

AV Requirements (for lectures and workshops)

Supplying AV for the Symposium is a significant financial commitment. If you are able to supply your own AV you will help the AHS keep registration fees low.

Equipment	Will Supply My Own AV	Need AHS to Supply
*Computer (laptop)		
DVD Player		
LCD Projector		
Other:		

*Please indicate if your computer needs are MAC or PC: **Mac users need to provide their own cables and adapters.**

Other Needs or Considerations such as sinks, outdoor access, display table(s):

Room Arrangement (for lectures and workshops)

- Chairs only**
- Tables and Chairs**

IV. Presenter Information (Please list each presenter individually)

Mr. / Ms. / Mrs. / Other _____	Name	
Job Title		
Organization		
Address		
City	State	Zip
This address is: Home _____ Work _____	Fax	
Home Phone	Business Phone	
E-mail Address		
Website(s)		

Mr. / Ms. / Mrs. / Other _____	Name	
Job Title		
Organization		
Address		
City	State	Zip
This address is: Home _____ Work _____	Fax	
Home Phone	Business Phone	
E-mail Address		
Website(s)		

Mr. / Ms. / Mrs. / Other _____	Name	
Job Title		
Organization		
Address		
City	State	Zip
This address is: Home _____ Work _____	Fax	
Home Phone	Business Phone	
E-mail Address		
Website(s)		

Mr. / Ms. / Mrs. / Other _____	Name	
Job Title		
Organization		
Address		
City	State	Zip
This address is: Home _____ Work _____	Fax	
Home Phone	Business Phone	
E-mail Address		
Website(s)		

Please return completed proposal to:

Kimberly Haun, Youth Programs Coordinator
 American Horticultural Society, 7931 East Boulevard Drive, Alexandria, VA 22308
 Fax: 703-768-7533; E-mail: youthprograms@ahs.org