

Growing Fertile Minds and Communities

The American Horticultural Society's 16th Annual

National Children & Youth Garden Symposium

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Greater Philadelphia Area



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Camden Children's Garden

Longwood Gardens

Pennsylvania Horticultural Society

Winterthur Museum & Country Estate



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This summer, join leading national children's and youth gardening experts in the Greater Philadelphia area as they share how to nurture fertile minds and communities through innovative programs, activities, and curricula.

Our hosts for the 2008 Symposium offer a broad range of both programs and gardens from the four-acre **Camden Children's Garden** and the grand horticultural displays of **Longwood Gardens** to the urban school programs offered by the **Pennsylvania Horticultural Society** and the Enchanted Woods® children's garden at **Winterthur Museum & Country Estate**. During the Symposium, attendees will have the opportunity to visit these outstanding host sites and learn about the award-winning outreach programs of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society.

The Symposium will be headquartered at the John M. Clayton Hall on the University of Delaware's Newark campus, which is centrally located between all the host gardens.

A pre-Symposium workshop at Longwood Gardens, "Create a Living Sculpture," will engage participants in the process of creating a living art project. An optional post-Symposium trip will take attendees to **Chanticleer**, a pleasure garden in Wayne, Pennsylvania, noted for emphasizing the art of horticulture through unusual and imaginative combinations of plants.

We invite you to join us for three days to discover new resources and gain valuable insights during lectures by keynote speakers, field trips to exemplary gardens, hands-on workshops, and a poster session. If you want to develop or expand educational programs for children and youth in schools, community programs, or at home, the AHS National Children & Youth Garden Symposium offers an unparalleled opportunity for inspiration, information, and networking.



Our Hosts

Camden Children's Garden

Nestled on the waterfront in Camden, New Jersey, the Camden Children's Garden is a place for young people to explore and discover the natural world. Its four acres of themed gardens provide a green oasis in an urban landscape for young visitors, who include at-risk youth. Education and entertainment go hand-in-hand as children discover gardening and the natural world through a variety of innovative programs and activities.



Longwood Gardens

Longwood Gardens is a place of unparalleled beauty, presenting dazzling fountains, concerts, exhibits, and educational opportunities in breathtaking settings. Young visitors to Longwood delight in a variety of activities designed especially for them. From the new Indoor

Children's Garden to informative and fun programs, children and youth at Longwood experience the joy of being in a garden while actively learning and reconnecting with nature.

Pennsylvania Horticultural Society

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS) is a nonprofit membership organization founded in 1827. Through its youth programs, PHS seeks to inspire youth and improve communities by cultivating student appreciation and interest in gardening and nature. The organization also helps teachers integrate horticulture and environmental education into the classroom.



Winterthur Museum & Country Estate

Winterthur, an American country estate, is the former home of Henry Francis du Pont (1880-1969), an avid antiques collector and horticulturist. As a child,

du Pont explored nature by playing in the Winterthur garden. In that same spirit of discovery and fun, Winterthur opened its three-acre fairy-tale children's garden, Enchanted Woods®, in 2001. A jumping-off point for discovering the entire Winterthur garden, Enchanted Woods fosters imaginative free play and an enduring love for the natural world for people of all ages.

Keynote Speakers

"Take a Minute To Be In It"

Jane Kirkland

Jane Kirkland is an award-winning nonfiction author and speaker. She is a regular guest on WXPN's *Kids Corner* radio program and has appeared on Animal Planet TV, NPR, and PBS. Jane's work has been featured in *Parents*, *Learning*, and many other major magazines and newspapers. Her *Take a Walk*® books and a new book for educators, *No Student Left Indoors: Creating a Field Guide to Your Schoolyard*, are recommended by the National Science Teachers Association, the National Wildlife Federation, the National Arbor Day Foundation, and several other organizations.



You'll be inspired by her passion, entertained by her humor, and infected with her love and curiosity of nature. Don't miss the chance to journey with Jane as she shares her revelations, experiences, and adventures with nature in her backyard, neighborhood, and even her grocery store parking lot. Laugh with her as she reveals her talents as a "bird whisperer" and "bird magnet." Learn her secrets for turning today's savvy youth into earth stewards through her 60-second nature observation challenge. Gain insight into her field guide project and see how it can apply to your world.

"The Soulful Landscape"

Erica Wheeler

Erica Wheeler is singer and songwriter who has released five critically acclaimed CDs. Her music has been noted by the *All Music Guide* as combining the "literary sensitivity of New England with the spiritual vision of the American West." Erica has given her keynote concerts at conferences and retreat centers nationwide including the Walden Woods Project, the Murie Center, and the National Association for Interpretation. She has also performed at clubs, coffeehouses, and colleges across the country and has shared the stage with musicians such as Shawn Colvin, the Indigo Girls, and Greg Brown.



Erica believes that all of us have internalized memories of place and belonging that are waiting to be revealed. Through a keynote concert based on this philosophy, Erica will explore ways we can tap into our senses and recall stories about our connections to the land. Erica will inspire us to embrace these connections and restore our sense of self. Along the way, she will also reveal how song can empower creative self-expression and serve as a means to integrate multi-disciplinary learning opportunities.

The AHS Recognizes Outstanding Achievement in Children & Youth Gardening

In 1999, the Board of Directors of the American Horticultural Society established the Jane L. Taylor Award to recognize an individual, organization, or program that has inspired and nurtured future horticulturists through its efforts in children and youth gardening. The 2008 winners of the Jane L. Taylor Award are **Michael Devlin** and **Valerie Frick**, who co-founded and co-developed the Camden Children's Garden in Camden, New Jersey, in 1999 after gaining inspiration from the Society's first Youth Garden Symposium. With Michael as the executive director and Valerie as the director of education, the two have created a safe environment where children in one of the nation's most dangerous cities can learn about plants and nature.

In addition to the Camden Children's Garden Michael and Valerie also operate a Youth Employment and Training program for at-risk youth through the Camden City Garden Club, a nonprofit they founded in 1985.

Michael Devlin



Valerie Frick

Growing Good Kids—Excellence in Children's Literature Awards

The 2008 "Growing Good Kids—Excellence in Children's Literature Awards" will be unveiled during the Symposium on Saturday afternoon. Presented by the National Junior Master Gardener Program and the American Horticultural Society, these awards honor engaging and inspiring works of plant-, garden- and ecology-themed children's literature. This unique book award program debuted in 2005 with the compilation of the one-time designation of Growing Good Kids Book Award "Classics" establishing the best 40 kids' gardening fiction books of the last 100 years. "The Growing Good Kids—Excellence in Children's Literature Award" annually recognizes selected, qualifying titles published in the previous year.

Schedule

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

- 11:30 am – 6:00 pm **Symposium Registration**
at University of Delaware's Clayton Hall
- 12:15 pm – 1:00 pm **Bus to Longwood Gardens for Pre-Symposium Workshop**
- 1:00 pm – 4:45 pm **Pre-Symposium Workshop—Create a Living Sculpture** at Longwood Gardens (*pre-registration required*)
- 4:45 pm – 5:30 pm **Bus returns to University of Delaware**

THURSDAY, JULY 24

- 7:30 am – 11:00 am **Symposium Registration**
at University of Delaware's Clayton Hall
- 8:00 am – 9:00 am **Continental Breakfast**
- 9:00 am – 9:30 am **Welcome and Symposium Opening**
- 9:30 am – 10:30 am **General Session**
Opening Keynote: Jane Kirkland
Take a Minute to Be In It
- 10:30 am – 11:00 am **Break**
- 11:00 am – 12:30 pm **Concurrent Educational Sessions***
- 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm **Lunch**
- 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm **Poster Session**
- 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm **Concurrent Educational Sessions***

- 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm **Bus to Longwood Gardens**
- 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm **Concurrent Activities**
- Panel Discussion on Children's Garden Design Philosophies
 - Tree House Tour
 - School and Youth Curriculum-based Programs in the Idea Garden
 - Self-Guided Tours of Longwood Gardens
- 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm **Reception and Dinner**
- 9:00 pm – 9:30 pm **Fountain Show**
- 9:30 pm – 10:30 pm **Bus returns to University of Delaware**

FRIDAY, JULY 25

- 7:30 am – 11:00 am **Symposium Registration**
at University of Delaware's Clayton Hall
- 8:00 am – 9:00 am **Continental Breakfast**
- 9:00 am – 10:30 am **Concurrent Educational Sessions***
- 10:30 am – 11:00 am **Break**
- 11:00 am – 12:30 pm **Concurrent Educational Sessions***
- 12:30 pm – 1:00 pm **Pick up box lunches to eat en route to Winterthur**
- 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm **Bus to Winterthur Museum & Country Estate**
- 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm **Welcome and Presentation on the Design of Enchanted Woods**
- 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm **Concurrent Activities**
- Self-Guided Tours of Enchanted Woods and Winterthur
 - Ice Cream Social in Enchanted Woods
 - Activity Stations
- 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm **Bus returns to University of Delaware**
- Evening on your own**



***A detailed description of the Concurrent Educational Sessions can be found at www.ahs.org.**

Schedule

SATURDAY, JULY 26

- 7:30 am – 11:00 am **Symposium Registration**
at University of Delaware's Clayton Hall
- 7:30 am – 8:00 am **Pick up box breakfast to eat en route to Camden Children's Garden**
- 8:00 am – 9:15 am **Bus to Camden Children's Garden**
- 9:15 am – 11:30 am **Concurrent Activities**
- Welcome and the Story of Camden Children's Garden
 - Self-Guided Tours of Camden Children's Garden
 - Activity Stations
- 11:30 am – 12:15 pm **Bus returns to University of Delaware**
- 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm **Growing Good Kids—Excellence in Children's Literature Awards Ceremony and Lunch**
- 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm **General Session**
Closing Keynote Concert: Erica Wheeler
The Soulful Landscape
- 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm **Symposium Closing**
- 4:00 pm – 9:30 pm **Optional Post-Symposium Trip to Chanticleer Garden**
(pre-registration required)



Pre-Symposium Workshop

Create a Living Sculpture

Presented by Alex Lovallo, Marcia Eames-Sheavly, and other affiliates of the Cornell Garden-Based Learning program, working in cooperation with Mark Richardson, Longwood Gardens

Plan to get your hands dirty while participating in the creative process of making an unusual, living public art project! This workshop will begin with an overview of living sculpture, or art made with live plants, describing what it is, the basics of how to create several types, and where to turn for more information. Then everyone will join in to create an actual living sculpture on-site at Longwood Gardens, learning the skills to complete all the necessary steps along the way. To coincide with this workshop, the presenters will unveil a new online project guide complete with video, sound, images, resources, and instructions for numerous easy activities and more elaborate community-based projects. Participants can use this resource to develop projects in their own schools or communities. Box lunch is included.

Post-Symposium Trip

Chanticleer, a Pleasure Garden

Following the conclusion of the program on Saturday afternoon, Symposium attendees are invited to further explore the horticultural richness of the Philadelphia area with an optional trip to Chanticleer. Regarded as one of the most innovative public gardens in the United States, Chanticleer is the former estate of the Rosengarten family. The 35-acre site was originally noted for its majestic trees and verdant lawns, but over the last decade the focus has been developing themed gardens distinguished for their rich colors and intriguing textures, achieved through creative use of foliage and flowers. Highlights range from a nontraditional vegetable garden to sculptural features in the landscape and courtyards filled with thought-provoking combinations of hardy and tropical plants. Dinner is included.



Symposium Details

Air Transportation

The Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) is a 45-minute drive from the University of Delaware's John M. Clayton Hall on the Newark Campus. Car service and rental cars are available at the airport.

Attire and Weather

Casual attire and comfortable shoes are recommended. Some activities will be held outside, so sunscreen and hats are encouraged. It is very warm in the Philadelphia area in late July, with the high 80s being the daytime norm and the low 70s at night. You may want to bring a sweater or light jacket for cooler evenings and air-conditioned rooms. A raincoat or umbrella is always helpful (all events are rain or shine).

Cancellations and Refunds

A full refund, less a \$50 processing fee, will be made if requested in writing prior to June 30, 2008. No refunds will be made after July 1, 2008.

Local Information

For a complete listing of activities, restaurants, hotels, and other local information, visit www.gophila.com, and for a list of local horticultural attractions, go to www.greaterphiladelphiagardens.org.

Lodging

There are two lodging options for Symposium attendees: the University of Delaware's Christiana Dormitory Complex and The Marriot Courtyard Newark–University of Delaware. Both options are next door to the Symposium headquarters and offer complimentary parking.

A block of rooms has been reserved in the University of Delaware's Christiana Dormitory Complex. The residence halls are next door to the John M. Clayton Hall and offer single air-conditioned rooms with semi-private bathrooms. The residence hall rooms are available at either a three- or four-night package rate. The three-night package rate is available at \$140 per person single. The four-night package is \$190 per person single. The residence hall package is available for arrivals starting on Wednesday, July 23, and the latest departure being Sunday, July 27. The residence hall includes a linen package with two sheets, a pillow and pillowcase, two towels, and one washcloth. Blankets will be available upon request.

Reservations for the residence halls are made on the Symposium registration form. The deadline for requesting residence hall lodging is June 30.

The Marriot Courtyard Newark–University of Delaware is offering a special rate of \$149 per night single/double occupancy for reservations made by June 23, 2008. After June 23, reservations at this special rate are subject to availability. When making your reservation, ask for the National Children & Youth Garden Symposium room block. Rooms are limited, so reserve early.

Marriot Courtyard Newark–University of Delaware
400 David Hollowell Drive
Newark, Delaware 19716
302-737-0900

Meeting Facilities

The Symposium will be headquartered at the University of Delaware's John M. Clayton Hall on the Newark Campus. Registrants will receive a campus map and directions with their Symposium confirmation.

Membership

AHS members receive a discount on Symposium registration. If you are not a member, you can join today by registering as a full Symposium non-member attendee. See registration form for details.

Poster Session

The AHS will be offering a poster session during the Symposium. The interactive portion of the poster display will be on Thursday, July 24, from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. The posters will remain on display throughout the Symposium. If you would like to showcase an activity or program through a poster, please download the poster session proposal form from www.ahs.org. The call for posters will remain open until June 20.

Registration

The early full registration fee is \$320. AHS members receive a discounted rate of \$285. Full registration includes admission to all programs, continental breakfast and lunch each day, and dinner on Thursday. Daily registrations are also available. Student registration rates are available for full Symposium registration and only apply to attendees who are currently full-time students. The pre-Symposium workshop is \$75 and includes lunch, admission to Longwood Gardens, and round-trip transportation from the University of Delaware to Longwood Gardens. The optional trip to Chanticleer is \$75 and includes transportation, admission, and dinner. Registrations received after June 18 will be charged the regular rate of \$340, if available. Register early—space is limited.

Registration Confirmation

Registrations received by June 30 will be confirmed by e-mail unless otherwise requested. Registrations after June 30 will be confirmed by phone or e-mail.

Special Needs

Please indicate on your registration form any special services needed.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Show your support for children and youth gardening by becoming a Symposium sponsor. Please call the AHS at 703-768-5700 x 121 or e-mail education@ahs.org for details.

Have questions or need more information?

**Visit www.ahs.org, e-mail youthprograms@ahs.org,
or call 703-768-5700 x 132.**

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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I will be staying at: The Marriot Courtyard Residence Hall Other _____

I am a presenter: poster session educational session

Do you want your full contact information to be included in the attendees listing? Yes No

Full Symposium Registration (includes Thursday–Saturday, except optional activities)	Early (by June 18)	Regular (after June 18)	TOTAL
AHS Member Member # _____	\$ 285	\$ 305	
Non-Member (includes a one-year AHS Membership)	\$ 320	\$ 340	
Student Rate (must be a full-time student)	\$ 250	\$ 270	
Daily Registration			
Thursday Only (includes dinner)	\$ 135	\$ 145	
Friday Only	\$ 110	\$ 120	
Saturday Only	\$ 110	\$ 120	
Optional Pre-Symposium Workshop "Creating a Living Sculpture"	\$ 75	\$ 85	
Optional Post-Symposium Trip to Chanticleer	\$ 75	\$ 85	
LODGING (must be requested by June 30) On-campus Residence Hall/Single 4 night residence hall package \$ 190 3 night residence hall package \$ 140 (earliest arrival is Wednesday, July 23; latest departure is Sunday, July 27)		Arrival date: _____ Departure date: _____	
PAYMENT <input type="checkbox"/> Check (payable to AHS) <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card Card number _____ Exp. date _____ Signature _____			TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

KEY: Please select an "A" and a "B" session on Thursday and Friday. Place an "X" across your requested educational sessions. **A detailed description for the sessions can be found at www.ahs.org.**

THURSDAY									FRIDAY								
A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6	A7	A8	A9	A19	A20	A21	A22	A23	A24	A25	A26	A27
B10	B11	B12	B13	B14	B15	B16	B17	B18	B28	B29	B30	B31	B32	B33	B34	B35	B36

SPECIAL NEEDS Vegetarian Meals Other _____

THREE WAYS TO REGISTER

1. ONLINE: Visit www.ahs.org

2. FAX: 703-768-7533

3. MAIL TO: American Horticultural Society
Attention: NCYGS Registration
7931 East Boulevard Drive
Alexandria, VA 22308



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