

AMERICAN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S
17th Annual National Children & Youth Garden Symposium Call for Sessions
Common Ground: Gardens for a Greener Tomorrow

July 23-25, 2009-Cleveland, Ohio
Hosted by the Cleveland Botanical Garden

Deadline for Receipt of Proposals is December 15, 2008

Gardens can be a common denominator and model for living and growing together. Whether we garden in a rural or urban setting, in a vacant lot or on a verdant plot we all work with plants. Our diversity in age, gender, skin color, ethnicity, religious affiliation, and education only make the experience richer. The simple truth is that gardens bring us together—they offer a level playing field, a safe haven, a place to share seeds, traditions, and ideas, a common ground for humanity.

Join leading national children's and youth gardening experts, teachers, parents, volunteers, and youth to explore how gardens bring together diverse communities and foster curiosity, wonder, beauty, understanding, and acceptance. Let's come together on this common ground, sharing our creativity and life experiences to forge a greener tomorrow for all to enjoy.

Gain insights and valuable resources from peers as the momentum continues to grow, drawing people from across the nation, from various organizations, institutions, and regions to exchange creative ideas for children's and youth gardening programs.

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 Monday, December 15th.

Selection Process: The NCYGS Educational Session Review Panel will meet in January to select the 2009 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 foci (Curriculum, Garden Design, Creation, and Maintenance, Administration and Funding, Evaluation, Program Overview, Basic Horticulture/Science, Leadership, Literature, Horticulture Therapy.)

Expectations of Presenters of Lectures and Workshops:

Presenters are strongly encouraged to have hand-outs or for their session, to provide attendees with resources and further information to take home. 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**-45 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"/> Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Garden Design, Creation, and Maintenance <input type="checkbox"/> Horticulture Therapy <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership <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																							
AV Requirements (for lectures and workshops) <i>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.</i>																							
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Room Arrangement (for lectures and workshops) <input type="checkbox"/> Chairs only -standard for lectures <input type="checkbox"/> Tables and Chairs -standard for workshops																							

IV. Presenter Information (Please list each presenter individually)

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Job Title		
Organization		
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