



PERENNIAL PLANT CONFERENCE



Friday, October 16, 2009

Lang Performing Arts Center
Swarthmore College
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Conference Co-Sponsors

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The Hardy Plant Society/Mid-Atlantic Group
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The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society
The Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College

Conference Highlights

- Conference approved for APLD continuing education credits
- Internationally known speakers
- Free admission to sponsoring institutions
- Books for sale/ author signings

About Our Speakers

Tomasz Anisko is Curator of Plants at Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, where he oversees proper naming and identification of plants, coordinates plant trials and plant distribution programs, and leads plant exploration efforts. He has participated in 16 plant collecting expeditions in Asia, Australia, Europe and South America. He has published over 90 articles in both English and Polish language periodicals, and has written two books, *Plant Exploration for Longwood Gardens* in 2006 and *When Perennials Bloom: An Almanac for Planning and Planting* in 2008.

Dave Demers, a modern day plant hunter and garden designer, has traveled the world to discover plants in their native habitats in search of the best grass cultivars for our northern landscapes. Born, raised, and trained in Québec, Canada. Dave has fond memories of tending his mother's hollyhocks and picking berries on his grandparents' farm. That upbringing led him to choose horticulture as his career. After working at home and overseas, with serious traveling on the back roads across many continents, Dave settled in Vancouver, Canada. In addition to owning and operating CYAN Horticulture, a landscape design and consultation firm, he is a tireless photographer, garden writer, and lecturer.

Bill McLaughlin is Curator of Living Collections at the U.S. Botanic Garden in Washington, DC, where he has worked since 1986. After years of working with a range of tropicals and subtropicals, the purchase of his first home in 1994 reignited an interest in outdoor gardening and native plants. In 1996 he was placed in charge of plant selection and design review for the new three-acre National Garden, a joint public-private partnership, which finally debuted in 2006, featuring roses and Mid-Atlantic native plants. Prior to the re-opening of the newly renovated conservatory, Bill was asked to redraw the planting plans for one of its two courtyards. The garden, "Southern Exposure," opened in 2003. In 2005 he was named Curator of Plants, allowing him oversight of all of the Botanic Garden's plant-based content.

Doug Tallamy is Professor and Chair of the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware in Newark, Delaware. He has authored 69 research articles and taught Insect Taxonomy, Behavioral Ecology, and other courses there for 28 years. Chief among his research goals is to better understand the many ways insects interact with plants and how such interactions determine the diversity of animal communities. His book, *Bringing Nature Home: How Native Plants Sustain Wildlife in Our Gardens* was published by Timber Press in 2007 and was awarded the 2008 silver medal by the Garden Writer's Association.

Jimmy Turner is Senior Director of Gardens at the Dallas Arboretum & Botanical Garden where he designs the color and perennial displays featuring more than 500,000 bulbs and 2.3 million bedding plants for the 66 acre garden. He also oversees plant trials and research. With over two acres dedicated to trialing more than 3,000 new and known varieties of plants every year, the Arboretum has become a major source of information for the horticulture industry across the globe as well as the gardening public, particularly for extreme climates and heat tolerance. Jimmy is a frequent presenter locally and nationally, and is a prolific writer of articles for trade magazines.

Jacqueline van der Kloet is a garden designer based in Weesp, The Netherlands, noted for her unique planting designs. In addition to countless designs from tiny to large private gardens, she has created planting schemes for numerous public gardens and landscapes in Holland and abroad. Her designs include the roof terraces of Cisco International in Amsterdam; the renovation of ten acres of Keukenhof in Lisse, Holland; spring flowering bulbs for Battery Park, New York, in cooperation with Piet Oudolf; spring flowering bulbs for the Lurie Garden in Millennium Park, Chicago, in cooperation with Piet Oudolf and the spring, summer and autumn flowering bulbs for the 'Seasonal Walk' in the New York Botanical Garden. Jacqueline writes for magazines and is the author of several books. *Jacqueline van der Kloet's presentation has been generously sponsored by The Netherlands Flower Bulb Information Center.*

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REGISTRATION

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- 7:00** First shuttle leaves from Springfield Mall
- 7:30- 8:50** Early Riser's Tours of Scott Arboretum
- 8:00-9:00** Registration and Coffee
- 9:00-9:15** Welcome – Claire Sawyers, Director, the Scott Arboretum
- 9:15-10:15** **Magical Mixtures Featuring Flower Bulbs – Jacqueline van der Kloet** Dutch designer Jacqueline van der Kloet will discuss dynamic new ways to lengthen the garden season by adding spring, summer and autumn flowering bulbs to borders, woodlands and containers.
- 10:15-10:45** Break: Book Sale and Author Signing
- 10:45-11:30** **Maintaining Curb Appeal with Native Plants – Doug Tallamy**
Many people understand that we will not save biodiversity unless we increase native plants in suburban landscapes, but not so many know how to use native plants to create socially acceptable landscapes. Among their concerns are that natives are more prone to being defoliated, that a landscape dominated by natives is messy and wild, that dense plantings cannot be attractive, and that formal gardens cannot be designed with natives. Using data and illustrative designs, Doug Tallamy will dispel these misconceptions and suggest ways to make your property a showpiece without losing its function in the local ecosystem.
- 11:30-12:15** **Perennials for Purgatory – Jimmy Turner**
Jimmy Turner, Senior Director of Horticulture at the Dallas Arboretum, and a graduate of Penn State, will share his favorite plants from the Dallas Arboretum's grueling trial program. They include Texas natives, new plants, cultivars, and just plain tough perennials that can handle the heat and humidity of Texas, yet are cold-hardy enough for Pennsylvania. Jimmy will share his tips and tricks for production and care as well as for the plants that have stood out in the trials.
- 12:15-1:15** Lunch
- 1:15-2:00** **Concurrent Sessions – Choose ONE of the following three options**
- Of Grasses and Grasscapes: Ornamental Grasses for Your Garden – Dave Demers**
To humans, grasses are economically the most important plant family in the world. More than 600 genera and close to 10,000 species are known, and grassland habitats account for up to 20% of the planet

cover. It is no surprise that an increasing number of them are appearing on nursery shelves, but how to choose? And how to use them? This talk will help you to understand the nature and origin of grasses so you may use them more effectively in garden settings.

When Perennials Bloom – Tomasz Aniśko
When you're planning a perennial garden one question is bound to arise again and again: when will this plant bloom? This crucial information determines how perennials may be combined most effectively and what the overall impact of the garden will be. Although the question of when a plant blooms may seem simple, in reality it is affected by many environmental factors. Whether you're a home gardener who wants to plan an effective perennial border or a nursery, design or landscape professional who needs to predict a plant's peak display, this presentation will help you to gain insight into the most anticipated event in every garden.

Tour: Tough Plants with Great Texture – Bill Costello, Nicole Lewis and Dale Nemec, Scott Arboretum Gardeners (limit of 90 participants)

- 2:00-2:30** Break
- 2:30-3:15** **Promising Perennials Forum – David Culp, Moderator**
Presenters: Beverly Fitts, Erin McKeon, Elizabeth Dahlheimer, Alan Petravich and Vic Piatt
- 3:15-4:15** **American Plants, Straight Up and With a Twist – Bill McLaughlin**
Channeling the dual desires of showing plants rarely seen in Mid-Atlantic gardens and promoting the use of native plants, Bill McLaughlin has shaped the construction of two distinctive outdoor spaces at the US Botanic Garden. While both the Regional Garden and the Southern Exposure courtyard are firmly rooted in the "right plant, right place" philosophy, they employ entirely different native plant palettes. Grouping plants by soil and moisture preferences presents both gardens as educational, successful, and beautiful.
- 4:15** **Afternoon Study Tour: Green Roofs of Swarthmore College – Gus Eriksen, Sheila Magee and Lars Rasmussen, Scott Arboretum Gardeners**
- 4:30 – 5:30** **Happy Hour**
Mix and mingle with colleagues and horticultural professionals. Beer, wine and snacks will be served along with great conversation. A \$15 registration fee is required.
- 5:45** **Last shuttle leaves for Springfield Mall**

For conference registration information, please call Longwood Gardens' Continuing Education Office at 610-388-1000 extension #507, Monday – Friday, 8 am – 4 pm.
No phone registrations, please.

Directions to the Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College and parking information will be mailed with registration confirmations. If you have special parking needs, please contact Julie Jenney at 610-328-8024 by October 9.

Free conference parking will be at the nearby Springfield Mall. Shuttles will be available and will run all day from 7 am until 5:45 pm. There is no parking on campus.

Information about the facilities:
The Lang Performing Arts Center is fully accessible and is equipped with headsets for the hearing-impaired. If such accommodations are needed, contact Julie Jenney at 610-328-8024 by October 9.

Lights in the auditorium will be dark in the front and dimmed in the back for note taking. Temperatures in the auditorium fluctuate. We suggest dressing in layers for the conference.

About the area:
The conference is held in the beautiful, garden-rich Philadelphia region. For a list of area gardens and related activities, visit www.greaterphiladelphiangardens.org.

Cancellation Policy:
Registration fees (less a 15% processing fee) will be refunded if cancellations are made before September 28, no refunds after that date.

\$10 Rebate for using SEPTA. Please bring your receipt or pass to the registration desk.

Register early and save!



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To register more than one person, please use a photocopy of this form for each additional registrant.

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I prefer email confirmation

Early Riser's Tour (PET09)

Concurrent Sessions: Please note, space is limited. Rank the following in order of preference:

____ Lecture: Of Grasses and Grasscapes (PLG09)

____ Lecture: When Perennials Bloom (PLB09)

____ Tour: Tough Plants, Great Texture (PTT09)

Please check lunch preference:

Turkey & Havarti Sandwich with Field Greens & Pear Cranberry Chutney (PT09)

Roasted Portabella Mushroom Sandwich with Fresh Baby Spinach & Red Onion Rosemary Jam (PM09)

I would like to attend Happy Hour \$15

Payment: Check VISA MasterCard
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Registration fee: Register early and save!

\$99 per person if your registration is postmarked by Sept. 28

\$109 per person if postmarked between Sept. 29 and Oct. 12

\$129 per person if postmarked after Oct. 13

Basic registration fee includes lunch and refreshment breaks and free admission to sponsoring institution sites. Please make checks payable to Longwood Gardens, Inc. Mail or fax (credit card only) your registration form(s) to: Continuing Education, Longwood Gardens, P.O. Box 501, Kennett Square, PA 19348-0501. Fax: 610-388-9806.