

# THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN

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*\*American Gardening Lecture Series Speaker, David Francko*

## **The American Gardening Lecture Series Spotlights Garden Treasures**

**Bronx, NY–September 25, 2003**–The highly anticipated American Gardening Lecture Series is back for its fifth year offering gardeners, designers, and landscape professionals the opportunity to hear how to create incredibly diverse looks that include the best of native and exotic plants. The series identifies the latest trends in gardening and plant cultivation from unusual ornamental conifers to palms, ferns, and perennials. Learn about today’s best new plants and gardening and renovating techniques from the talented experts who are at the forefront of American Gardening.

Seating is limited so please register early. Each Lecture is held Thursday in the Arthur and Janet Ross lecture Hall. Register for the series and receive a discount! (718) 817-8747.

### **Thursday, January 15 10 a.m.–12 p.m.**

- **Rejuvenating the Century-Old Garden**

Todd Forest, Senior Curator of Trees and Shrubs at The New York Botanical Garden currently overseeing the renovation of the Conifer Collection

- **Adaptable Plants for a Changing World**

Peter Del Tredici, Director of Living Collections at the Arnold Arboretum, Harvard University

### **Thursday, February 12 10 a.m.–12 p.m.**

- **New and Under-Utilized Plants for the Garden**

Doug Ruhren, Head Gardener at Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden

- **Palms Won’t Grow Here and Other Myths**

David Francko, Professor of Botany and Associate Dean at Miami University in Ohio, author of *Palms Won’t Grow Here and Other Myths: Warming Climate Plants for Cooler Areas*

### **Thursday, March 11, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.**

- **Ferns for American Gardens**

John Mickel, Senior Curator of Ferns, Emeritus, at the Garden and author of *Ferns for American Gardens*, chosen by the American Horticultural Society as one of its “75 Great American Garden Books”

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- **New French Styles for American Home Gardens**

Louisa Jones, author of many books on design and home gardening, including “Gardens in Provence; The Art of French Vegetable Gardening; and The French Country Garden”

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**To register or for a FREE catalog, call (718) 817-8747. Or, browse the catalog online at [www.nybg.org/edu/conted/](http://www.nybg.org/edu/conted/)**

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