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The New York Botanical Garden Presents Its Ninth Annual “American Gardening Lecture Series”

Sessions to Be Held on Three Thursday Mornings During January, February, and March

Accomplished plant breeders, explorers, and horticulturists will introduce you to their favorite plants—with something for every niche in your garden—in the next “American Gardening Lecture Series,” **January 17, February 14, and March 13**, at The New York Botanical Garden. Discover the elements of a well-rounded garden, including water features and diverse plants: native and exotic, woody and herbaceous, temperate and tropical. This is the ninth year of the series of two-hour morning sessions, which attracts professional and home gardeners, florists, and landscape architects.

Thursday, January 17, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Spectacular Tropical Plants for Outdoor Summer Containers

Byron Martin is the owner of Logee’s Greenhouses in Connecticut, a horticultural icon for over 100 years known for its incredible selection of tropical plants. According to Byron, there’s no denying that container gardening is all the rage. As we plant more containers, we need to know more about which plants grow well in this specialized environment. Many tropical plants make spectacular container specimens. In this lecture, Byron will focus on new tropicals that are perfect for outdoor summer containers.

The Magic of Water: Taking Water Gardening One Step Further

Anthony Archer-Wills is one of the world’s foremost authorities on water gardening and author of *The Water Gardener* and *Designing Water Gardens*. His illustrated talk will trace the progression of water gardening from its simple origins to the remarkable works achievable today using new techniques and modern equipment. His designs emphasize natural-looking rocks and water features, and encourage and inspire the water gardener to achieve even greater success.

Thursday, February 14, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Flash and Splash: Colored-Leaved Plants in the Garden

Dan Heims has spent the past 31 years immersed in horticulture. As president of Terra Nova Nurseries, he travels the world seeking the newest perennials, then helps to make them available to gardeners everywhere. In this lecture, Dan will present a comprehensive look at variegated and colored-leaved plants, including surprises from New Zealand, Japan, and Europe. Learn how variegated plants are discovered, what causes variegation in plants, and how to use color as a design feature in the garden with echoes, repetition, contrast, and harmony.

The Authentic Garden

Claire Sawyers has been the director of the Scott Arboretum at Swarthmore College since 1990. In her book *The Authentic Garden*, she draws from her international experience studying what is true to a specific time, place, and culture. Claire says that knowing and loving plants isn’t always enough to create a satisfying garden, one that’s connected to your landscape and your life. She’ll discuss how to capture a sense of place by relating your garden to its surroundings and the people who enjoy it. By drawing from the cultural and natural history context of your landscape, you can create a garden suited to your spirit, site, and the way you live.

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Thursday, March 13, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Organic Is Beautiful, and Safe

Paul Tukey is the publisher of *People, Places, & Plants* magazine and well known to millions of Americans through his popular gardening program of the same name on HGTV. In 2006, the American Horticultural Society named him the winner of the annual Horticultural Communication Award. As the author of *The Organic Lawn Care Manual*, Paul is well qualified to show you how to go organic. He understands that many of us are intrigued by the idea of an organic landscape but are intimidated by the idea of giving up old methods. In his presentation, Paul will discuss why you should go organic and how you can start.

Elegant Silvers: Striking Plants for Every Garden

Karen Bussolini, co-author of *Elegant Silvers: Striking Plants for Every Garden*, is an award-winning photographer and nationally acclaimed speaker. In this superbly illustrated presentation she will extol not only the beauty of these distinctive plants, but also their exceptional characteristics and uses in the garden. Many of these plants are drought and heat tolerant, as well as fragrant. Based on practical experience and considerable research, Karen will suggest a wide range of silver plants for various growing conditions and in winning combinations.

The “American Gardening Lecture Series” will take place in the Arthur and Janet Ross Lecture Hall. The fee for each two-hour session is \$28 for Botanical Garden members and \$31 for non-members. Those who register for all three lectures receive a discount. For additional information, call 718.817.8747.

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The New York Botanical Garden is a museum of plants located at Bronx River Parkway (Exit 7W) and Fordham Road. It is easy to reach by Metro-North Railroad or subway. For more information, please call 718.817.8700 or visit our Web site at www.nybg.org

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