



Garden Leaflet

Volume 12/1, Winter 2015

New Year – New Look!

We have a new logo – actually, we can't use that word. It's a "design element." The long arm of University Relations found our garden logo in violation of the "Virginia Tech Identity Standards & University Style Guide" (Referenced in Policy 12000, Usage of the University Name, revised June 26, 2008). I battled this spring to keep the garden's logo intact, but finally had to throw in the towel. I worked with Tim FisherPoff, Art Director of CALS Communications and Marketing (he created our original logo) to create something in the same spirit but with University Brand-approved fonts and colors. It's growing on us – he created a fresh, crisp new design, in the requisite maroon. At least we got to keep our flower. "At Virginia Tech" could not be included in the design, as the University name has to stand alone and be presented in the official logo format. Lisa Lipsey took the opportunity to order new T-shirts – our gift shop (closet) is currently stocked with a wide variety of colors and sizes, both short- and long-sleeved, plus baseball caps! Items with our "throwback" logo are 50% off. - *Holly Scoggins*



Out with the old (left) and in with the new (right)!

In This Issue

New Year - New Look!.....	1	Junior Master Gardeners.....	5
Notes from the ex-Director.....	2	Plant Sale 2015 Preview.....	6
The Annual Garden Gala.....	3	Gardens of the Rivera.....	8
2014 Gala Sponsors.....	3	Art in the Garden.....	9
Garden Interns.....	4	Peggy Lee Hahn Garden Pavilion.....	9
New Event Assistant.....	4	Upcoming Workshops.....	10
New Web Assistant.....	4	Free! Lunchtime Learning.....	11
2014 Programs.....	5	Yoga in the Garden.....	11

Hahn Horticulture Garden and Virginia Cooperative Extension programs and employment are open to all, regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, genetic information, marital, family, or veteran status, or any other basis protected by law. An equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

- Garden Director:**
Robert McDuffie
- Education & Outreach Coordinator:**
Stephanie Huckestein
- Horticulturists:**
Paul Chumbley and Lisa Lipsey
- Event Assistant:**
Colleen Beard
- Woody Plant Curator:**
Dr. Alex Niemiera
- Herbaceous Plant Curator:**
Dr. Holly Scoggins
- Department Head, Horticulture:**
Dr. Roger Harris
- Newsletter Design:**
Sarah Gugercin

The Hahn Horticulture Garden is located on Washington Street on the campus of Virginia Tech

Phone: (540) 231-5970
Email: vtgarden@vt.edu
Web: www.hort.vt.edu/hhg

Mailing address:
Hahn Horticulture Garden
200 Garden Lane (0915)
Virginia Tech
Blacksburg, VA 24061

If you'd rather not receive this publication or event updates via email, please contact us by phone or email- it won't hurt our feelings (well, maybe a little bit).

Notes from the ex-Director

There is never a dull moment around the Hahn Horticulture Garden, and this past year was no exception. As described throughout this newsletter, we have a new garden feature, a new design element (logo), a new event helper in Colleen, and a new Garden Director. Wait, what?!

After serving as garden director since January of 2002, I've stepped aside, and returned to Saunders Hall. Robert McDuffie will have taken the reins as of January 1, 2015. This has been a very difficult decision and time for me. The Hahn Horticulture Garden occupies a considerable portion of my heart and my life. Though my efforts at leading and growing the garden are appreciated by our department's and college's leadership, administrative work does not substitute for the staples of promotion to Full Professor, which includes funding and conducting research, publishing refereed journal articles, and mentoring graduate students. Throughout my time as director, I've maintained my teaching load, research program, and Extension outputs, however as the garden has grown in so many wonderful ways, so has the time commitment and need for oversight.

The garden and those who support it deserve a director that can devote more time and energy. It is my pleasure to introduce the new director, as selected by our interim department head and college dean. Many of you already know Robert McDuffie – he's an Associate Professor in Horticulture and a licensed landscape architect. His talent for design will bring a fresh set of skills to the garden, always a good thing. He teaches the Small Scale Residential Design courses – the heart of Horticulture's Landscape Contracting major. His landscape construction class has helped build many of the structures and hardscapes throughout the garden. He's an outstanding photographer – his work is currently gracing the Pavilion. Robert is renowned among the region's gardening community for his international and cross-country garden tours (and talks thereon). Many of our Hort students have also benefitted from these study abroad opportunities. He has masterfully planned trips and guided hundreds of happy travelers to the world's greatest gardens and cultural landmarks, from New Zealand to the French Riviera (coming this spring!). The best part of all? Robert was one of the garden's "founding fathers" along with Robert Lyons; they plotted, planned, and planted this garden into existence.



There is not enough space in this newsletter to thank all the wonderful and generous people I've had the pleasure of meeting and working with over the past 12 years – students and student interns, volunteers, Friends of the Garden members, donors, Gala attendees, and more. The experience of working alongside Stephanie, Paul, and Lisa has been nothing short of amazing. Finally, there are not enough words to thank Dr. T. Marshall Hahn, Jr. and his family. If not for his and Peggy's generosity, the garden pavilion, terrace, and meadow garden would exist only as illustrations on a master plan.

It has been an honor to serve the garden, our department, college, university, and community in my capacity as director. I remain at your service in any way. I won't be too far away – my Herbaceous Landscape Plants courses will keep me rambling about in the garden, and my Ornamental Plant Production & Marketing class will continue to grow summer color material for the display beds and the spring Plant Sale. I do get to revert to my old title as the garden's Herbaceous Plant Curator, whereupon I will not hesitate to ask Director McDuffie for funds to purchase more perennials. Lots more perennials.

– Dr. Holly Scoggins, Associate Professor,
Department of Horticulture



To see more photos from the 2014 Gala, visit <https://flic.kr/s/aHsjZkF4zf>

The 10th Annual Garden Gala - We are Getting Good at This!

The 10th annual Garden Gala was “All about the Garden” and also a tremendous success, thanks to the generosity of attendees, sponsors, and auction item donors. Garden faculty, staff, and interns worked so hard at making the place beautiful along with all the behind-the-scenes planning and logistics. We had a record crowd (247!) on hand to enjoy the delightful weather, beautiful garden, and the food, drinks, music, and fun. *Farm Use Only* brought the old-time music, and Blue Ridge Catering did a terrific job again with the food and drinks. There were many Hort alumni, and VNLA members present. We appreciate Aaron Williams (Williams Landscape & Design) who graciously served as auctioneer for the evening. We thank Dr. T. Marshall Hahn Jr. for serving as Honorary Gala Chair. As it was our 10th anniversary of the event, Stephanie, Lisa, and Paul invited me to be Honorary Host – and it was indeed a tremendous honor! Thanks also to our Auction Committee, headed up by Lisa Lipsey and Linda Fiedler - they solicited so many wonderful items. Overall, more than \$15,000 was raised to help us with an array of operating expenses – everything from printing our garden guide to wages for our student workers. To our attendees, auction item donors, and sponsors, from all of us that work at, study in, and enjoy the garden, THANK YOU! Mark your calendars for the 11th annual Gala – June 13, 2015. - *Holly Scoggins*



Hahn Horticulture Garden at Virginia Tech

Save the Date!

The 11th Annual Garden Gala

Hahn Horticulture Garden at Virginia Tech

June 13, 2015 – 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Gala invitations and sponsorship letters will be mailed out in April. Ticket request and sponsorship forms will also be available at www.hort.vt.edu/hhg

2014 Gala Sponsors

Platinum Sponsor

Harrison and Elissa Steeves, Blacksburg, VA

Gold Sponsors

Aztec Rental Center, Inc., Blacksburg, VA
www.aztecrental.com

Jeff Francis - Moneta, VA

Linda & Rob Guiles - Catawba, VA

TreesPlease® - (Ed Milhous), Haymarket, VA
www.treesplease.com

Virginia Nursery and Landscape Association
www.vnla.org

Silver Sponsors

Grigg Design, Inc. (Steve & Juanita Grigg),
Manassas Park, VA
www.gdiva.com

James River Nurseries (Mike & Susie
Hildebrand), Ashland, VA
www.jamesrivernurseries.com

Warren and Margie Kark, Christiansburg, VA

Robert Lyons, Landenberg, PA

Jane and Robert O'Keefe, Pilot, VA

Saunders Brothers, Inc. (Robert Saunders),
Piney River, VA
www.saundersbrothers.com

Matthew Sensabaugh, Staunton, VA

Strange's Florists, Greenhouses, and Garden
Centers (William J. Gouldin, Jr.), Richmond, VA
www.stranges.com

Bronze Sponsors

Brookmeade Sod Farm (Louis and Ginger
Brooking), Doswell, VA
www.brookmeadesod.com

Velva and Gordon Groover, Blacksburg, VA

Steve Jacobs OD, Blacksburg, VA
www.stevejacobsOD.com

Shreckhise Nurseries, (Matt Shreckhise),
Grottoes, VA
www.shreckhise.com

“Solanaceae” Friends of the Gala,
New River Valley area

Southern Landscape Group, Inc., (Mark &
Merideth Maslow), Evington, VA
www.soscapes.com

Paul and Sonya Westervelt, Arrington, VA

Ann and Al Yousten, Blacksburg, VA

Garden Interns- Summer 2014

Each summer, the Hahn Horticulture Garden hosts two undergraduate interns. Our goal is to provide a wide variety of experiences, and in turn, the interns are a tremendous help in maintaining the garden. Instruction and feedback from garden staff and faculty help build skills critical to successful horticulture careers. They acquire hands-on garden construction and maintenance experience as well as exposure to activities and responsibilities specific to public horticulture – tours, educational programming, working with volunteers, special events, and more. The HHG has two 12-week internships: the M. Evans Gardner Memorial Internship, endowed in 1990, and the Mike and Susie Hildebrand Landscape Internship, established in 2011. Alexandra Cantwell of Virginia Beach, spring 2014 graduate in Landscape Contracting, held the M. Evans Gardner Internship. Nolan Hudson of South Boston, rising Senior in Environmental Horticulture, held the Mike and Susie Hildebrand Landscape Internship. They're both in "exploration" mode regarding careers; Alex graduated and is currently employed by Norfolk Botanical Garden, and Nolan enjoys the greenhouse/nursery side of horticulture. We appreciate their tremendous efforts this summer, which was especially challenging due to the drought (among myriad other experiences, they became quite proficient in the "irrigation arts"). We are also grateful to one of our 2013 interns, Izak Khani, who continued to assist in the garden throughout the school year and for most of the summer. A call for 2015 internship applications went out to horticulture students in December. -*Holly Scoggins*



Hahn Horticulture Garden interns for 2014 – Nolan Hudson (left) and Alex Cantwell



New Event Assistant

We welcomed Colleen Beard this summer as a part-time Event Assistant. She helps Stephanie with scheduling and paperwork associated with Pavilion and garden rentals. She is present at evening and weekend events as the official "garden host." A Blacksburg native, Colleen graduated (with honors) this past spring with a B.S. in Horticulture. She also served as the 2013-2014 President of Pi Alpha Xi, the honor society for Horticulture. She also has talents beyond Horticulture - Colleen is a trained opera vocalist! - *Holly Scoggins*

New Web Assistant

Meet Sarah Gugercin, a research associate in Horticulture! She has designed the last two newsletters and will take over webmistress duties from Holly as well! - *Holly Scoggins*



Recap of 2014 programs (adult and youth)

We started 2014 with wonderful workshops presented by Ellen Reynolds of Beagle Ridge Herb Farm. Herbs 101 and Herbal Tea Time were both informative and fun! We look forward to having Ellen back in 2015. To kick off spring, Dr. Holly Scoggins led her ever-popular Seed Starting Workshop. A perfect follow-up workshop, Small Hoophouse/Cold Frame Building, was held at the Hale YMCA Community Garden. Also in March, the very funny and knowledgeable, Karen Rexrode, presented an artistic talk titled, "Garden Flow." We had a special Tuesday afternoon presentation in late April with former Garden Director, Dr. Bob Lyons, titled "The Color of the Native Plant Palette...and other related thoughts"

Two hands-on workshops were held in May, "Fruit Tree Grafting" with Barry Robinson and "Hypertufa Troughs" with Lisa Lipsey and Velva Groover. Also in May, Barbara Pleasant shared many great ideas in her presentation, "Innovative Home Composting." In July, Sarah Gibbs, of



Naturescapes, shared an informative talk on permaculture. And finishing out workshops for the year, the talented Rachel Youngman led a Sand-casted Leaf Workshop in September. Our Wednesday Garden Walks/Talks started with hands-on Indoor Plant Propagation in January. Just as we were all itching for spring, Dr. Holly Scoggins shared a much-needed talk on "New Plants". Debra Graff's popular talk "Abundant Mini Gardens," packed the Pavilion in March. In April, Elizabeth Bush with the Plant Disease Clinic at Virginia Tech, shared common plant diseases and how to prevent/control them. We ceased Wednesday programs for the busy late spring and early summer and resumed in August with Tom McAvoy leading his enjoyable Butterfly Walks. In September, Dr. Holly Scoggins led a fun walk titled, "Awesome Annuals and Perfect Perennials in the Hahn Garden!" Hahn Garden Horticulturist, Lisa Lipsey, shared the newest area of the garden with the group in her "Edible Landscape" walk in October. To conclude our 2014 Wednesday Walk/Talks, Dr. Alex Niemiera led a blustery walk looking at "Wonderful Woodyies" in the Garden.

New this year, Yoga in the Garden, led by certified yoga instructor, Megan Helmer, turned out to be a great way to end the day! The intention was to actually have the class in the garden, but due to mosquitoes, uncooperative weather, and attendee preference, the classes all were held in the Garden Pavilion, which turned out to be a wonderful place for yoga in the evening with a beautiful view of the sun setting. We plan to continue yoga classes for 2015.

We look forward to more fun and educational programs in 2015! - Stephanie Huckestein

2014 Certified JMG class

Another terrific group of kids successfully completed 24 weeks of lessons to become Certified Junior Master Gardeners! Pictured from left: Liam Kinzey, Nathan Lewis, Samuel Xiang, Richard Gomez, Mya Davidson, Meghan Sforza, Samantha Lewis, Emma Lucero, and Mason Maykowskyj.

Make It With Plants! half-day summer camp for youth ages 10-14 was held July 7-11. It was a fun-filled week of learning the importance of plants and creating some very unique crafts using plants. We started with a flower day in which we created votive candle holders with pressed flowers, made leaf prints, and created beautiful prints by flower pounding, which is literally pounding flowers to release their natural pigments. We had a food day in which we made blueberry jam (blueberries courtesy of Bee Berry Farm), homemade ice cream, naturally dyed eggs, pickles, and edible arrangements. We also made boats from natural materials, painted gourds, lavender wands, and natural jewelry.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all of the volunteers that helped with JMG Club and summer camp!!! -Stephanie Huckestein



Junior Master Gardeners and volunteers!

Natives, Edibles and Some for Containers (Plant Sale 2015 Preview)

By Lisa Lipsey, Horticulturist

Winter Solstice is past and daylight hours are getting longer yet outside activities are still limited by the cold. It's time for plant lust, searching the internet and pouring over catalogues, to find plants we'd like to try in our own gardens. Again this year, the VT Horticulture Club's and The Hahn Horticulture Garden's Plant Sale will satisfy many cravings as well as introduce you to others you might not have thought of or known of. Here is just a tiny taste of what will be available April 23rd – 25th.

Thought of by many as Little Black Dresses in their plant wardrobe, native plants are still very much in vogue and the right choice for most any occasion, whether casual or fancy. On my summer trip to Mt. Cuba Center, a botanical garden devoted to the display, study and preservation of native plants and their ecosystems, I was super excited to find *Ilex opaca* 'Maryland Dwarf', a seedling selection of our native American holly. I first saw, fell in love with and coveted, this plant almost 30 years ago in Brookside Gardens, a great public garden just north of D.C.'s beltway. (Ellen Bennett, a graduate of VT Horticulture, is the Advancement Programs Manager at Brookside Gardens!) Not a new plant but still not readily available for sale, 'Maryland Dwarf' is a prostrate, spreading female American



Photo taken by Anne Brewer at Mt. Cuba Center

holly that reaches only 3' high and eventually 8' wide. This is an evergreen native perfect for foundation plantings or winter interest anywhere in your garden.

The best native tree located at the top of Doug Tallamy's 'What to Plant' list in his book, *Bringing Nature Home*, is the oak. He has found that oaks support over 500 different moth and butterfly species in the mid-Atlantic region. In a culture focused on immediate gratification – "I want something fast-growing that will give me shade now" – most people do not choose

to plant an oak, reasoning that they will not live to see it mature. The White Oak, *Quercus alba*, as well as other oak species, is a plant planted for the future, the next generation and the one beyond.

Along with *Ilex opaca* 'Maryland Dwarf' and *Quercus alba*, there will be many other natives available during the Plant Sale including Hackberry, *Celtis occidentalis*, with its warty bark and fruit relished by birds; Serviceberry or Sarvisberry as it's called in Appalachia, *Amelanchier grandiflora* 'Autumn Brilliance', a small, multi-stemmed tree with delicious blue berries loved by people and birds; two selections of Tulip Poplar, *Liriodendron tulipifera* 'Aureo-marginatum' with variegated leaves, and *L. t.* 'Little Volunteer', a dwarf; and one of my favorites, *Magnolia macrophylla*



Persimmon fruit and fall color. Photo by and used with the permission of Tim Clymer, threefoldfarm.org

ssp Ashei, Bigleaf Magnolia, with umbrella sized leaves and huge, fragrant white flowers.

With the installation of The Hahn Horticulture Garden's new Edible Landscape Demonstration Garden has come an opportunity to think beyond the realm of corn, squash, and tomatoes when choosing plants with edible parts. Looking to combine beauty with growing something you can eat in the canopy layer, plant an Oriental persimmons, *Diospyros kaki*. The fruit can be astringent, sour until fully ripe and soft, or nonastringent, firm and crunchy and best eaten fresh like an apple. A beautiful ornamental, the large glossy leaves turn a brilliant red in the fall and the fruit, with colors ranging from a soft orange to a rich red, persist after leaf drop. Trees are self-fruitful so you need but one and small enough in stature – most only reaching 15' ht – that it will fit any size garden. We will have two varieties – 'Jiro' with round, flat, orange skinned fruit, and 'Fuyu Imoto' with light orange skin.

When I think of beautiful shrubby edibles, blueberries are first to come to mind. Super winter structure, interesting bark, small textured leaves, and brilliant fall color that rival the invasive Burning Bush. Blueberries can be used as a hedge or screen, scattered throughout the garden for unity, as accent plants or in containers. Note that for best results, soil pH needs to be 5.7 or lower. Selecting a variety or varieties can be somewhat daunting but there are four main considerations: 1) chilling requirement for fruit set, 2) zone, 3) plant



Persimmon flower. Photo from: wjfarm.wordpress.com

characteristics, and 4) early, mid or late fruiting time. For blueberries available at the plant sale, we have selected varieties that satisfy the first two considerations, so you'll only need to decide which one fits with your landscape design and when you want to pick. Although self-pollinating, for increased fruit set and size, it is best to plant more than one variety. The following is a chart of varieties we'll have at the Plant Sale.

It is so much fun to design and plant containers beyond the usual supertunia® with green spike. Almost any plant can be put into a container but by focusing on interesting foliage - bold, colorful,

continued on page 8

Variety	Ripening Season	Fruit Qualities	Plant Characteristics
Blueray	early – mid season	Large & firm; desert quality	4-6' ht, open & upright; bright red with yellow fall color
Chandler	Mid - late season	World's largest berry; long ripening season	5-7' ht, slightly spreading habit; wine red, orange fall color
Jersey	Late season	Medium & sweet; high yield; good eaten fresh	6-8' ht, upright; orange fall color
Northsky	Mid-season	Small; good eaten fresh	1-1.5' ht, compact; red-burgundy fall color; great for containers
Patriot	Early – midseason	Large & sweet; firm with excellent quality	3-5' ht, open & spreading; orange-red fall color; excellent in containers
Sunshine Blue	Mid – late season	Medium & sweet	3' ht, compact & upright; burgundy fall color; tolerates higher pH than other blueberries

Note: Blueray, Chandler, Jersey and Patriot are Northern Highbush varieties (*Vaccinium corymbosum*) Northsky is a Half-Highbush (*Vaccinium corymbosum* x *V. angustifolium*), a cross between a Northern Highbush and a Lowbush selection from the wild Sunshine Blue is a Southern Highbush variety (*Vaccinium corymbosum* hybrid) Information taken from Fall Creek Farm and Nursery - fallcreeknursery.com/about/landing/about

continued from page 7

variegated or changing – and an attractive, unusual structure, you can achieve exceptional combinations. Lately, I've been drawn to painful, harsh, spiky plants as container centerpieces.

Yucca recurvifolia 'Gold Ribbons', is a hardy, trunked yucca that could begin its garden life in a container surrounded by softer, billowy, flowering annuals and perennials. Leaves are a stunning creamy yellow edged in dark green. A southeast U.S. native, 'Gold Ribbons', as are most yuccas, is deer resistant. If you're looking for something diminutive for a tabletop container, we will have *Yucca harrimaniae* 'Nana' which grows 12" tall and has narrow gray-green leaves covered with white filaments. Again, this one is hardy for us so it can be planted in a well-drained area in the garden.

Another group of painful plants is *Osmanthus heterophyllus*, holly tea olive or false holly. Versatile landscape plants, they make excellent hedges, screens or specimens and can tolerate sun to shade. When young, they also make great container plants because of their evergreen foliage, bold texture and very fragrant white flowers in the fall. A relatively new variety, *Osmanthus heterophyllus* 'SPG-3-021' Party Lights™ has extraordinary cream, pink, yellow and white leaves in the spring. The variety 'Sasaba' is compact with unique deeply cut, rich dark green leaves. Ferns, black mondo grass, and heuchera would make excellent supporting plants. And a final container suggestion, one that ties back into ornamental edibles, is blueberries. There are many small, compact varieties perfect for growing in a container. Refer to the Plant Characteristics column of the blueberry table in this article for suggestions. Container soil is much easier to control than garden soil, so if the pH of your soil is not conducive to growing good blueberries, try them in a container!



Osmanthus heterophyllus Party Lights. Photo from: stockphotos.gardendebut.com



Osmanthus heterophyllus 'Sasaba'. Photo by and used with the permission of Carolyn Walker, carolynsshadegardens.com

Gardens of the Riviera!

With the Alps at our back and the Mediterranean Sea at our feet, the Riviera is the perfect place to spend two weeks exploring beautiful and exotic gardens.

It is sun-drenched beaches, stunning cliffs, azure waters, indigo skies, and a climate that draws people from all over the world. That same climate makes the gardens rich and unique like Gaudi's Parc Quell in Barcelona and the tropical paradise of the Jardin Exotique in Monaco.

Come see for yourself and join Robert McDuffie on this incredible journey that starts in Barcelona, drifts along the coastline into France, drops into Monaco and ends up in Portofino, Italy.

The dates are May 20 - June 2, 2015. The cost is \$5150 per person (double occupancy).

To register or find out more, visit our website:
www.mcduff.hort.vt.edu/Riviera2015/Index.html

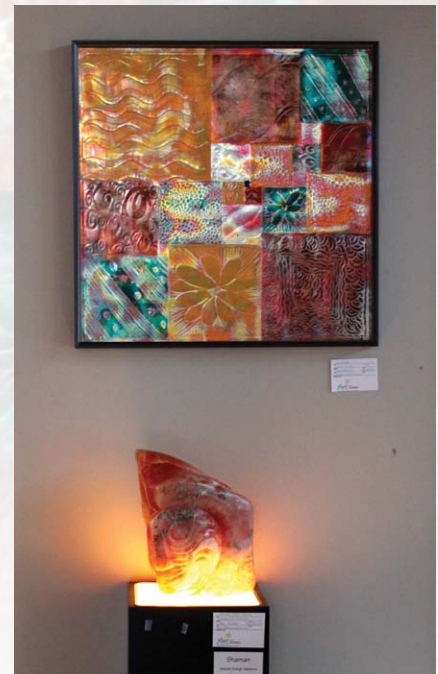
Art in the Garden Shows for 2015

Jan - Feb	Robert McDuffie	photography
Mar - April	Nancy Norton	alcohol ink
May - June	Becky Latucca	batik
July - August	Deana B. Marion	photography
Sept - Oct	Gwen Goepel	quilts
Nov - Dec	Marie Collier	oil landscapes

CALL FOR ARTISTS for "Art in the Garden Event," a premiere juried fine art event

Artists working in two or three dimensional mediums are eligible to apply. ALL art must be original and executed by the applicant. Only artists accepted through the jury process will be allowed to show their art. Each artist may submit one application which must be postmarked by Feb 10, 2015. This event is scheduled for Saturday, May 9 from 10am-5pm.

Visit www.hort.vt.edu/hhg/artinthegarden.html to learn more.



Darcy Meeker's copper panels and sculpture adorned the pavilion this past November and December
Photo by Holly Scoggins

Peggy Lee Hahn Garden Pavilion - Available for YOUR Event!

The Hahn Horticulture Garden is the perfect place for your wedding, reception, retreat, or other event.

We offer broad lawns and beautiful flowers, right on campus! Your caterer of choice can work out of the Pavilion kitchen, and there are several lovely lawn locations for tents. Please remember that this is a public garden - however, in the past, garden visitors have been very respectful of special events.

The Peggy Lee Hahn Garden Pavilion is ideal for small receptions and retreats (fewer than 50 people); larger events can be hosted under tents up to 40' x 60' on the tent lawn.

- The Pavilion multi-purpose room seats 50 people, max. If your event hosts from 51 to 150 people and rain is even a remote possibility, you'll need to rent a tent.
- Holding your wedding or special event at the HHG helps our garden grow. Income from rentals helps pay for phone, ethernet, and housekeeping, as well as hourly wages to students to monitor the Pavilion during events. Proceeds from weddings, events, plant sales, and our Friends of the Garden membership

program provides funds for maintenance, new plants, student worker wages, and much, much more!

For more information and current rates, please call (540) 231-5970 or visit www.hort.vt.edu/hhg/rental.html.

Winter Seminars and Workshops at the Hahn Horticulture Garden

Join us for educational programs and special events this winter and spring. Become a Friend of the Garden and enjoy our member discounts! (visit our web site for membership form). Please preregister for these events! Contact Stephanie at vtgarden@vt.edu or (540) 231-5970.

“A Rich Spot of Earth: Thomas Jefferson’s Revolutionary Garden at Monticello,” Peter Hatch, Director of Garden and Grounds at Monticello

The Hahn Horticulture Garden is partnering with Historic Smithfield Plantation to offer this historic garden lecture by Peter Hatch, Director of Garden and Grounds at Monticello

Thursday January 22, 2015 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Location: TBD (depends on number of registrants)

“A Rich Spot of Earth: Thomas Jefferson’s Revolutionary Garden at Monticello,” is a gorgeous volume telling the history of Jefferson’s unique vegetable garden at Monticello and uncovers his lasting influence on American culinary, garden, and landscape history. The book also showcases the 1980s project that restored the garden to its original glory. A Rich Spot of Earth was written by Peter J. Hatch, former Director of Gardens and Grounds at Monticello 1977 to 2013. Hatch was been responsible for the maintenance, interpretation, and conservation of its 2,400-acre landscape, and has written several previous books on Jefferson’s gardens and is an advisor for First Lady Michelle Obama’s White House kitchen garden. He lives in Charlottesville, Virginia.

\$20 general public / \$15 Friends of the Garden and Smithfield Patriots

Two-Day Black Gesso Painting Workshop with Vera Dickerson

Saturday and Sunday, January 24-25, 2015 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Note class is being offered by the Blacksburg Regional Art Association and held at the garden. When black gesso is used as a ground for painting, its velvety dark value is contrast for ANY color added on top. In the workshop, we will achieve amazingly quick strong value relations that help to pull a composition together in a very short time. Registration form and materials list: media.wix.com/ugd/48a43d_b147e15b338749228f3dad05e4f533e2.pdf

BRAA Member: \$100, General Public: \$130

Essential Oils 101

with Ellen Reynolds of Beagle Ridge Herb Farm

Saturday, February 28, 2015 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. (snow date March 7th)

Learn the basics about Essential Oils, what they are and how to use them. Learn what oils should be in your medicine cabinet, under your kitchen counter or on your makeup table. Natural doesn’t mean safe!

\$20 general public / \$15 Friends of the Garden (additional \$5 off if you plan to attend both essential oil programs!)

Make Your Own Essential Oils!

with Ellen Reynolds of Beagle Ridge Herb Farm

Saturday, February 28, 2015 11:30 a.m.

– 1:00 p.m. (snow date March 7th)

Pamper yourself with Essential Oils. A make and take- a hands on program where you will get to make your own room fresher, non-alcoholic hand sanitizer or even an easy healing salve for dry winter skin. Don’t you deserve to pamper yourself for a change?

\$25 general public / \$20 Friends of the Garden (additional \$5 off if you plan to attend both essential oil programs!)

Design Principals of the Pros That Can Be Applied to the Home Landscape

with Dan Benarcik, Horticulturist and Artist at Chanticleer, A Pleasure Garden

Saturday March 14, 2015, 10:00am – 11:30am

Location: TBD (depends on number of registrants)

Chanticleer has been called the most romantic, imaginative, and exciting public garden in America. Dan Benarcik, one of seven highly talented Horticulturists, has been instrumental in the garden’s transformation during his more than 20 years there. He oversees The Courtyard Gardens which include the famous and stunning Teacup Garden, named for its central fountain. Here he works his magic with new seasonal displays featuring bold textured tropicals and tender perennials. His container plantings are innovative and placement within the garden structure perfection.

Dan is a passionate gardener and artist who fuses his love of plants, sculpture, and design into excitement and wonder. His talk will give you, whether novice or experienced, tips to enliven your own garden and ideas to use when thinking about your beds, pots and plant combinations for 2015.

\$30 general public / \$20 Friends of the Garden and members of the NRVMG

if registered prior to Feb. 13, 2015.

All registrations after Feb. 13th will be \$30.

Pre-registration for workshops required. Clip form and mail to the address below; or call (540) 231-5970 or email vtgarden@vt.edu to register.

Name: _____

Street: _____

City and State: _____

Phone: _____

email: _____

	# Attending	Cost: General Public/ Friends of the Garden	\$ Total
Thomas Jefferson		\$20/15	
Essential Oils 101		\$20/15	Save \$5 when you sign up for both! \$40/30
Make your Own Essential Oils		\$25/20	
Design Principles of the Pros		\$15/20	
Total			

Make checks payable to Treasurer, Virginia Tech.

MAIL THIS FORM WITH CHECK TO:
Hahn Horticulture Garden at Virginia Tech
Peggy Lee Hahn Pavilion (0915)
200 Garden Lane
Blacksburg, VA 24061

We will only contact you if an event is filled or cancelled, or we need to change the location. For more information on these seminars or other Garden events, call (540) 231-5970 or e-mail vtgarden@vt.edu.

Please check our website for program updates www.hort.vt.edu/hhg/events

Lunchtime Learning - Free Garden Walks and Talks!

Held on various Wednesdays (not every Wed.). All start promptly at 12:00 noon and run from 30 minutes to one hour. Meet at the Peggy Lee Hahn Garden Pavilion. No registration required. Parking passes available at Pavilion for Visitors only, or stop at the Visitor's Center on Prices Fork to pick up a pass. F/S must park in designated F/S spaces. Questions? Call (540) 231-5970.

Get Acquainted with the new Garden Director, Robert McDuffie

January 21, 12:00—1:00 p.m.

Robert McDuffie will share what he does at Virginia Tech, his previous involvement with the garden, and his future plans as Director of the Hahn Horticulture Garden.

Two Plant Nerds: Sharing their summer trip to 3 of the best public gardens near Philadelphia

with Elissa Steeves and Lisa Lipsey

February 25, 12:00—1:00 p.m.

Through stories and pictures, Elissa and Lisa will take us to Mt. Cuba Center, Longwood Gardens, and finally to Chanticleer.

9 Ways to Grow More Food in Less Space

with Debra Graff, Master Gardener

Wednesday March 25,
12:00-1:00 p.m.

Discover nine simple tips to grow large amounts vegetables in small gardens.



30 quarts of tomatoes from one tiny 4' x 4' garden bed!

Dwarf Conifers in the Landscape

with Pamela Cadmus of Specialty Garden Design

Wednesday April 15, 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Yoga in the Garden!

Class meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:15-6:15 p.m. beginning January 13, 2015.

What better way to end the day than yoga in the garden? Join us for this series of beginner-intermediate level yoga class led by certified yoga instructor, Megan Helmer. The class will be held in the beautiful, tranquil setting of the Hahn Horticulture Garden. Classes are held in the Peggy Lee Hahn Garden Pavilion for the cold months.

Space is limited to 12 participants - registration is suggested.

To register, contact Stephanie at the Hahn Horticulture Garden (540) 231-5970 or vtgarden@vt.edu





Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Blacksburg, VA 24060
Permit No. 28

Peggy Lee Hahn Garden Pavilion (0915)
200 Garden Lane
Virginia Tech
Blacksburg, VA 24061
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Thank you!

Friends of the Garden, Members July 2013 - June 2014

(2014-2015 members listed in the next newsletter)

GENERAL GIFTS AND PLEDGES (FY 2013-2014)

James Floyd Jr. and Jane Floyd
Jeffery H. Francis
Robert and Linda Guiles
T. Marshall Hahn Jr.
Mike and Susie Hildebrand
(Hildebrand Landscape Internship)
Jamie Cowell-Lucero
Sherwood P. Quillen
In memory of Jeanette Munns
and June Gauntlett:
by Edward and Denise Munns

AMBASSADOR

Anne Hahn Hurst
Warren & Margie Kark

PATRON

Velva & Gordon Groover
Robert & Linda Guiles
Wayne Sawyer,
Bennett's Creek Nursery
Tom, Margaret, &
Daniel Teates

BENEFACTOR

Allen & Jeananne Bame
Jane & Vittorio Bonomo
Harold Burkhart
Sue Penn Berry
Forrest & Linda Fiedler
Audrey & Steve Hill
Paul & Ann Hlusko
Erica & Blair Jones
Robert E. Lyons
Felice Proctor
Middle American Chapter,
American Rhododendron Soc.

INDIVIDUAL, COUPLES, SENIORS, STUDENTS

Sarah S. Arthur	Terry & Paula Golden	Susan Magliaro & Terry Wildman	Teresa Sanchez
Carlene Arthur	Bill & Linda Gottert	Jim & Mary Marchant	Kimberly Santolla
Donald Baker	Sally Ann Gowan	Pete Marty	Carla Selvey
Michaelene Balconi	Steve & Patricia Hale	Robert & Germaine McClanahan	Lynn Shaver
Karen L. Bauer	Jeannie Hamilton	Dennis & Deborah McDonald	Pamela Simmons
Ini Beckman	Kay Hanson	Jan McGilliard	Todd & Inga Solberg
Jackie Betts	Cathy Haskell	Evelyn Melia	Janet Spahr
Gary & Kathy Brown	Doug & Andrea Hays	Peggy Meszaros	Sylvester Stanley
Jo & Bud Brown	Cheryl Heisey	Katie & George Miller	Elissa Steeves
Hilda Brown	Katherine May Helsing	Jeff & Sandy Miller	Jill Stewart
Joe Burns	John & Ann Hess	Bonnie Moreno	Sarajane Taylor
Carol & Bill Carper	Pam & Paul Hoag	Nancy Norton	Terry Tosh
Pat Ceperley & Jim Craig	Mae Hoover	Jerzy Nowak	Ann P. (Penny) Tully
Katherine Chambless	Joe & Kay Hunnings	Elizabeth "Betsy" O'Brien	Donna M. Van Cleave
Judy & Peter Clarke	Paul S. James	John & Amy Ogburn	Barbara Walker
Janice S. Coartney	June A. Johnson	Jane O'Keefe	Frances M. Wall
Steve & Rosemary Cole	Judith Jones	Martha A. Olson	Gale B. Washburn
Trish Cregger	Carole & Skip Jubb	David O. Pippin	Sonya & Paul Westervelt
Sandra Darden	Margaret Klise	Patricia Polentz	David Wike
Esther Davis	Dawn H. Lerch	Judy Pospichal	Frank & Joan Woeste
Preston L. Durrill	Suzie & Randy Leslie	Jeanne Roper	Janice E. Woodard
Ernestine J. Foresman	Lynn Lipsey	Donald W. Rude	Donna Worley
Judith Foster	Janice Litschert	Elke M. Sabia	Mr. & Mrs. E.D. Ned Yost
Lorrie French	Susan & Robert Lockwood		Allan & Ann Yousten
Karolyn & Clarence Givens	Linda Mack		Rachel Yungman

See the gala article on page 3 listing 2014 gala sponsors. Thank you to all who have contributed to the garden!

Please bring any omissions to the attention of Robert McDuffie at mcduff@vt.edu.