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73rd Annual Garden Symposium Examines “Garden Design: Trends and Traditions,” April 26-28



Speakers at Colonial Williamsburg’s 73rd Annual Garden Symposium include “The Heirloom Gardener” John Forti, “The Complete Kitchen Garden” author Ellen Ecker Ogden, horticulturist Lee Reich and “The Houseplant Guru” Lisa Eldred Steinkopf.

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (March 21, 2019) – Colonial Williamsburg’s 73rd annual Garden Symposium, “Garden Design: Trend & Traditions” promises expert advice for growers seeking to combine classic craft with the newest styles and know-how, April 26-28.

“This year’s Garden Symposium mixes tried-and-true traditions with new trends to help practitioners make gardening spaces shine,” said Colonial Williamsburg Director of Landscaping Laura Viancour, “From care of historic spaces to food cultivation and crafting pet-friendly gardens, this year’s program offers something for everyone.”

Symposium highlights include:

- Presentations on historic landscape preservation and creating a pet-friendly garden with **Vincent Simeone**, wood plants specialist and director of Planting Fields Arboretum in Oyster Bay, New York
- **Lisa Eldred Steinkopf**, “The Houseplant Guru,” with tips on indoor light levels and growing succulents
- Advice on growing fruit in small spaces and on espaliers from horticulturist **Lee Reich**
- Insights from Food and garden writer **Ellen Ecker Ogden** on cultivation of heirloom varieties and gardening for salad lovers
- **John Forti**, executive director of Bedrock Gardens in Lee, New Hampshire discusses spotting historic gardens and landscapes

Information and registration are available by visiting colonialwilliamsburg.com/learn/conferences or by calling 1-800-603-0948 toll-free 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Registration is \$325 and \$300 for American Horticulture Society members, including programming in the Lane Auditorium at Colonial Williamsburg's Bruton Heights School, coffee breaks, a Colonial Williamsburg admission ticket, an opening reception at Bassett Hall, a closing reception at Christiana Campbell's Tavern and a copy of the book "Flowers and Herbs of Early America" by Lawrence D. Griffith. Colonial Williamsburg admission and reception tickets are available for registrants' guests. Guest admission tickets are \$20 and reception tickets \$45 each.

Special rates at Colonial Williamsburg hotels are available for conference registrants who book before March 25 by calling 800-261-9530 toll-free.

Colonial Williamsburg's 73rd annual Garden Symposium is supported by platinum sponsor the American Horticultural Society by premier sponsor BrightView Landscape Services and by keynote sponsor the Phoebe Moyer Garden Symposium Speaker Fund.

Presentation schedules are subject to change. Information, dining reservations and same-day program tickets are available via the free Colonial Williamsburg Explorer app, which can be downloaded from the Apple App Store and Google Play. Information is also available by following Colonial Williamsburg on [Facebook](#) and [@colonialwmsburg](#) on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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