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Garden Symposium 2018: Transform Spaces from “Ordinary to Extraordinary”

*72nd Annual Garden Symposium promises expert insights on elevating
landscape design to new heights April 14-15*



WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (April 4, 2018) – Colonial Williamsburg’s 72nd Annual Garden Symposium, “Ordinary to Extraordinary: Elevating Your Landscape Design to New Heights,” convenes April 14-15, when expert practitioners offer insights on realizing the full potential of our cultivated spaces.

“The theme of this year’s Garden Symposium will resonate with all who join us: making the most of our landscapes through thoughtful planning and design,” said Laura Viancour, Colonial Williamsburg Director of Landscaping. “Our speakers will discuss how to combine existing elements with new materials to realize harmonious gardens that sing with creativity.”

Highlights of this year’s program include a keynote presentation by landscape designer and author **Julie Moir Messervy**, who will speak about “Home Outside: Creating the Landscape You Love,” in addition to a presentation on “New Landscaping Ideas that Work,” from the big-picture down to the small details.

Other speakers include **Robert McDuffie**, associate professor emeritus and director of the Hahn Horticultural Garden at Virginia Tech, who presents on global inspiration for local gardens. **Andrew Bunting** of the Chicago Botanic Garden will discuss the evolution of his own garden and “The Plant Lovers Guide to Magnolias.” Author and photographer **Pam Beck** discusses the paths, passageways, barriers and borders in “Moving through the Garden,” and shade gardens in “Hanging out with Shady Characters.” **Linda Askey** presents a talk on her personal journey as a writer and gardener and retired Colonial Williamsburg landscape supervisor **Rollin Woolley** presents on “Adding Color to Your Garden.” Sessions also include a Historic Area tree tour and an afternoon tea with the Colonial Williamsburg landscape department staff. In addition to presentations, registration includes coffee breaks, a closing reception and a Colonial Williamsburg admission ticket.

Tickets are available online at www.colonialwilliamsburg.com/learn/conferences or by calling 800-603-0948 Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Program registration is \$325 and \$300 for members of the American Horticultural Society, which is a Platinum Sponsor of this year’s event. Registration guests for accompanying program participants is \$45 for the gardeners’ tea, \$45 for the closing reception and \$20 for a Colonial Williamsburg admission ticket.

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