



Hollister House Garden & The Garden Conservancy

Present



Garden Study Weekend IX Symposium

Garden Visions

Saturday, September 7, 2019 | 8:00AM-3:30PM

The Heritage Hotel - Southbury, CT



Troy Scott Smith

Re-vita-lising Vita

Troy Scott Smith comes from a family of naturalists. Growing up in the countryside of Yorkshire he spent most of his time in the nearby dales seeking out the beautiful and the natural. He has enjoyed a remarkable career, most recently at Sissinghurst, where he has been leading the transformation and restoration of the Vita Sackville-West gardens. In this lecture Troy will take us on a journey that begins with the original plan and plantings, through the interventions of subsequent decades to the current vision and garden of today. Troy has spent his career developing a way of gardening that places beauty and romance first. In July he will take up the position of Head Gardener at Iford Manor.



David Culp

Making Meadows

David Culp is the creator of the gardens at Brandywine Cottage, lecturer and vice president of Sunny Border Nursery. He developed the Brandywine Hybrid strain of hellebores and is recognized for his expertise on snowdrops. David believes that native plant meadows support many landscape purposes, from lawn alternatives on residential sites to larger scale, ecologically sound models that provide biodiverse habitats for a host of pollinators, birds and mammals. In his presentation David will discuss the creation of low grass meadows where ecology and aesthetics meet and how the design, installation and management of meadows complement the sites on which they exist.



Martha Stewart

My Life in Four Gardens

Martha Stewart has been gardening since she was three years old, when she worked at her father's side in their Nutley, New Jersey, backyard garden. This early inspiration grew into a serious passion with the acquisition of a six-acre property in Westport, CT, Turkey Hill. Martha honed her gardening, restoring, decorating, and cooking skills here; work which soon became the foundation of her namesake company, Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia. Her current gardens reflect her expansive love of plants: a coastal retreat in East Hampton, a 153-acre farm in Bedford, NY, and a mountain landscape in Seal Harbor, Maine. Martha will share lessons learned from the planning and planting of each of these gardens.





Lisa Roper

The Evolution of Chanticleer's Gravel Garden

Lisa Roper is the horticulturalist for the Gravel Garden and Ruin at Chanticleer where she has gardened for the past 28 years. Lisa holds a BFA from Cooper Union where she studied photography and painting. She now photographs Chanticleer Garden weekly for What's in Bloom on their website. For the past six years Lisa has been developing the Gravel Garden, a gently sloping well drained south-facing site. Lisa will discuss how form, texture, color and rhythm are carefully considered in plant selection. She will also cover planting techniques, the importance of editing, and the technique of using photography to inform her design decisions.



Stephen Orr

Moderator

Stephen Orr is the editor-in-chief of Better Homes and Gardens. Previously he was VP/Editorial Director for the Martha Stewart Living brand and editor-in-chief of Conde Nast traveler. Stephen serves on the Advisory Board of Hollister House Garden

Schedule of Events

8:00AM

Registration and light continental breakfast

9:00AM

Morning session starts with a welcome on behalf of Hollister House Garden by George Schoellkopf

12:00PM

Lunch and shopping at Hickory Stick Bookshop

1:00 PM

Afternoon session starts with a welcome on behalf of the Garden Conservancy by James Brayton Hall

4:00 PM

Cocktails and early buying at the Sale of Rare and Unusual Plants at Hollister House Garden, Washington, CT

The Heritage Hotel has reserved a block of rooms for symposium attendees (\$139 + tax) per night. To reserve please call 203-264-8200 and mention Hollister House Garden to secure this special rate.