

HOLLISTER HOUSE GARDEN & THE GARDEN CONSERVANCY

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# GARDEN STUDY WEEKEND X SYMPOSIUM

*American Garden Perspectives*

September 10, 2022 • 8:00am - 3:30pm  
The Heritage Hotel – Southbury, CT

**Rebecca McMackin** | *New Techniques in Ecological Horticulture: Beauty and Butterflies at Brooklyn Bridge Park*



*Rebecca McMackin* is an ecologically obsessed horticulturalist and garden designer. As the Director of Horticulture at Brooklyn Bridge Park, she has spent the last decade overseeing horticultural construction and stewardship of 85 acres of diverse parkland with an eye toward habitat creation for birds, butterflies, and soil microorganisms. In this talk Rebecca will share the design strategies employed and management techniques used to cultivate a biodiverse parkland. Rebecca writes and lectures on landscape management and pollination ecology and also designs the occasional garden.

**Deborah Nevins** | *Green Territories: Space Making from Greece to Mt. Desert Island*



*Deborah Nevins* is a landscape designer and architectural and landscape historian whose work has been described by the *New York Times* Style Magazine as “contemplative and scholarly.” In her career she has designed landscapes in almost all the U.S. horticultural zones: from the Canadian border to the West Indies. As a landscape designer, she has been the subject of many published articles on her firm’s projects. Her work at the 40-acre Stavros Niarchos Cultural Center with Renzo Piano in Athens has won international awards. In this talk Deborah will discuss her work and the influences of historic gardens on her design approach.

**Helen O'Donnell** | *Growing for the Gardener*



*Helen O'Donnell* is a professional gardener, a grower of specialty annuals and perennials, and co-owns and manages the Bunker Farm in Dummerston, Vermont. In her gardening business, Helen designs, installs and maintains gardens for private clients, works as a consultant, writes and lectures. Helen will share the process of choosing what plants to grow and her techniques and ethos as a grower. She will showcase some of her favorite and most interesting plants and talk about how to use them best in the garden.



### Bunny Williams | *The Gardens at Manor House*



Considered one of the most talented names in design, **Bunny Williams** is also an accomplished businesswoman, entrepreneur, author, philanthropist and a lover of gardens, dogs and china. Renowned for balancing refined beauty with welcoming, livable appeal, her eponymous firm is widely recognized and championed as an industry leader. In this presentation Bunny will share a close look at the beautiful gardens at Manor House, her Connecticut home. Tracing their cultivation and maintenance over 30 years, Bunny will dig deeper into the key components of designing an idyllic garden, and how to envision yours and bring it to life.

### Page Dickey | *Moderator*



**Page Dickey** is a garden writer, lecturer and designer. She is the author of eight books including the award-winning *Breaking Ground*. Page is a director emerita of the Garden Conservancy, where she co-founded the Open Days program. She serves on the boards of The Little Guild, Stonecrop Garden, and Hollister House Garden. In her new book, *Uprooted: A Gardener Reflects on Beginning Again*, Page reflects on leaving her beloved garden of 34 years, finding a new home and falling in love with its land.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 8:00 AM Registration and light continental breakfast
- 9:00 AM Morning session opens
- 12:00 PM Lunch and shopping at Hickory Stick Bookshop
- 1:00 PM Afternoon session opens
- 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 (\$159 + tax) per night. To reserve, please call 203-264-8200 and mention Hollister House Garden to secure this special rate.*



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