



Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden

Sharon Bailey Baum is a garden designer with experience in designing residential landscapes. She is a graduate of Virginia Tech in horticulture, and teaches design to students in the J. Sargent Reynolds Community College horticulture program.

Laura Anne Brooks is a frequent lecturer and teacher, horticulturist and gardener who has studied the Ikenobo and Enshu styles of arranging Ikebana for 20 years, including the Senei Ikenobo Symposium in America. She is active in a number of plant societies and grows a wide variety of species flowers at her home, Dunluce, in King William county.

Beth Burrell is principal of The Giving Tree, Ltd., and has been designing and creating residential, estate and corporate gardens for over 25 years. Along with her husband, Scott (Horticulture Director for the Virginia Historical Society), she has created a two-acre garden at their home where they demonstrate design and conduct plant trials.

Scott Burrell is Director of Horticulture for the Virginia Historical Society, maintaining gardens at the Society's headquarters and the grounds of Virginia House, which features a major garden by landscape architect Charles F. Gillette. He is on the board of the American Conifer Society and lectures frequently for Master Gardener programs.

Mimi Cassick has been a floral designer for more than 30 years. She is a former Designer of the Year in the Richmond area, and has studied with Ralph Null. She is currently a wedding flower coordinator with Coleman Brothers Flowers in Richmond.

Laura Sullivan Henley is a horticulturist on the Garden staff. She is a graduate of Virginia Tech in horticulture, and has worked in the horticulture industry and at Tufton Farm, the home of the Thomas Jefferson Center for Historic Plants, a part of Monticello.

Amy Hicks is proprietor of Amy's Garden, a USDA Certified Organic Farm in Charles City county and New Kent county featuring specialty produce & cut flowers. The farm is also a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farm.

Lynda Hoffarth is a Registered Yoga Teacher 500, Reiki Master Teacher, and a Certified Structural Yoga Therapist & Teacher.

Walter Hempfling taught biology at the University of Rochester for 18 years, prior to conducting tobacco research and development at Philip Morris. He holds degrees in bacteriology and microbiology from the University of Cincinnati and Yale University. He has been a Master Gardener since 2004 and started the Land Care Steward program in Hanover County in 2005.

Miles Johnson is a native of Wisconsin, with a BS in Biology Education, and a MS in Botany, and a Ph. D. in Botany. He taught courses in plant taxonomy and survey of plant kingdom, plus general biology and medical Greek and Latin for Pre-med students in the Department of Biology, VCU, 1968 - 1995. He has published 21 papers dealing with the flora of Virginia, concentrating on the Aster family.

Celeste Johnston is a certificate holder in botanical art and illustration from the Corcoran College of Art and Design, Washington, DC. She teaches at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden and the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.

Juliet Kirby is a botanical artist with degrees in art from Byam School of Art and the Central School of Art in London, England. She holds a certificate in Botanical Illustration from the New York Botanic Garden, and has studied with many master artists.

Joel Koci is a certified arborist with Arborcare, Inc. and holds a masters degree in Ornamental Horticulture from Virginia Tech. He has more than 20 years of experience as an arborist.

Cindie Kollman is a botanical artist who has studied with Pauline Dean at the Royal Horticultural Society, Wisley, England and other instructors. She has taught Botanical Art and Illustration courses at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden since 2000.

Susie Kowalik is a life-long gardener and artist who draws her inspiration from nature.

Dawn Lerch is currently Assistant Director of Development for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Virginia Tech. She holds a degree from Virginia Tech in ornamental horticulture, is a Virginia Certified Horticulturist, and was formerly an educator and horticulturist at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden.

Candy Lindenzweig is a Virginia Certified Horticulturist, garden designer, and manager of nursery operations for The Great Big Greenhouse in Richmond, Virginia.

Cas Overton is principal of The Center for Movement Awareness. She is a former adjunct faculty member of the VCU School of Dance. She is a graduate of the L'd'n Ting Institute, Topeka, Kansas; the Alan Watts Society of Comparative Philosophy; and is a graduate of the Feldenkrais Guild of North America.

David Pippin is proprietor of David Pippin, Inc., a floral design firm. He is a graduate of Virginia Tech in ornamental horticulture. He teaches floral design at J. Sargent Reynolds Community College, and is part of 'Ag in the Classroom,' offering instructional workshops for teachers at various locations, including Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden. David has also lectured at the Maymont Flower and Garden Show and at the Colonial Williamsburg Garden Symposium.

Mark Ragland has been an avid gardener since the age of 12. At his home south of Petersburg, Virginia, he is developing a six-acre garden, including an enclosed, raised-bed parterre style vegetable garden, that has been featured in many publications. He is past president of the Old Dominion Herb Society and past chairman of Maymont's Herbs Galore event.

Lynda Richardson is a nationally-acclaimed photographer of wildlife subjects around the world. She studied at the Maine Photographic Workshops, and worked as a stringer for the Associated Press before starting her own business. She has completed assignments for major magazines and organizations such as *Smithsonian* magazine, *National* and *International Wildlife* magazines, The Nature Conservancy and the National Geographic Society, to name a few. This work sent her all over the globe to multiple countries in Africa, Central and South America, as well as to Cuba, Mexico, Poland, Belarus and the United States. She was recently featured in *Outdoor Photography* magazine as one of several prominent women photographers. Her illustrated article on Venus Fly Traps (*Dionaea muscipula*) will appear in the *February* issue of *Smithsonian* magazine.