

LOOKING FORWARD, LOOKING BACK

WINTER SYMPOSIUM & 50th CVNLA SHORT COURSE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

All programs subject to change.

CEUS for LACES and CBLP are listed per session

CVNLA, VNLA and Master Gardeners can self-report 6 contact hours

8 am

Doors open

8:30 am

Registration opens

9 am

Welcome & Introductions

Robert McDuffie Associate Professor *Emeritus*, Virginia Tech

Using SketchUp to Design Gardens

A retired professor from Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Robert is a landscape architect and was a professor of horticulture and director of Hahn Horticulture Garden. He utilizes this vast experience to create gardens using 3D SketchUp software. This dynamic tool helps landscape professionals convey their ideas in a way that helps their clients visualize a finished product. LACES: 1

Robert McDuffie currently leads McDufftours, a company organizing tours to important gardens worldwide.

10 am

Claire Sawyers, Director, Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College

The Authentic Garden: Five Principles of Cultivating a Sense of Place

Drawing on her knowledge of a vast array of American and foreign gardens, Sawyers identifies five principles that help instill a sense of authenticity: capture the sense of place, derive beauty from function, use humble or indigenous materials, marry the inside to the outside, and involve the visitor. LACES, 1, HSW. CBLP, 1

Claire Sawyers has been the Director of the Scott Arboretum since 1990, coming to that position after working at Mount Cuba Center for the Study of Piedmont Flora in Hockessin, Delaware for seven years. Holding Master's Degrees in ornamental horticulture from Purdue University and the University of Delaware, where she was a Longwood Graduate Fellow, Claire has gardened in Japan, France and Belgium in addition to the U.S. She served as a commissioner for the accreditation program of the American Association of Museums from 2004 to 2010. Her book, *The Authentic*

Garden: Five Principles for Cultivating a Sense of Place, was published in 2007 by Timber Press.

11 am

Peter J. Hatch

Jefferson's Revolutionary Garden

Were Thomas Jefferson to walk the grounds of Monticello today, he would no doubt feel fully at home in the 1,000-foot terraced vegetable garden where the very vegetables and herbs he favored are thriving. Today, as restored under Peter Hatch's direction, Jefferson's unique vegetable garden now boasts the same medley of plants he enthusiastically cultivated in the early nineteenth century. The garden is a living expression of Jefferson's genius and his distinctly American attitudes. Its impact on the culinary, garden, and landscape history of the United States continues to the present day. Hatch explores the plantings, from asparagus and artichokes in 1770 through the horticultural experiments of Jefferson's retirement years (1809–1826). He examines topics ranging from labor in the garden, garden pests of the time, and seed saving practices to contemporary African American gardens. He also discusses Jefferson's favorite vegetables and the hundreds of varieties he grew, the half-Virginian half-French cuisine he developed, and the gardening traditions he adapted from many other countries. LACES: 1, HSW.

Peter J. Hatch is a professional gardener and historian with 38 years' experience in the restoration, care, and interpretation of historic landscapes. A celebrated author of four books on the gardens of Thomas Jefferson's Monticello, where he served as Director of Gardens and Grounds for 35 years, Hatch has lectured in 37 states on Jefferson and the history of garden plants. Presently, he gardens and botanizes from his home on Lickinghole Creek in Crozet, Virginia, travels extensively to promote his latest work, *'A Rich Spot of Earth': Thomas Jefferson's Revolutionary Garden at Monticello*, and consults on the installation and maintenance of both public gardens and private estate landscapes.

12 pm

Lunch & Book Signings

1 pm

Dean Norton, Director of Horticulture, Mount Vernon Estate

I was cute and had hair; then I met Boxwood!

Dean Norton accepted his first full-time horticultural position as boxwood gardener in 1978. For 30 years he has planted, cared for, pruned, and fought with boxwood, and has learned to deal with every disease or insect he has encountered. Learn about Dean's trials and tribulations with boxwood and their proper care and culture in his entertaining and informative presentation. LACES: 1, HSW

Dean Norton began employment at Mount Vernon Estate on June 23, 1969 and never left. After receiving a degree in horticulture from Clemson University he began his horticultural career as the estate's boxwood gardener. He was promoted to horticulturist in 1980 and is responsible for applying the latest plant science and

management techniques of horticulture in a historic setting. For the past 49 years, Dean has devoted considerable time to researching 18th century gardens and gardening practices. He has received awards for conservation from the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Garden Club of America. He is on a screening committee for the Garden Conservancy, received the American Horticulture Societies Professional Award in 2006, is an honorary member of the Garden Club of Virginia and is a past president of the Southern Garden History Society. Dean serves on several historic property boards and lectures nationally and internationally.

2 pm

Robert McDuffie Associate Professor *Emeritus*, Virginia Tech

Your Garden – A Global Garden

In their 20 years leading Horticultural Garden tours around the world Robert McDuffie and his wife Nancy have explored gardens in England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Monaco, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Australia and the Netherlands. Robert shares his experiences and lessons learned from our global gardening partners and how to incorporate them on home landscapes. LACES: 1

3 pm

Break

3:15 pm

Claire Sawyers, Director, Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College

Gleanings from the Scott Arboretum

On the verge of turning 90 in 2019, the idyllic 425-acre arboretum that makes up the Swarthmore College campus is often named one of the most beautiful in the country. Located just 11 miles from Philadelphia, the rolling hills, flowering trees, and hiking trails offer a nature escape on the edge of a busy metropolis. The Arboretum is a living memorial to Arthur Hoyt Scott (Swarthmore Class of 1895). Mr. Scott's family made a generous donation to found the Arboretum in 1929. In this presentation, Claire takes us through the arboretum's rich history of almost 90 years. LACES: 1

4:15 pm

Adjourn

Contact hours: 6

Continuing Education credits applied for:

LACES / Landscape Architect Continuing Education System

CVNLA / Central Virginia Nursery and Landscape Association

VNLA / Virginia Nursery and Landscape Association

CBLP /Chesapeake Bay Landscape Professional

Hours are applicable to Master Gardener continuing education