

Common Ground: Gardens for a Greener Tomorrow



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Whether we garden in a rural or urban setting, in a vacant lot or on a verdant plot, we all work with plants. Our diversity in age, gender, ethnicity, religious affiliation, and education only make the experience richer. The simple truth is that gardens offer a level playing field, a safe haven, a place for sharing seeds, traditions, and ideas, a common ground for humankind.

Join leading national children's and youth gardening experts, teachers, parents, volunteers, and the youth themselves to explore how gardens bring together diverse communities and foster curiosity, wonder, beauty, understanding, and acceptance. With more than 30 educational sessions featuring youth programs and children's gardens from across the nation—as well as an in-depth exploration of Cleveland Botanical Garden's youth gardening initiatives—the 2009 National Children & Youth Garden Symposium is the place for educators, garden designers, youth program leaders, and children's gardening advocates to gather to share ideas and learn how gardens can create common ground for bringing communities together.

Our Host



Through creative education and outreach, Cleveland Botanical Garden is helping to shape the next generation by introducing youth to the beauty and

wonder of plants through self-guided experiences, classes, and work immersion programs. A 10-acre urban garden, the Garden is rich in horticultural beauty and diversity. Highlights include the Eleanor Armstrong Smith Glasshouse, a spectacular 18,000-square-foot conservatory, a rose and a Japanese garden, and the Western Reserve Herb Society Herb Garden—one of the world's premier public herb gardens. And for the child in all of us, there is the Hershey Children's Garden, celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2009.

Symposium participants will have the opportunity to explore the Garden's programs and collections through first-hand experiences, educational sessions, and tours. The Garden's staff and volunteers are excited to show off all Cleveland has to offer, so plan on arriving early to take part in the Wednesday afternoon pre-Symposium workshop "Enliven a Space with Environmental Art" and stay through the end when we extend the experience to Cleveland's Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Located in University Circle, the Garden is surrounded by other notable cultural attractions including the Children's Museum of Cleveland, the Cleveland Museum of Art, and the Cleveland Natural History Museum, which participants will be able to explore during their stay.



Keynotes

Growing Food in the Heart of the City

Will Allen, a 2008 MacArthur Genius Fellow, is the founder and CEO of Growing Power. A national nonprofit and land trust, Growing Power, Inc. supports people from diverse backgrounds through the development of community food systems. The internships and workshops hosted by Growing Power engage teenagers and young adults, often minorities and immigrants, in producing healthy foods for their communities. The organization also provides intensive, hands-on training to those interested in establishing similar farming initiatives in other urban settings. Hear Will's experiences of working with teens to grow food, minds, and communities. Will has been featured on NPR's *Science Friday*, in the *New York Times*, and has spoken to audiences across the nation.

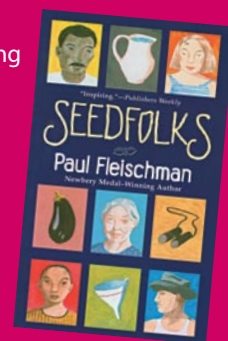


Seedfolks

Produced by Jimmie Woody with young actors from Cleveland

During the Symposium, participants will enjoy a theatrical production of the Cleveland-based book *Seedfolks* by Newbery Award-winning author Paul Fleischman. *Seedfolks* tells the story of an impromptu community garden in a diverse Cleveland neighborhood and how the simple act of growing vegetables and flowers on common ground brought people together.

This engaging show is produced by Jimmie Woody, a professional actor, director, and teaching artist, who works with diverse age groups and cultures throughout Cleveland and New York. Currently a drama teacher at Cuyahoga Community College, Jimmie has also taught at the Cleveland School of the Arts, East High School, Cleveland Heights High School, and the High School for Global Citizenship in Brooklyn, New York.



GARDEN EXPLORATIONS

Thursday, July 23

3:30 – 6:30 pm Panel Discussion, Garden Explorations, and Activities

6:30 – 8:30 pm Dinner and Reception in the Garden

On Thursday afternoon, attendees will be able to explore Cleveland Botanical Garden's collections and programs in-depth. You may wander the 10 acres of formal and natural gardens, attend a panel discussion on the Hershey Children's Garden, and interact with Cleveland high school students who will be creating natural art work in the garden. And if it has been a while since you made a mudpie, there will be mudpie madness in the Hershey Children's Garden.

Panel Discussion

From Wasted Space, To Wonderland, To What's Next

The Hershey Children's Garden celebrates its 10th anniversary this summer. Join the Garden's original design team and current management to hear about their unique perspectives on the evolution of this formerly underutilized space into a magical garden that inspires young and old alike. Maureen Heffernan, former public programs coordinator; Debbie Hershey Guren, board member and Hershey Children's Garden volunteer; and Josh Steffen, Hershey Children's Garden manager, will discuss the garden's history, design philosophies, and future plans. A question and answer session will follow. Afterwards, explore the Hershey Children's Garden while docents and staff members point out interesting features and garden highlights.

Friday, July 24 • 1:00 – 5:00 pm

Green Corps Friday!

Every summer since 1996, Cleveland city high school students with no prior gardening experience develop expertise that earns them a loyal following among local chefs and neighbors, who buy the student-grown produce for their homes and restaurants. On Friday afternoon, Symposium participants will tour five urban Green Corps Learning Gardens to see lasagna-bed demonstrations, discover their blackout-to-gardens methodology, and meet some of the 75 student-employees who plant, raise, harvest, and sell produce at the market. See first-hand how the Green Corps students are bringing new life to vacant city lots by growing fruits, vegetables, and flowers. In the process, they are acquiring job skills, and creating a healthier, greener community for themselves and their neighbors.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

PRE-SYMPOSIUM WORKSHOP

Wednesday, July 22 • 2:00 – 5:00 pm

Enliven a Space with Environmental Art

Presented by Melinda Placko, Village Art Studio, Cleveland, Ohio

Have you ever looked at the work of Andy Goldsworthy and other environmental artists and had a yearning to create such art in the landscape? In this hands-on workshop, participants will practice altering the surrounding environment using ephemeral materials. All participants will create a variety of natural installations, including small and large scale, individual and collaborative pieces. A presentation book documenting the workshop will be created, and participants will take this home with them.

Melinda Placko, the artist and instructor, received her BFA in painting from the Cleveland Institute of Art, and her MFA from the University of Massachusetts Amherst, with a focus in public and collaborative art. She manages Village Art Studio in Cleveland, and has taught art for over nine years, including through Art House Inc., YouthBuild Holyoke, and Young Audiences of Northeast Ohio. A working artist and co-founder of Melk Truk Studio, she creates mixed media drawings on a variety of surfaces such as sidewalks, lawns, parking lots, walls, and walkways.

POST-SYMPOSIUM TRIP

Saturday, July 25 • 3:30 – 9:30 pm

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame

As a rousing wrap-up, you are invited to visit a Cleveland icon—the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, on Saturday afternoon. Explore the history of rock and roll, from one-hit wonders to legendary inductees, from its roots in gospel, country, and blues to the important local music scenes. In addition to the regular collection, you will be able to see “From Asbury Park to the Promised Land: The Life and Music of Bruce Springsteen,” the world's first major artifact-driven exhibit about the fabled New Jersey rocker's career.

After the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, we will head to another Cleveland icon—the Great Lakes Brewing Company, an environmentally and socially conscious brewer of award-winning, all-natural beer. The brewery's commitment to the environment is evident in its locally sourced food, a “zero waste” goal for the company, an eco-friendly shuttle bus, and composting, along with other initiatives that the owners will tell us about as we await our dinner.



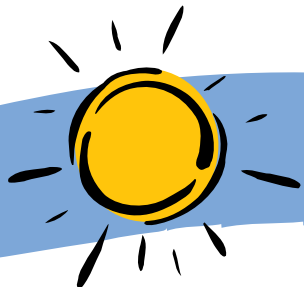
Outstanding Achievement in Children's & Youth Gardening

In 1999, the Board of Directors of the American Horticultural Society established the Jane L. Taylor Award to recognize an individual, organization, or program that has inspired and nurtured future horticulturists through efforts in children's and youth gardening. The 2009 winner of the Jane L. Taylor Award is Shawn Akard, the outdoor education coordinator for Hollin Meadows Science and Math Focus School in Alexandria, Virginia. The school's Outdoor Education Program began in 2005 as a volunteer effort to beautify school grounds by planting native Virginia species. Under Akard's leadership, it has grown to include numerous working gardens that serve as active outdoor classrooms for 600 students and a resource for the community at large. This program is serving as a successful model and Akard is working with other local schools to establish their own children's gardening programs.

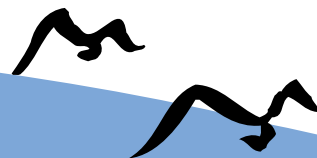


Growing Good Kids—Excellence in Children's Literature Awards

The 2009 “Growing Good Kids—Excellence in Children's Literature Awards” will be unveiled during the Symposium on Friday morning. Presented jointly by the National Junior Master Gardener Program and the American Horticultural Society, these awards honor engaging and inspiring works of plant-, garden-, and ecology-themed children's literature. This unique book award program debuted in 2005 with the one-time designation of “Classics,” which established the best 40 kids' gardening books released in the last 100 years. The Growing Good Kids—Excellence in Children's Literature Award annually recognizes qualifying titles published in the previous year.



SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE



WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

- 11:30 am – 8:00 pm **Symposium Registration**
 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm **Pre-Symposium Workshop –**
 Enliven a Space with Environmental Art
(pre-registration required)

THURSDAY, JULY 23

- 7:30 am – 11:00 am **Symposium Registration**
 8:00 am – 9:00 am **Continental Breakfast**
 9:00 am – 9:30 am **Welcome and Symposium Opening**
 9:30 am – 10:30 am **General Session**
 Opening Keynote: *Will Allen*
 Growing Food in the Heart of the City
- 10:30 am – 11:00 am **Break**
- 11:00 am – 12:30 pm **Concurrent Educational Sessions**
- The Pond Is NOT A Jacuzzi and Other Implied Rules
Megan Croswell, Janelle Leonard, Jami McGarry, and Bernadette Whitworth
 - Building a Sustainable K-12 Garden *Michael O'Loughlin*
 - Empowering Approaches to Plant-Based Learning *Jacob Gold*
 - The D. Landreth Seed Company and the Story of America's Greatest Seed Houses *Barbara Melera*
 - Sharing Wonder and Imagination *Tres Fromme and Janet Schroeder*
 - Children's Literature as a Doorway to the Garden *Claudia McVicker*
 - A Community-Building Gardening Project *AkuSika Nkomo-Mackey*
 - How to Grow a Successful Children's Gardening Program
Anita Wesler, Samie Winick, and Lynn Zocolo
- 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm **Lunch**
- 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm **Poster Session**
- 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm **Concurrent Educational Sessions**
- Designing Gardens for Children of All Ages *Jennifer Bakshi*
 - The Pond Project: Children Constructing a Water Habitat
Scott Brouette
 - Grounds for Understanding: A Special Science Curriculum
Gwenn Fried and Katherine Levy
 - Creating Sustainable Common Ground for Children
Renee Byrd, Mary Haque, Susannah Horton, and Lolly Tai
 - The Engagement Zone: Design Lessons from Children's Environments *Carol Krawczyk*
 - Incorporating Plants into the Classroom Curriculum *Lisa Davis*
 - Cultivate Creativity! *Dar Hosta*
 - Sensory Gardens for Special Needs Children
Katrinka Morgan and Janeen Wright
- 3:30 pm – 6:30 pm **Garden Explorations—Hershey Children's Garden and Cleveland Botanical Garden**
 Panel Discussion, Self-guided Tours, Activity Stations
- 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm **Reception and Dinner at Cleveland Botanical Garden**

FRIDAY, JULY 24

- 7:30 am – 11:00 am **Symposium Registration**
 8:00 am – 9:00 am **Continental Breakfast**
 9:00 am – 10:00 am **Presentation of 2009 Growing Good Kids Book Award and Preview of 2010 Symposium**
 10:00 am – 10:30 am **Break**

10:30 am – 12:00 pm Concurrent Educational Sessions

- Decoding the Design Process: Taking Away the Mystery
Cindy Tyler
- Easy to Use Camp Ideas *Dave Francis*
- Cool Kid Plants *Norm Lownds*
- How to Fit a Children's Garden into the School Year
Katrinka Morgan and Janeen Wright
- Capturing the Garden *Tammy Maxey and David Pippin*
- The Story Garden: A Small Space with a Big Idea
Nancy Hargrave and Julie Shapiro
- How Well Does Your Garden Grow?
 Evaluating Children's Garden Programs
Claire Oberst, Lisa Packard, and Verna Vander Kooi

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Garden Explorations— Green Corps Learning Gardens

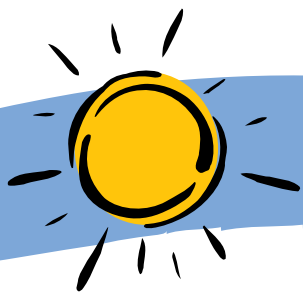
Evening on your own

SATURDAY, JULY 25

- 7:30 am – 11:00 am **Symposium Registration**
 8:00 am – 9:00 am **Continental Breakfast**
 9:00 am – 9:15 am **Break**
- 9:15 am – 10:45 am **Concurrent Educational Sessions**
- Adventures in the Storybook Garden *Jessica Albright*
 - Magical Moons & Seasonal Circles *Susan Betz*
 - Growing Up WILD! *Josetta Hawthorne*
 - From Curiosity to Inquiry *Sue Suratt and Margaret Weiss*
 - Gardening Without Borders—Creating a Diverse Community in Your Garden *Lorien MacAuley*
 - Junior Plant Scientist *Norm Lownds*
 - We Are THIS Much Old! *Ian Warnock*
- 10:45 am – 11:00 am **Break**
- 11:00 am – 12:30 pm **Concurrent Educational Sessions**
- Sustainable Landscapes for Integrated Learning *Charlotte Albers*
 - GreenBridges: Safe Passage for Plants and Pollinators
Katrinka Morgan and Janeen Wright
 - Whither Weathering: Rocking Around the Garden
Jeanne Bystricky and Jane Toth
 - A Garden at Every School *Stu Nunnery and Kurt Van Dexter*
 - The Whole Garden as a Children's Garden
Eileen Prendergast and Tracy Warwick
 - Plant Programs with Cross-curricular Connections
Melissa Crist
- 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm **Lunch**
- 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm **General Session**
Theatrical Production of *Seedfolks*
- 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm **Symposium Closing**
- 3:00 pm – 9:30 pm **Optional Post-Symposium Trip—**
 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame followed by dinner at Great Lakes Brewing Company
(pre-registration required)

A detailed description of the Concurrent Educational Sessions can be found at www.ahs.org.





SYMPOSIUM DETAILS

MEETING FACILITIES

The Symposium will be headquartered at Cleveland Botanical Garden and the neighboring Case Western Reserve University. Registrants will receive a campus map and directions with their Symposium confirmation.

LODGING

There are two lodging options for Symposium attendees: the Case Western Reserve University's residence hall and the Glidden House Inn. The residence hall is three blocks from the Garden and Glidden House Inn is across the street from the Garden.

A block of rooms has been reserved in the Case Western Reserve University's The Village at 115 residence hall, which features apartment-style rooms. The residence hall offers single air-conditioned rooms with private bathrooms. The residence hall rooms are available at either a three- or four-night package rate. The three-night package rate is available at \$160 per person single. The four-night package is \$215 per person single. The residence hall package is available for arrivals starting on Wednesday, July 22 and the latest departure being Sunday, July 26. The residence hall includes a linen package with two sheets, a light blanket, a pillow and pillowcase, two towels, and a washcloth.

Reservations for the residence hall are made on the Symposium registration form. The deadline for requesting residence hall lodging is **June 30**.

The Glidden House Inn is offering a special rate of \$139 per night single/double occupancy for reservations made by **June 23**. There are a limited number of rooms available, so make your reservations early. After June 23, reservations at this special rate are subject to availability. When making your reservation, ask for the National Children & Youth Garden Symposium room block.

Glidden House Inn
1901 Ford Drive
Cleveland, OH 44106
(216) 231-8900

REGISTRATION

AHS members receive a discount on Symposium registration. For non-members, a full Symposium registration includes an AHS membership.

The early full registration fee is \$320. AHS members receive a discounted rate of \$285. Full registration includes admission to all programs, continental breakfast and lunch each day, and dinner on Thursday. Daily registrations are also available. Student registration rates are available for full Symposium registration and only apply to attendees who are currently full-time students. For early registrants, the pre-Symposium workshop is \$45. The optional trip to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame is \$75, which includes transportation, admission, and dinner. Registrations received after **June 1** will be charged the regular rate of \$340 and \$305 for members, if available. Register early—space is limited.

Registrations received by **July 15** will be confirmed by e-mail unless otherwise requested. Registrations after **July 15** will be confirmed by phone or e-mail.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

A full refund, less a \$50 processing fee, will be made if requested in writing prior to **June 20**. No refunds will be made after **June 21**.

POSTER SESSION

The Symposium will include a poster session. The interactive portion of the poster session will be on Thursday, July 23 from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm. The posters will remain on display throughout the Symposium. If you would like to showcase an activity or program through a poster, please download the poster session proposal form from www.ahs.org. The deadline for poster proposals is **June 15**.

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS

Participants are eligible for CEUs and graduate credits. Visit www.ahs.org for more information.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Please indicate on your registration form any special services needed.

Have questions or need more information? Visit www.ahs.org, e-mail youthprograms@ahs.org, or call (703) 768-5700 ext. 132.

The AHS would like to thank the following Symposium sponsors:



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 This address is: ☐ home ☐ work E-mail _____
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 I will be staying at: ☐ Glidden House Inn ☐ Residence Hall ☐ Other _____
 I am a presenter: ☐ poster session ☐ educational session
 Do you want your full contact information to be included in the attendees listing? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Full Symposium Registration (includes Thursday–Saturday, except optional activities)	Early (by June 1)	Regular (after June 1)	TOTAL
AHS Member Member # _____	\$ 285	\$ 305	
Non-Member (includes a one-year AHS membership)	\$ 320	\$ 340	
Student Rate (must be a full-time student)	\$ 250	\$ 270	
Daily Registration			
Thursday (includes dinner)	\$ 135	\$ 145	
Friday Only	\$ 110	\$ 120	
Saturday Only	\$ 110	\$ 120	
Pre-Symposium Workshop: "Enliven a Space with Environmental Art"	\$ 45	\$ 55	
Post-Symposium Trip to Rock and Roll Hall of Fame	\$ 75	\$ 85	
LODGING (must be requested by June 30) On-campus Residence Hall/Single 4 night residence hall package \$ 215 3 night residence hall package \$ 160 (earliest arrival is Wednesday, July 22; latest departure is Sunday, July 26)		Arrival date: _____ Departure date: _____	
PAYMENT <input type="checkbox"/> Check (payable to AHS) <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card Card number _____ Exp. date _____ Signature _____			TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Attendee Demographics

To assist the AHS in writing grants to support the Symposium, please tell us about yourself.

I am a (check all that apply):

- ☐ Garden Designer/Landscape Architect
☐ Horticulturist
☐ Garden Club Member
☐ Educator
☐ Classroom
☐ Home School
☐ Extension
☐ Informal (zoo, museum, public garden)
☐ University
☐ Youth Group (4-H, Scouts)

How many youth do you work with in a calendar year?

- ☐ I do not work with youth directly
☐ < 100
☐ 101-500
☐ 501-1,000
☐ 1,001-2,500
☐ 2,501-5,000
☐ 5,001-10,000
☐ Other _____

How many times have you attended the NCYGS prior to 2009?

- ☐ I am a first-time attendee
☐ _____ years

EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

KEY: Please select one "A" and one "B" session on Thursday and Saturday. Select one "A" session for Friday.

A detailed description of the sessions can be found at www.ahs.org.

THURSDAY						FRIDAY						SATURDAY					
A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6	A13	A14	A15	A16	A17	A18	A19	A20	A21	A22	A23	A24
B7	B8	B9	B10	B11	B12							B25	B26	B27	B28	B29	

SPECIAL NEEDS ☐ Vegetarian Meals ☐ Other _____

THREE WAYS TO REGISTER

1. ONLINE: Visit www.ahs.org

2. FAX: (703) 768-7533

3. MAIL TO: American Horticultural Society
Attention: NCYGS Registration
7931 East Boulevard Drive
Alexandria, VA 22308