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About our Speakers

NANCY BELL

Nancy Bell is the Ornamentals Manager at Gateway Garden Center in Hockessin, DE. She is an avid Master Gardener who has created workshops on "Ornamental Grasses" and "Gardening for Wildlife." Nancy's own garden is certified as a Backyard Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation. Currently, Nancy is pursuing both Certificates of Merit I and II at Longwood Gardens.

ROXANNE CHRISTENSEN

Roxanne Christensen has collaborated on Somerton Tanks Farm, a half-acre urban demonstration farm in Philadelphia, PA. She is co-author of two online learning series focusing on highly productive vegetable gardening, SPIN Farming and SPIN Gardening. Both series are written with Wally Satzewich, a veteran urban farmer, who developed SPIN. Interviewed nationally by *The Wall Street Journal*, *Good Morning America*, *Natural Home*, *E Magazine* and *Environmental Building News*, she has lectured across the country and has conducted in-depth workshops at the Michael Fields Agriculture Institute and Wilkes University.

TAVIS DOCKWILLER

Tavis Dockwiller is the principal landscape architect and co-founder for Viridian Landscape Studios in Philadelphia, PA. She received her Bachelors degree in Landscape Architecture from Pennsylvania State University. She excels in master planning and site design for institutions, private developers, and not-for-profits. Tavis' work has won both industry and government awards and accolades. She believes that problem solving should be fun, and design solutions should be practical and lyrical.

KATHLEEN GAGAN

Kathleen Gagan, mother, linguist and lady farmer, ventured into horticulture as the founder and owner of Peony's Envy. Located in Bernardsville, NJ, the garden collection boasts over 30,000 tree and herbaceous peonies of 250 different cultivars. Peony's Envy has become the largest peony garden in the northeast. Nursery doors remain open year round and Gagan invites the public annually to enjoy the display garden's remarkable bloom from May 1-June 15.

RENEE KEMMERER

Renee Kemmerer has been the assistant gardener at Mt. Cuba Center since 2003. She has the enviable position of working in all areas of the garden, encompassing all aspects of gardening from design, implementation and maintenance. A University of Delaware graduate, she holds a B.S. in Horticulture with a minor in Entomology, two subjects that have always been her passion.

DR. JOHN T. LONSDALE

Dr. John T. Lonsdale was born in the town of Sheffield, England. He studied at the University in Newcastle where he double-majored in Biochemistry and Microbiology, eventually earning his Doctorate in Microbiology. John's interest in horticulture, especially in alpines, began while working in his home garden after college. He actively participated in the Alpine Garden Society and earned their Gold Merit Medal in 1995. That same year John moved to the United States, settling in Exton, PA. Today his garden, known as Edgewood, boasts various trees, shrubs and woodland natives.

EDMUND SNODGRASS

Edmund C. Snodgrass is a fifth-generation farmer and nurseryman. He is president and founder of Emory Knoll Farms, Inc. and Green Roof Plants, North America's first nursery specializing in green roof plants and horticultural consulting. Emory Knoll Farms has supplied plants for over 300 green roof projects throughout the United States and Canada. He collaborates on green roof research with academic institutions including Penn State University, North Carolina State University and Michigan State University. Edmund also advises botanic gardens, including the Singapore Botanic Garden and the U.S. Botanic Garden. He has been featured in *The New York Times* and on the Sundance Channel's *Ecobiz* documentary series, among others. He is the co-author of *Green Roof Plants: A Resource and Plant Guide* (Timber Press, 2006) and is currently at work on two new books for Timber Press.

The PGAA would like to thank our sponsors,
Longwood Gardens, Chanticleer Foundation and
Mt. Cuba Center, for their generous support.

Schedule

8:00 am Registration

8:00 am-4:45 pm Plant Sale

Featuring an eclectic offering of plants, books, tools and other items. Proceeds benefit educational travel and other activities of the Professional Gardener Program of Longwood Gardens.

8:50 am Welcome - Vic Piatt, Symposium Chair

9:00 am Passion for Peonies

- Kathleen Gagan

From obvious to obscure, mundane to mysterious, yellow to black, peonies invariably impress. In a short history of this remarkable flower, Kathleen Gagan, instructs how to grow and care for peonies. She also illustrates why they continue to captivate imaginations, and delivers pointers and praise for this phenomenal plant.

9:45 am Woodland Treasures

- Dr. John T. Lonsdale

Join Dr. Lonsdale as he discusses many choice and beautiful woodland plants. This includes *Trillium*, *Hepatica*, *Cypripedium*, *Epimedium* and *Cyclamen* all of which he grows at Edgewood, the Lonsdale garden in Exton, Pennsylvania. John's presentation will focus on methods for the successful sighting, cultivation and propagation of these wonderful plants.

10:30 am Break

11:00 am Edibles in the Landscape

- Nancy Bell

There is more to enjoying the garden than just the visual experience: consider the possibilities of an edible ornamental garden. Nancy Bell delights in plantings that can be appreciated by both humans and wildlife. With an emphasis on native plants, Nancy will discuss many of the edibles for the landscape that will not only provide a delectable dining experience for the owner and attract wildlife, but be visually appealing as well.

11:45 pm Lunch (Special Events Pavilion)

1:10 pm Celebrating Storm Water

- Tavis Dockwiller

Learn to treat storm water as a precious resource through this lecture that profiles projects from suburban to ultra-urban. Tavis will illustrate the relationship of soils, water and vegetation, as well as why these are important to restoring and maintaining healthy ecosystems. She will show how simple interventions can create fabulous restorative places.

1:55 pm CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Select one of the following options:

Vegetable Gardening's New SPIN!

- Roxanne Christensen

Join Roxanne and learn how to achieve levels of vegetable productivity that go far beyond current home gardening practices. Discover how SPIN Gardening can help you produce a steady and dependable supply of vegetables. You'll learn the importance of creating a complete end-to-end food production system that emphasizes harvesting and distribution among family, friends and neighbors.

Shake Up Your Foundation

- Renee Kemmerer

When was the last time you looked at your foundation? Old or new, foundation plantings contain invasive plants. Join Renee for this informative presentation and discover how to redesign your landscape with regionally native plants. Bring wildlife and beauty back to your front yard.

Self Guided Tour

2:40 pm Break

3:05 pm Up on the Roof

- Edmund Snodgrass

Green roof design is a new but increasingly needed skill. Edmund will familiarize the audience with available design options. Using beautiful images of case studies from across the U.S. and Canada, he will illustrate how to choose and execute these designs options. Edmund will also relate the designs to establishment and maintenance, key elements of success on a green roof.

4:00 pm Closing Remarks

Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are offered by the following organizations for attendance at the symposium:



Registration Information

Early reservations are recommended. Seating is limited and reservations will be accepted by mail or by fax on a first-come basis. Registration fees will be refunded if requests are made in writing and postmarked by January 8, 2010. Refunds will be subject to a 15% processing fee. Confirmations and directions will be mailed upon receipt of your registration.

The event will be held regardless of weather conditions. No refunds will be given if you are unable to attend due to weather.

Longwood Gardens and the PGAA will make every effort to assist individuals with disabilities.

Professional Gardener Program

Begun in 1970, this tuition-free, two-year program is offered every year to eight to ten students who have obtained a high school diploma and completed at least one year of horticultural work. Professional Gardener Students work in all horticultural areas of the garden and receive instruction from Longwood staff and outside faculty. Graduates are sought by public gardens, commercial horticultural enterprises, and estate gardens. The Professional Gardener Alumni Association (PGAA) was organized in 1976 to promote communication and to disseminate information among its members as well as others in horticulture. This seminar is held annually thanks to the volunteer efforts of a committee of the PGAA.

For more information about the PGP, call the Student Programs Office at **610-388-1000 Ext. 508**, or visit our website at www.longwoodgardens.org

THE SYMPOSIUM COMMITTEE

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Registration Form

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Preregistration is required. Sorry no telephone registrations.

No walk-ins will be accepted. The symposium fee includes admission to Longwood Gardens, all lectures, CEUs, lunch, refreshments and plant sale access.

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Shake Up Your Foundation

Symposium fee if postmarked by January 8 (\$85) _____

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