

Sharon Loving

Vice President, Horticulture

About the Speaker

As the Vice President of the Horticulture Department at Longwood Gardens, Sharon Loving leads a staff of more than 70 employees who are responsible for producing and maintaining the world-renowned horticulture displays and landscapes on Longwood's 1,077 acres. She plays a major role in the strategic direction of the organization including its vision for land stewardship, master planning, capital improvement projects and the annually changing themes of seasonal displays and exhibits at Longwood.

Sharon earned an Associates Degree in Ornamental Horticulture and Greenhouse Management and a Bachelor's Degree in Management Studies from the University of Maryland. Prior to joining Longwood in 1984, Sharon held wholesale and retail horticultural positions in greenhouse production, sales, floral design and florist shop management. She has taught courses for the Continuing Education and Professional Horticulture Programs at Longwood, served as a public spokesperson on nationally syndicated television programs, and participated in several study garden tours of Europe. Sharon is also on the board of directors of the Delaware Center for Horticulture.

Signature Presentation

Where Longwood has Been and Where it's Going

Receive a high-level overview of Longwood Garden's 100-year history with a focus on current and upcoming exhibits. This presentation also includes insight into Longwood's sustainability efforts, capital projects and vision for the future.

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Recent Appearances

American Public Gardens Association
The Wharton Club of Philadelphia
Tournament of Roses
The Garden Conservancy

Recent Presentation Topics

New Exhibits at Longwood Gardens
History of Longwood Gardens
Capital Projects at Longwood Gardens
Sustainable Horticulture
Tree Management



“We strive to be one of the great gardens of the world by incorporating excellence and innovation into every aspect of horticulture and display.”

Testimonials

“Our Longwood experience was topped off superbly when Sharon Loving gave an outstanding presentation on interpretation at our Saturday session. Thank you again for hosting our group and contributing mightily to the success of our Preservation Weekend.”

—Thomas N. Armstrong III, Chairman, The Garden Conservancy

“Thank you for presenting such a marvelous program for our Woman’s Club last Friday. Being the host to three other clubs in our country, it was especially great to have such a good speaker! I had many comments, from both members and guests, telling me what an enjoyable time they had and how much they enjoyed our program. Thanks again for a super job!”

—Jan Hauber, President, Woman’s Club of Woodstown, NJ

“Thank you for your absolutely delightful program yesterday at our garden club meeting. Both you and your flowers brought a beautiful radiance to an otherwise dreary day. We all agree that Longwood Gardens is very fortunate to have you on their staff!”

—Sally Funk, Shawosa Garden Club, Alloway, NJ

“We’ve heard many favorable comments on your delightful presentation, The Brilliant Hues of Autumn. Your approach to new designs was quite interesting and I’m sure many of our guests got new ideas. On behalf of our District Board and membership I want to thank you for making our annual meeting a memorable occasion.”

—Helen Reed, District 1 Program Chair, The Garden Club Federation of PA

“On behalf of all the Longwood Graduate Fellows, thank you for participating in our Graduate Program Symposium, What a Combination. Your lunch presentation, A Garden For All Seasons, was a wonderful addition to the day. We have received very positive comments on your presentation through our evaluations. We deeply appreciate your participation.”

—Kara L. Newport Page, Longwood Fellow, The Longwood Graduate Program, University of Delaware

“Your afternoon with The Countryside Gardeners was such a delightful one. Everyone felt that your talk was very informative. Your sense of humor and wit added so much and made for a 5-star program. Many thanks!”

—Jean Lanason, Program Chair, The Countryside Gardeners, Newtown, PA

In the News

HGTV

The New York Times

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