

Jim Sutton, Senior Horticultural Display Designer

About the Speaker

Jim Sutton, Display Designer at Longwood Gardens, oversees themes and ideas for the world-class Gardens' horticulture displays. An expert in floral design, plant trials, plant selection, aesthetics, and design, Jim earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Ornamental Horticulture from Penn State University. Jim joined Longwood more than 10 years ago after working as a private estate gardener and floral designer. Jim lectures and does floral demos at national conferences, garden clubs, and civic organizations. Jim has served as lead judge for the Philadelphia Flower Show for the last 5 years, and is frequently asked to judge horticulture-related competitions across the country.

Signature Presentation

Behind the Scenes at Longwood Gardens

Get a sneak peek into Longwood's 1,077 acres including 20 indoor and 20 outdoor gardens with exquisite flowers, majestic trees and opulent architecture. Learn about the extensive research that goes into the floral and exhibit design at Longwood including the plant trials and selection process that have made Longwood Gardens spectacular for more than 100 years.

“Longwood is a treasure every day of the year.”

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Recent Appearances

Interior Plantscape Symposium
Association of Horticulture Professionals
Professional Landcare Network
American Public Gardens Association
Jim also speaks frequently at Garden Clubs across the country.

Recent Presentation Topics

The Big Change: Challenges and Opportunities in a Large Installation
The Hows of the Wows at Longwood Gardens
Add Something New
Scentscape Your Garden: Orchid Extravaganza Planning
The Five Seasons of Longwood

Testimonials

"So many people have come up to me to tell me how much they enjoyed your talk, and how informative they found it. You are such a good speaker, and totally without notes. I am awed by your skill. Thank you for spending time with us."

"Jim, since I'm never sure of when our paths will cross at Longwood I'll say it this way--I have had so many enthusiastic responses after your talk to us on Monday about Christmas at Longwood--everything from "What a delightful personality" to "I learned so much," etc. You were a hit! It's always fun when we make more friends for Longwood isn't it?"

"Thank you so much for showing us Longwood Gardens through your eyes. Your love and enthusiasm for all that you do is so evident."

In the News

The Philadelphia Inquirer

Philadelphia Daily News

Comcast 'It's Your Call with Lynn Doyle'

Washington Examiner

Milwaukee Wisconsin Journal Sentinel

Wilmington News Journal

QVC

WRTI Culturally Speaking

Social Media (Videos, Blogs, etc.)

Travel to Longwood Gardens with Carolyn: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oxhpZEGzmUw>

