



# Gardenline

As we begin the new year, *Gardenline* is undergoing major changes. For starters, you are seeing this publication online rather than having it come to you via the U.S. mail.

Also, Susan Voss and Sunny Greene have retired as long-time editors. Thanks, you two. You are leaving us big shoes to fill. Mindy Nash will be performing layout duties; we thank Don Christian for his years of performing this task. Luckily for us, Debbie Waugh is staying on as the Green Spring staff editor.

With all these changes, there is bound to be a learning curve, so we ask for your patience and any suggestions you may have on how we can make *Gardenline* useful and entertaining.

Your new editors,

Gil Medeiros  
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## FROGS Annual Meeting Sunday, March 3, 2019



FROGS Members are invited to our annual meeting, **Sunday, March 3**, immediately following the Winter Lecture 'Rose Care 101' in the Horticultural Center Multipurpose Room.

You'll hear from people executing the projects you are supporting, receive a FROGS financial update on how we've invested the \$2+ million FROGS has contributed to Green Spring over our 25-year history, learn about future priorities, and have a chance to mingle over light refreshments with fellow FROGS, staff, and board members.

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## The Rock Garden Evolves

by Judy Zatsick, Horticulturist

The rock garden at Green Spring Gardens was originally designed and created by Don Humphrey, a keen plantsman, skilled propagator, and Green Spring's first manager. An active member in the Potomac Valley Chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society (NARGS), he took advantage of their annual seed exchange to procure plants for the garden. Don loved propagating rock garden seeds and growing the plants in his elegant rock garden here.

I never had the pleasure of meeting Don (I started working at Green Spring after he retired and moved out of the area), but his reputation is hallowed. Former friends and colleagues speak of his incredible plant knowledge and ability to

propagate and grow a vast array of plants from all over the country. He is famous for *Penstemon*, showy *Eremurus*, and other plants we swoon over, and usually kill, here in steamy Zone 7a Virginia. Although his passion for plants was intense and his knowledge impressive, he was also known to be extremely personable. At our bi-annual garden day events he was typically greeted by lines of visitors who waited patiently for tips and secrets on growing rock garden plants in our area.

As a horticulturist at Green Spring, one of my responsibilities is curating the rock garden Don established. The bones of Don's garden are still evident, and some of his original plantings survive today. Don created screens, an alpine lawn, a small meadow, ridges, and an area lined with plastic to hold water for plants needing extra moisture. However, one xeric environment



Don did not try was a crevice garden, a relatively recent innovation in rock garden design. Avid gardeners in the Czech Republic introduced the idea and perfected the building of the crevice garden. Their inspiration is the formations of rocks in the vertical strata found in mountainous regions.

A crevice garden consists of wide flat stones placed edgewise in the ground and closely spaced. The small spaces between the stones, known as crevices, are filled with soil and gravel. Plants are placed in the crevices where they send roots deep into the ground along the stone surfaces. The depth of the root growth makes this type of garden extremely drought- and heat-tolerant.

I was first exposed to crevice gardens in the noble state of Colorado, where rock gardening reigns. My heart quickened at the rhythm and texture of upright stones in the Yampa River Valley Garden, the Betty Ford Alpine Garden, and the queen of rock gardens, Denver Botanical Gardens. Acres of rocks grace the state, and these fabulous gardens reflect the area's dramatic terrain.

It was all so wonderful and, well, seemingly unattainable in northern Virginia. But when I visited the amazing and delightful urbanite crevice garden at Plant Delights Nursery (PDN) in Raleigh, North Carolina, during the NARGS 2017 annual meeting, I knew I had to have one.



If North Carolina could support a fabulous crevice garden and fill it with cool rock-loving plants in Zone 7b, I could certainly do it in Zone 7a Virginia.

We were awarded two grants to build the crevice garden at Green Spring – one from NARGS to purchase material and a second from the Horticulture Society of Pennsylvania to buy plants.

To research crevice garden construction, I started with an article in *Fine Gardening* magazine by Joseph Tychonievich, a writer and editor of *NARGS Quarterly* and author of *Rock Gardening: Reimagining a Classic Style*. The author offers all sorts of tips on creating crevice gardens complete with handy illustrations. Next, I reviewed crevice garden guru Kenton Seth's videos on creating the crevice garden at the J.C. Raulston Arboretum. Jeremy Schmidt at PDN offered tips in a detailed article on crevice



gardening in the Piedmont Chapter's newsletter. And I went back over the classics, looking for information on rock placement and soils.

Armed with measurements of the space I wanted to renovate (11' x 16'), I visited Sisler Stone in Falls Church, VA. Based on my vision of the future garden and with advice from staff, I selected one palette of West Virginia field stone for my base. I also purchased small sharp gravel for mulch.

With the help of volunteers, we cleared existing plants from the area and smoothed the surface. We then brought in several wheelbarrows of builder's sand to construct berms into which the stones would be laid. The berms were formed to create a rounded topography with high points roughly in the center. I decided to create a curved path through the space for easier maintenance and to break up the large area we were trying to cover.

Laying the stone was a very organic process, entailing selection of stones for their shape, color, and size. I found it easiest to remove all the stones from the palette and sort them roughly according to size.

Then the hard work began. We lined up the rocks on edge and placed them close together end to end. When I was happy with the arrangement, I dug a narrow trench into the soil to accommodate the stones. Ideally, about 1/3 of



the stone remains above the surface. Once the next row is laid, a deep pocket is created where plant roots can grow in between the rocks. The narrow pocket limits the amount of soil around the roots of each rock plant, promotes good drainage, and forces the roots to grow deeply to find water and protection from the heat of the sun. Digging into the base soil of clay and gravel and packing it tightly around the stones helped to support the heaviest ones. Since the garden is on a slight slope, I selected particularly large and heavy stones to support the lower slope and hold the soil layer. We also anchored the ends with larger pieces as the area is heavily trafficked.

After the work was completed, I let the garden cure for a few weeks. Crevice garden experts recommend hosing down the garden several times to help the soil flow into spaces and fill pockets created during construction. Because Mother Nature took care of rain for us this August, I didn't have to spray it after all. The soil settled in nicely with natural precipitation. A highly permeable soil mix of two parts sand to one part gravel allows water to drain quickly in our new garden. Water slows as it reaches the base material, which contains clay, sand, and gravel. Although I plan to do most of the planting next year with specimens grown from NARGS seeds, we planted a few things this fall. I am eager to see how plants perform in our soil mix; it is hard to wait to let the entire garden settle



over the winter before planting! In some pockets, we played with the soil mix, adding a small amount of compost if the plant required a more nutrient rich soil. One inch of fine, sharp-edged gravel mulch helps to keep the crowns of sensitive rock garden plants dry as well as to suppress weeds. I put in *Globularia cordifolia*, *Scutellaria resinosa*, *Draba cretica*, *Dianthus microclepsis*, and *Sempervivum*. I'm keeping my fingers crossed.

Don Humphrey left a legacy of great horticultural leadership at Green Spring Gardens and a beautiful rock garden. It has been a pleasure and an honor to work in his shadow. But the garden

also evolves: 'Dwarf' conifers that have outgrown their space have been removed and replaced with smaller specimens, the rock wall was rebuilt, and now a crevice garden graces the space.

I look forward to experimenting with low-growing plants in the new garden and hope to do a bit of zone pushing. Remember, it takes just two rocks to make a crevice. Make sure you don't miss NARGS seed exchange. Take the opportunity to grow some rock garden plants and start a crevice garden of your own. And, of course, stop by our rock garden to see how we did it. I think you will like it.

## Manager's Message

by Nicole Connors

Change has been a major theme recently at Green Spring. One year ago, Fairfax County Park Authority changed to a new website. We then converted our point of sales system at the end of May, and we have experienced changes in leadership at the gardens in 2018.

First, I would like to thank Casey Pittrizzi for serving as our Visitor Services Manager from January through September. We wish him the absolute best with his transfer to Huntley Meadows Park as their new Visitor Services Manager! Casey helped to lead the staff and volunteers through many changes this past year. He helped to train our managers on duty and volunteers at the front desk on the new point of sales and registration systems.

... And we understand the new registration system is currently an imperfect system—the team at headquarters is hard at work on fixing the bugs and improving the registration process. I want to thank you all for your patience and understanding during this time of transition. Moving to a new registration system was



imperative for the Park Authority, as our old system was archaic and the software no longer supported. *We encourage you to contact us for assistance with program registration!* You may always reach us at 703-642-5173 during regular business hours. The Park Authority has a registration hotline that helps users with registrations, account details, and passwords as well. You can reach the registration hotline at 703-222-4664 Monday-Friday from 9:00 am-4:00 pm.

Second, I would like to announce more exciting changes coming to Green Spring. In 2019, we will

delve into the world of annual themes in the park. Our first annual theme will be *"Journey Full Circle at Green Spring."* What does this mean? Visitors will see our gardens interpret the theme throughout the calendar year. It may be in the design of gardens, plant selection, program offerings, displays in the gift shops, signage, and other educational exhibits. Be on the lookout for the annual theme logo on the grounds and with programs to see how creative our widely talented staff can get with the journey.

I would like to personally thank you for your unending and vast support of the park through your giving during FROGS' annual appeal. It amazes me how soon after the letters are sent out to membership that the donations start pouring in. You all are so very generous and staff is very much looking forward to purchasing and working in new utility vehicles! FROGS helps to make the significant staff workload easier to manage efficiently.

Finally, I would like to thank FROGS for the sponsorship to be a partner garden with the American Public Garden Association (APGA) 2019 annual conference. APGA will come to Washington, D.C. this June, and Green Spring will host a conference tour. Several staff have been selected to represent Green Spring during presentations (and have been diligently serving on many subcommittees that organize the event), and most staff will get to attend some portion of this professional development opportunity. All because of FROGS, thank you!

Happy New Year and remember, *"The secret of change is to focus all of your energy not on fighting the old, but on building the new."* – Socrates.

Let us continue to build a better Green Spring Gardens together in 2019!



## FROGS Talk

by Sarah Munroe,  
FROGS President

Happy 2019!  
Welcome to FROGS' second quarter-century ... and to our first digital edition of *Gardenline*! We're excited to present dynamic content and bring Green Spring stories to life with

crisp, colorful imagery. You can now more easily share Green Spring delights and happenings with friends and encourage them to [join FROGS!](#) Digital publication also cuts carbon emissions, saves trees, and lets us reallocate money you donate to benefit the gardens directly.

After a distinguished decade of service, *Gardenline* co-editors Sunny Greene and Susan Voss have turned the editorial reins over to a new editorial team: co-editors, board member Ivy Sinaiko and FROGS member Gil Medeiros; (continuing) staff editor Debbie Waugh; and FROGS digital team lead, board member Mindy Nash, who is taking over design and layout duties from Don Christian. Thank you, Sunny, Susan, and Don, and onward, Ivy, Gil, Debbie, and Mindy.

Wintertime in the garden offers quiet time to reflect. The FROGS Board and Green Spring staff took time out in late October to distill the values and vision that keep Green Spring growing. Two County staff-facilitated joint strategy sessions helped us articulate shared aspirations: welcoming and educating a diverse community for an environmentally-sustainable future while





### *2018 Elly Doyle Awards*

*front row, left to right: Board members Sunny Greene, Kathy Trichel, Mason District Supervisor Penny Gross, FROGS President Sarah Munroe, FROGS Mascot 'Ribbit', and FROGS Treasurer Tatiana Lisle recipient of the Sally Ormsby Environmental Stewardship Award.*

providing a green space rich in historical, horticultural, and natural resources.

Agreed priorities to advance that vision are horticulture, education/outreach and buildings/structures. Green Spring staff focuses on planning, operations, and maintenance aspects while FROGS concentrates on the fundraising and advocacy that are becoming increasingly important to Green Spring's economic sustainability. It is so gratifying to come together with staff as part of a cohesive team dedicated to creating a better tomorrow for all!

This collaborative spirit was recognized by the Fairfax County Park Authority when FROGS was honored with the *Harold L. Strickland Partnership & Collaboration Award* at the Elly Doyle Park Service awards in November.

Congratulations to each of you for this honor—your FROGS Board simply accepted the award on behalf of the ~1,500 FROGS who support the gardens. Two FROGS Board members also were recognized: Treasurer Tatiana Lisle received the *Sally Ormsby Environmental Stewardship Award* for her extensive Green Spring volunteer work including beekeeping at the gardens; Bill Tuceling received Special Recognition for his five years as a Green Spring volunteer serving as volunteer on duty, special event volunteer, and FROGS Art in the Garden program coordinator. Green Spring volunteer Pat Shoop was also recognized as an Outstanding Volunteer for her twelve years of service as Historic House tea host and historic programs volunteer.

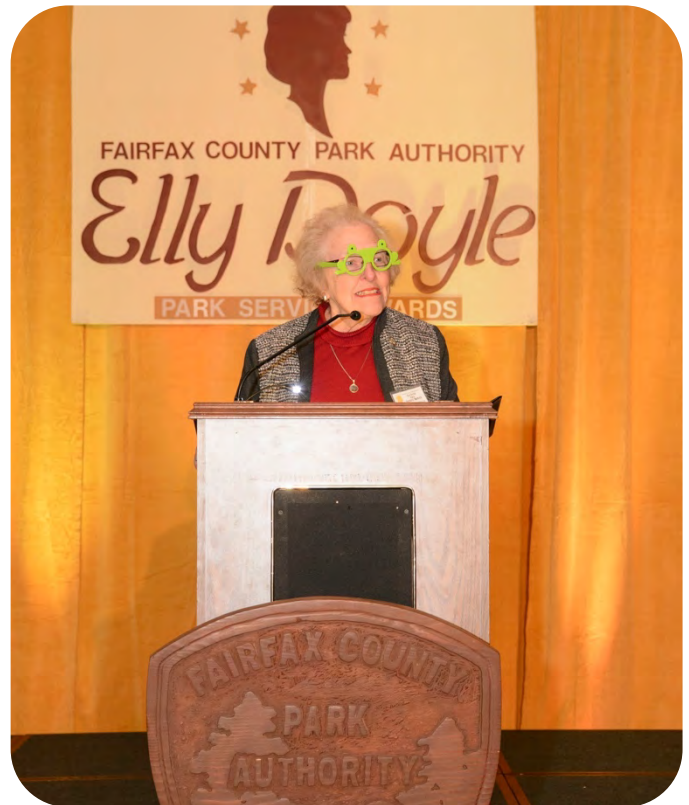
Sincere gratitude goes to all FROGS supporters throughout the year. Mason District Supervisor Penny Gross, an avid FROG, took every

opportunity to spread FROGS' spirit by sporting her FROGS glasses during formal recognition events. [Local businesses and individuals contributed generously to our September Silent Auction](#), helping us raise over \$9,000 from this popular Fall Garden Day event. We hope you met Ribbit, our FRIENDS-ly FROGS mascot who debuted at this family-friendly fall event. Icing the cake for our 25th birthday was a successful December Gardeners Holiday, where we welcomed over 460 of you to our popular open house. We hope you, like we, enjoyed time with friends and family and a little R&R over the holidays after our action-packed year.

We offer a heartfelt thank you for stepping up to our 2018 Annual Appeal, Wheels Appeal 2.0. Thanks to your generous response to date, we've collected a record-setting \$25,000+ that we'll contribute to Green Spring's purchase of two sorely needed replacement utility vehicles. Donations are still [gratefully accepted](#). Watch for smiling staff tooling around in the new vehicles soon.



Please join us as we dive into our second quarter-century with gusto! Our 2019 [Harry Allen Winter Lecture Series](#) promises excellent educational opportunities for anyone interested in gardening. Save the date for our **FROGS Annual Meeting on Sunday, March 3, 2019**, immediately following Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden horticulturist Laurie McMinn's inspiring lecture on growing roses. You'll hear from people executing the projects you are supporting, receive a FROGS financial update on how we've invested the \$2+ million FROGS has contributed to Green Spring over our 25-year history, learn



about future priorities, and have a chance to mingle over light refreshments with fellow FROGS, staff, and board members.

While you have your calendars open, pop in these important FROGS dates, too:

- 4/6 Garden Gate Plant Shop seasonal opening
- 5/18 Spring Garden Day
- 6/26 Summer Concert- *Free*
- 8/16 Puppet show
- 9/21 Fall Garden Day & Silent Auction
- 12/8 Gardeners Holiday

'Til we meet again in the garden soon,



# The Historic House: A New Experience for a New Year

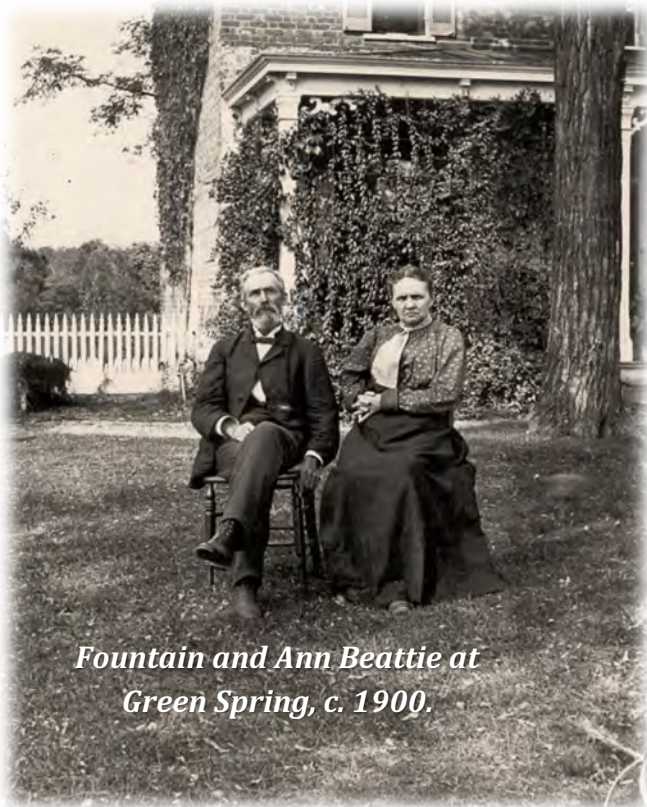
by Debbie Waugh, Historic House Coordinator

In early 2019, the Historic House gift shop will be rearranged to offer visitors a new multi-media experience. We'll still have assorted teas and tea-themed items for sale, but visitors will also be able to learn more about our history with a new permanent photo-history exhibit and two short videos that bring Green Spring's past to life. Purchase of the audio-visual equipment is made possible by FROGS annual appeal funds.

How well do you know the Historic House? Test your knowledge with our Historic House quiz on the right.



And please visit us this year to learn more!



*Fountain and Ann Beattie at  
Green Spring, c. 1900.*

*The Historic House is open to visitors  
Wednesday-Sunday, noon to 4:30 pm.*

## Historic House Quiz

1. When was the Historic House built? A) 1760; B) 1792; C) 1784
2. The downstairs doorways are low because: A) People were shorter 200 years ago; B) It kept in the heat; C) It was an 18<sup>th</sup> century architectural convention to convey transition and privacy
3. The downstairs rooms are named for former residents. After whom is the shop named? A) John Moss; B) Michael and Belinda Straight; C) Fountain Beattie
4. During the Civil War, Fountain Beattie was the lieutenant and closest confidante of which famous Confederate guerilla? A) John McNeill; B) John Singleton Mosby; C) William C. Quantrill
5. Historic Green Spring is a Virginia Historic Landmark and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Which is the year of significance that earned these recognitions? A) 1942; B) 1784; C) 1970
6. Which of these written works are connected to Michael Straight? A) "The Last of the Cold War Spies"; B) "Thinker, Traitor, Editor, Spy"; C) "After Long Silence"; D) All of these
7. In what year did the Straights convey the house and surrounding acreage to Fairfax County? A) 1965; B) 1970; C) 1995
8. When is the Historic House open to the public? A) Every day, noon to 4pm; B) Wed-Sun, 9am to 4:30pm; C) Wed-Sat, 9am to 4:30pm & Sun, noon to 4:30pm; D) None of these

Check your answers below to see how you did... and please note the answer to the last, and most important question! *When is the Historic House open to the public?*

Answers: 1. C; 2. B; 3. A; 4. B; 5. A; 6. D; 7. B; 8. C

## Scott Aker Headlines Outstanding 2019 Lineup of Winter Lecture Speakers

Scott Aker, nationally known horticulturalist and tree expert, will speak at the Harry Allen Winter Lecture Series on Sunday, February 17. His topic, “*Selecting and Planting Trees*,” should appeal to both serious gardeners and those who might simply need a new tree in their landscape. Aker is a supervisory horticulturalist at the [National Arboretum](#). He writes a popular question and answer column for *American Horticulture*, a quarterly publication of the [American Horticultural Society](#). He wrote a similar column for *The Washington Post* for many years.

The 2019 Winter Lecture Series began in January and consists of eight lectures on consecutive Sundays, the final one on March 10. For a complete description of this year’s exciting program, go to the [Harry Allen Winter Lecture Series](#) on the FROGS website.

John Boggan, a botanist and plant breeder with the Smithsonian Institution, will lecture on a topic of growing interest to gardeners in Northern Virginia: “*Pushing the Limits of Tropical Plants*.” You may not be aware that some palms, bananas, and other tropicals will grow here through all four seasons. Find out which ones and how to care for them. Boggan will appear on February 3.

On February 24, local favorite instructor and horticulturalist [Karen Rexrode](#) will provide some tips on how to use flowers in arrangements.

Few plants excite gardeners more than roses. Laurie McMinn, a horticulturalist with the beautiful [Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden](#) in Richmond, will give the final lecture of this year’s series entitled “*Rose Care 101*” on March 3rd. The lecture is aptly timed so that gardeners can begin their late winter rose care immediately after attending.



This year’s final lecture, on March 10, will be a treat for everyone who is interested in gardening. Lisa Ziegler is the founder and operator of the [Gardener’s Workshop](#), a highly successful cut flower farm and teaching enterprise in Newport News, Virginia. She is an innovative gardener and dynamic speaker. Based on her most recent book, *Vegetables Love Flowers* (Cool Springs Press, 2018), Lisa will advise gardeners on the benefits of adding flowers to their vegetable gardens.

Each lecture begins at 1:30 pm in the multipurpose room at the Green Spring Gardens Horticulture Center. Refreshments are served during the post-presentation reception when the audience has an opportunity to chat with the speaker. The cost is \$10 per lecture for advance registration by Fairfax County residents or \$12 at the door. The cost for out-of-county registrants is \$12. [Register online](#) or call 703-642-5173.

Attend one; attend them all. Nothing brightens a gray winter Sunday afternoon like a lively discussion of gardening.



## As the World Turns ... Children Learn about Nature's Cycles

by Heidi Young, Children's Education Coordinator

Everywhere you turn, you'll notice that nature is filled with cycles and patterns. As we journey around the sun in 2019, many of our children's programs will emphasize Green Spring Gardens' yearlong theme—*Full Circle*. This theme focuses on the life cycles of plants and animals and their connection to the annual change of seasons.

Our program on February 23, *Family Fun: Arts at Fresco- Winter Edition*, will feature the Full Circle theme. Participants will make beautiful nature-inspired circular decorations for their homes.

Students who visit the park on field trips will continue to learn about a wide variety of natural cycles: plant and animal life cycles, food chains, the rock cycle, and the water cycle.

One of the most important missions of Green Spring Gardens is the education of children in the wonders of nature. FROGS supports this mission by providing funds for classroom and field trip activities.



*Only with winter-patience  
Can we bring  
The deep-desired,  
Long-awaited spring.*

... Anne Morrow Lindbergh

## Winter Wonders

by Pauline Perry, Librarian

In one sense winter is easy to define: It begins with the winter solstice, on or about December 21, and finishes with the vernal equinox, on or about March 20. In gardening we tend to distinguish our seasons by plant growth. The winter season begins as the last leaves of autumn fall. Spring may coincide with the flowering of forsythias and the emergence of new foliage as plants shake off the dormancy of winter.

We have some excellent holdings in the horticultural library to help gardeners appreciate the wonders of winter.

In *Winter-flowering Shrubs*, the author, Michael Buffin, notes that the casual observer may find little of interest in a garden during the long winter months but, upon closer inspection, plants reveal their true beauty then, and there really are many wonders to see.

In the northern latitudes, winter is the season of long shadows and soft light, cold crisp mornings and early evenings. This is the season for quiet contemplation and appreciation of the landscape at rest. Gone but for the memories are the frantic activities of spring, summer, and early fall.

*Wonders of the Winter Landscape*, by Vincent Simeone, is an excellent resource full of ideas for enhancing the beauty and interest of the winter garden and is bound to inspire many a gardener to appreciate more fully and enjoy the landscape during the cold winter months.

What better way to reflect the frost and snow outside than by creating a winter arrangement of flowers? Short days and long nights mean that winter vases are often lit by electric lamps or candles that subtly alter the colors they illuminate. *The Flower Arranger's Garden* by Rosemary Verey, *The Cutting Garden* by Sarah Raven, and *Dried Flowers for All Season*, by Jan and Michael Gertley, contain suggestions with photos on making winter arrangements and natural ornaments, and creating decorative wreaths to welcome visitors who have braved the cold weather.

So who thinks about the garden in the winter? If you don't, you are missing out on months of beauty and enjoyment. Please stop by our horticultural library soon to find any of the books listed. In addition, please browse through the used book area to the left of the library entrance where you will find many interesting books for sale at great prices. Remember that the library accepts book and gardening magazine donations for resale.

*The Library is open*  
*Monday-Saturday, 9 am to 4:30 pm*  
*Sunday, noon to 4:30 pm*

## Garden Gate Plant Shop ... what will we tempt you with?

*By Alda Krinsman, Plant Shop Coordinator*

Winter can be a welcome respite from garden chores, but it is also a great time to plan and dream about the upcoming gardening season. 2018 was a tough year in the garden, with the extreme heat and excessive rain, but gardeners are optimists, so we look forward to another garden season that we hope will bring better weather and even better gardens. In the Garden Gate Plant Shop we are already planning for the 2019 garden season. Many of our woody plant and perennial plant orders have already been placed, and we are perusing seed and plant catalogs for more inspiration.

Although the outdoor shop is now closed, all is not lost for plant lovers. Winter is also a good time to focus on indoor gardening. Please stop by the Horticulture Center to explore the great selection of indoor plants for sale all year long, including a wide variety of succulents as well as



Preparing for Spring!

easy care houseplants such as *Aspidistra* 'Milky Way,' several species of *Sansevieria*, and *Elettaria cardamomum* (Cardamom). While here you can also shop for the perfect container for your plant in Green Spring Gardens' wonderful gift shop. We have beautiful containers in all shapes, sizes, and colors!



Although our outdoor sales do not begin in earnest until April, in late winter we will be offering a selection of late winter/early spring blooming *Hamamelis* (witch hazel) hybrids with blossoms sure to brighten the winter sky. In late winter we will also be offering for sale large and small specimens of *Salix gracilistyla* 'Mt. Aso' (also sold as *Salix gracilistyla* 'Mt. Asama'), a pussy willow with bright pink fuzzy blossoms that are sure to chase away the winter blues. *Mt. Aso* is a shrub that blends into the background during the warm weather growing season, but it shines in late winter/early spring when its rich pink blossoms appear. The shrub is amenable to hard pruning—in fact, cutting it back to the ground annually will help to keep it compact so you can cut branches of blossoms in the winter for indoor arrangements and still look forward to pink blooms the next winter.

For those looking forward to spring, be assured that when the Garden Gate Plant Shop reopens on April 6, we will have a nice assortment of culinary herbs, spring-blooming perennials, and spring- and fall-blooming *Camellias* and *Chaenomeles* (flowering quince). A little further into the season we will offer a colorful selection of *Heuchera* in cool and warm shades suitable for every garden and container scheme, as well as new varieties of garden stalwarts such as *Phlox*, *Monarda*, and *Astilbe*. We will continue to offer a great selection of woody shrubs, many of them in small starter sizes, including numerous *Hydrangea*, *Viburnum*, and *Cotinus* cultivars. But for now, let us put our feet up and relax, knowing that 2018's garden chores are finished, and our 2019 dream gardens are yet to come!

Happy Dreaming and Gardening!



*Garden Gate Plant Shop will  
reopen at 9:00 am Saturday,  
April 6 2019*

The 15th Annual EcoSavvy Symposium

## The Balanced Garden

How to meld beautiful and sustainable native plants with favorites from around the world



**SPEAKERS:**  
**COLSTON BURRELL**  
Landscape designer,  
lecturer and author

**KEITH TOMLINSON**  
Manager, Meadowlark  
Botanical Gardens,  
NOVA Parks

**PRESENTED BY:**  
VCE Green Spring Master Gardeners

February 16, 2019  
8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
At Green Spring Gardens  
4603 Green Spring Road  
Alexandria 22312

Registration: (703) 642-5173 or online at  
[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes)  
Code: 986.B59A



## 15th Annual EcoSavvy Symposium

Are you an eclectic gardener, whose passion for plants takes you in diverse directions? Do environmental concerns make you wonder how a garden can successfully mix sustainable natives with exotic plants from far outside our region?

For insights, plan on attending *The Balanced Garden: How to meld beautiful and sustainable natives with favorites from around the world*, a half-day program on **Saturday, February 16th from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.**

Symposium speakers include Colston Burrell, native landscape designer, lecturer, and photographer and Keith Tomlinson, Manager of NOVA's Meadowlark Botanical Garden in Vienna. Burrell will present insights for balancing natives, cultivars, and exotics in the home garden, and Tomlinson will demonstrate how this balance is achieved in a public garden.

REGISTER BY PHONE (703) 642-5173 or  
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Contributions? Comments? *Gardenline* would like to hear from you. Please [contact us!](#)

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## Winter Art Shows

Dec 16, 2018 – Feb 24, 2019

Horticulture Center: "Art in the Garden"  
Paintings, Vienna Art Society

Historic House: "Color in the Garden"  
Paintings, Washington Water Color Association

Feb 26 – Apr 28, 2019

Horticulture Center: "Beyond the Garden Gates"  
Paintings, NOVA Plein Air Artists, Multipurpose Room

and

"The Beauty of Flowers"  
Photographs, Patty Hankins, Ramp and Atrium

Historic House: "Nature on Display"  
Mixed Media, Ravensworth Elementary School

Reception: Saturday, March 2, 1-3 pm  
Horticulture Center and Historic House

## Open Hours

### *Horticulture Center*

Mon-Sat, 9 am to 4:30 pm  
Sun, noon to 4:30 pm

### *Historic House*

Wed-Sun, noon to 4:30 pm

**Friends of Green Spring, Inc.** is a non-profit 501(c)3 membership organization dedicated to supporting Green Spring Gardens and its mission to connect the community to natural and cultural resources through horticulture, education and stewardship. Since 1993, our members have provided over \$2 million and countless volunteer hours to support garden operations, programs and projects.

Green Spring Gardens is administered by the Fairfax County Park Authority's Resource Management Division. If accommodations or alternative formats are needed, please call 703-324-8563 at least 10 working-days before the event.

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