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# WOODY PLANT CONFERENCE

FRIDAY, JULY 16, 2010

Lang Performing Arts Center  
Swarthmore College  
Swarthmore, PA

## ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

**Tim Boland** is the executive director of the Polly Hill Arboretum on the island of Martha's Vineyard, West Tisbury, Massachusetts. Prior to his move to the Vineyard, he was curator of horticulture at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle, Illinois. A plantsman with wide ranging interests, he is a nationally recognized author, photographer, and lecturer. Tim has a special interest in plant ecology and the use of native plants to restore and reconnect fragmented landscapes. The Arboretum has recently joined in a collaboration with the Harvard Forest to study the long-term ecological changes occurring in the Arboretum's oak forest, and Tim recently participated in a three year planning effort called the Island Plan for Martha's Vineyard. This comprehensive land planning document incorporates new approaches to land conservation and restoration including many of the concepts and strategies he will present in his talk.

**Patrick Cullina** is the vice president of horticulture and park operations for Friends of the High Line. Previously, he was vice president of horticulture, operations and science research at Brooklyn Botanic Garden. A popular lecturer, photographer and plantsman, he has served as horticultural adviser to a wide range of municipal, commercial and private projects. His work in public horticulture has been recognized by a number of organizations. He received the Distinguished Service Award in 2003 from the Garden Club of New Jersey and their Gold Medal in 2005.

**John Grimshaw** has been interested in plants all his life, as both gardener and botanist. He holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in botany and African forest ecology from Oxford University. The origins of garden plants are a particular fascination of his and he has travelled widely to see plants growing in habitat. His first book, *The Gardener's Atlas*, recounts the journeys plants have made from their source to our gardens. He worked in the Netherlands developing perennials for the seed trade, and is currently gardens manager at Colesbourne Park, Gloucestershire where he is responsible for maintaining

and developing the historic Elwes family garden, especially the snowdrop collection. He was principal author of a major book on trees introduced in the past 35 years, *New Trees, Recent Introductions to Cultivation*, sponsored by the International Dendrology Society. He is a member of the Royal Horticultural Society's Advisory Committee on Nomenclature and Taxonomy, and Woody Plant Committee. John is particularly proud to be an honorary elder of the Masai community of Lerang'wa, Tanzania.

**Dan Hinkley** has been interested in plants all his life. He received his BS in Ornamental Horticulture and Horticulture Education from Michigan State University, and his MS in Urban Horticulture from the University of Washington. In 1987 he and his partner, Robert L. Jones, began Heronswood Nursery, near Kingston, Washington. Devoted to introducing rare and unusual plants to gardeners of North America, this endeavor has led him into the wilds of China, South and Central America, Mexico, New Zealand, South Africa, Nepal, Vietnam, Taiwan, Sikkim, Bhutan, Tasmania and Canada. Since 2006, Dan has focused his attentions on continued plant hunting, writing and speaking. His first book, *Winter Ornamentals*, was published in 1993 and his second, *The Explorers Garden: Rare and Unusual Perennials*, received the 1999 Book of the Year Award from the American Horticultural Society. His third book is titled *The Explorers Garden: Shrubs and Vines from the Four Corners of the World*. His numerous awards include the Scott Medal and Award in 2003 for his lifetime achievements in horticulture.

**Gary Johnson** is a Professor of Urban and Community Forestry at the University of Minnesota. Since 1992, he has conducted research and published in the general areas of tree stress including the effects of construction damage on tree and forest health, preventing tree failures in wind storms, and the long-term effects of dysfunctional root systems. Gary has over 20 years experience as a consulting and practicing arborist and landscape manager, and has been an International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist since 1988.

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### CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- Talks by noted horticulturists and designers
- Study tours of the Scott Arboretum's extensive woody plant collection
- Free admission to co-sponsoring institution gardens July 17 - 18
- 5.5 Arborist credits from the International Society of Arboriculture, 5 credits for PA Landscape Architects, and PA Pesticide Recertification training, applied for

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REGISTRATION FORM

Woody Plant Conference

**7:30 – 9:00** Registration and Coffee

**7:30 - 8:30 & 7:45 - 8:45**

**Early Riser's Tours of Scott Arboretum**

**9:00 - 9:15 Welcome - Claire Sawyers, Director, The Scott Arboretum**

**9:15 -10:15 The Diversity of New Trees – John Grimshaw**

John Grimshaw looks at the range of trees introduced from the wild into gardens in the past 30-40 years, with particular emphasis on the hardier species suitable for eastern North America. He will discuss their origins, their introducers, and their potential for garden use.

**10:15 -10:45 Break**

**10:45 -11:30 Dysfunctional Root Systems and Brief Landscape Lives: Stem Girdling Roots and the Browning of Our Landscapes – Gary Johnson**

Hidden below ground is an underground killer of many trees in landscapes everywhere: Stem Girdling Roots. Literally, these are roots that physically and physiologically girdle tree stems, causing premature death due to a decline in health or a sudden failure during a wind loading event. That is the bad part. The good part is that the problem is predictable, preventable and in many cases, treatable.

**11:30 -12:15 Trees, Shrubs and Vines on the High Line: Past, Present and Future – Patrick Cullina**

Explore the evolution of woody plants on the High Line, a former elevated freight railway on the west side of Manhattan that has become one of the country's most celebrated parks.

**12:15 -1:15 Lunch**

**1:15 - 2:00 Promising Plants Forum – Scott Wade, Longwood Gardens; Robert Herald, Tyler Arboretum and Chanticleer; Shelley Dillard, The Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania**

**2:00 - 2:45 Seeing the Forest through our Trees – Tim Boland**

Our forests face many challenges today. These include habitat fragmentation, invasive plants and animals, and climate change. In this presentation Tim Boland will give an historical account of the forests of New England from European settlement to the present. He will emphasize the role humans have played in shaping the landscape and review new approaches to forest conservation. These include proactive measures that seek a balance between the use and preservation of our forest resources from lessons learned from the past with an optimistic eye towards the future.

**2:45 - 3:15 Break**

**3:15 - 4:15 The Explorer's Garden: Shrubs and Vines from the Four Corners of the World – Dan Hinkley**

Inspired by his world travels, Dan Hinkley will focus on a few of his favorite genera of shrubs and vines whose seed he collected in the wild and has under evaluation in his garden in Indianola, Washington. He will offer tips on propagation as well as successful cultivation.

**4:15 Closing Comments and Afternoon Study Tours**

**4:30 - 5:30 Happy Hour**

**5:45 Last shuttle leaves for Springfield Mall**

For more information, please call Longwood Gardens' Continuing Education Office at 610-388-5238, Monday to Friday, 8 am - 4 pm, or visit our website [woodyplantconference.org](http://woodyplantconference.org)

**No phone registrations, please.**

Registration fees (less a 15% processing fee) will be refunded if cancellations are made before July 6, no refunds after that date.

**Register early and save!**

Directions to the Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College and parking information will be mailed with registration confirmations. If you have special parking needs, please contact Julie Jenney at 610-328-8024.

Information about the facilities: The Lang Performing Arts Center is fully accessible and is equipped with headsets for the hearing-impaired. If such accommodations are needed, contact Julie Jenney at 610-328-8024.

About the area: The conference is held in the Delaware Valley, an area rich in gardens. For a list of area gardens and related activities, visit [greaterphiladelphiagardens.org](http://greaterphiladelphiagardens.org).

**\$10 rebate for using public transportation. Please bring your receipt or pass to the registration desk.**



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To register more than one person, please use a photocopy of this form for each additional registrant.

**Registration deadline: July 10.**

Register early and save! Deadline for early registration is June 18. Pre-registration is required, no walk-ins, please.

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I prefer email confirmation

Please check type of lunch preferred:

Balsamic Marinated Chicken Breast Sandwich with Field Greens & Grilled Peach Chutney (WCL 10)

Roasted Eggplant & Red Bell Pepper Sandwich with Spinach, Basil & Sun Dried Tomato Pesto (WVL 10)

I'd like to attend the following:

Early Risers (WET10)  Afternoon Study Tours (WAS10)

Happy Hour \$15

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**REGISTRATION FEE:** Register early and save!

\$99 per person if your registration is postmarked by June 18

\$109 per person if postmarked between June 19 and July 2

\$129 per person if postmarked between July 3 and July 10

\$49 student rate (include photocopy of student ID with registration)

Registration fee includes lunch and refreshment breaks and free admission to sponsoring institution sites, July 17-18. Please make checks payable to Longwood Gardens, Inc. Mail or fax (credit card only) your registration form(s) to: **Continuing Education, Longwood Gardens, P.O. Box 501, Kennett Square, PA 19348-0501. Fax 610-388-5446.**