Hardy Groundcovers
Dan Benarcik • Wednesday, February 11, 2009
7:30 p.m. • Mandell 114

This presentation is an introduction to the use of groundcovers in our garden designs as well as the landscape that surrounds our daily life. Woody and herbaceous plants known for their ability to colonize in specific sites or to perform a specific aesthetic task in the garden will be highlighted.

Dan Benarcik is a Horticulturist at Chanticleer, an innovative garden, in Wayne, PA. He oversees the Courtyard Gardens, concentrating on tropical, subtropical, and tender perennials for seasonal display. Previous work experience included a position as a customer sales representative for Imperial Nurseries, a large east coast-based re-wholesaler of landscape plants, and a position as a woodpath gardener at the Mount Cuba Center, specializing in plants native to the eastern piedmont. Dan received a B.S. in Plant Science from the University of Delaware in 1986. He is currently an on-air personality on QVC for Cottage Farms Nursery and is an instructor at Longwood Gardens, where he teaches the Groundcovers course as part of the Continuing Education Department. He lectures frequently locally and nationally. Dan has authored articles which have appeared in Fine Gardening, Horticulture, Martha Stewart Living, and Rodale’s gardening books.

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Special Event

Great and Ancient Trees
Paul W. Meyer • Wednesday, September 10, 2008
7:30 p.m. • Mandell 114
Members: FREE Nonmembers: $5 DVC students: no charge

“Garden Passions” Raffle drawing immediately follows lecture

Learn more about temperate tree species that achieve great size and live for many centuries. Paul Meyer will focus on trees that have become acquainted with during his travels in North America and Europe and his numerous collecting trips to natural habitats in Asia. The talk, illustrated with artful slides of outstanding specimens both in the wild and in cultivation, will cover the natural history, garden adaptability, and economic uses of these great and ancient trees.

Paul W. Meyer, The F. Otto Haas Director of the Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania, is a leader in the field of plant exploration and evaluation. Recognized for his leadership and accomplishments at both the Morris Arboretum and in the public garden community, Mr. Meyer also teaches Urban Horticulture in the University of Pennsylvania’s Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning Department. Paul received a B.S. degree in Landscape Horticulture from Ohio State University, a M.S. degree in Plant Science/Public Garden Management from the University of Delaware Longwood Graduate Program, and a Diploma in Biology (Plant Taxonomy) from the University of Edinburgh. He has received numerous awards and became an Honorary Member of the Garden Club of America in 2007.

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Founders Lectures

The Founders Lectures are FREE to Schmieder Arboretum members and current Delaware Valley College students. Nonmembers are invited to attend at a cost of $5 for each lecture. No registration is necessary for the Founders Lectures.

This season’s Founders Lectures will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in Room 114 Mandell Building (Smart Classroom).

Plants That Pop
Karl Gercens • Wednesday, October 15, 2008
7:30 p.m. • Mandell 114

Burgundy, gold, silver and variegated plants provide a little excitement in even the smallest garden. By adding only a few of these gems, gardeners can have season-long interest year after year. Explore the diversity available to us as Karl exposes a few colored foliage beauties!

Karl has been Conservatory Horticulturist at Longwood Gardens for the past ten years and is responsible for curating the changing displays in Longwood’s vast conservatory complex. He has visited the best public gardens in all 50 states and lectured nationwide, including the Northwest Flower Show in Seattle, the Southern Flower Show in Atlanta, and the Philadelphia Flower Show. Originally from Mississippi with a B.S. degree in Ornamental Horticulture from Mississippi State University, Karl has worked at Walt Disney World in Florida and the Fildi estate in California.

Green Spaces: Connectors to Community
Louise Turan • Wednesday, November 12, 2008
7:30 p.m. • Mandell 114

Louise Turan is Executive Director of Bartram’s Garden, America’s first botanic garden which was established in 1728. The Garden has survived for centuries in spite of the landscape that is changing around it: underutilized vacant lands, brownfield sites, public housing projects and neighborhoods that face poverty and social challenges. This presentation will explore how Bartram’s Garden uses its 45 acres on the banks of the Schuylkill, surrounded by industry, to connect to the surrounding community. In addition, the role that Bartram’s Garden plays in improving the quality of life for urban neighborhoods will be discussed. The presentation will define a call to action by all agencies, garden clubs and organizations which respect and love nature and want to see it continue to play an important role in changing lives.

Since January 2008, Louise Turan has served as the new Executive Director of Bartram’s Garden. Her role is to lead and execute a strategic vision that will guide and secure the long-term sustainability of the 45-acre historic site. Previously, Louise was the Executive Director for the Schuylkill River Development Corporation (SRDC). Louise graduated from Chatham University with a B.A. degree in French and philosophy. She lives in Center City Philadelphia with her husband and two sons.

Planning a Wedding? The Henry Schmieder Arboretum’s gardens can provide a beautiful background for your photos. For details, call Barbara Muse at 215-489-2287.

Green Roofs
Jeff Jabco • Wednesday, December 10, 2008
7:30 p.m. • Mandell 114

Storm water runoff from urban/suburban areas is becoming a more important topic because of possible reduction in ground water reserves, periodic flooding caused by storm water run-off, sewage treatment plants at beyond capacity during heavy rain events, and increasing costs for summer cooling of buildings. What’s the solution? One possible aid is adding green, or vegetated, roofs to new or existing buildings. The “how’s,” “why’s,” and “how much” will all be discussed by Jeff Jabco, who has over six years of experience in green roof technology. Jeff approaches this technology from the standpoint of a gardener concerned about the environment as well as someone who can appreciate the beauty that a green roof can give. Learn what you need to know to begin considering a green roof for your home, office, or outbuildings.

Jeff Jabco has been Director of Grounds for Swarthmore College and Coordinator of Horticulture for their Scott Arboretum since 1990. A native of Bellefonte, Center County, Jeff earned a B.S. degree in Horticulture from Penn State and then went on to earn a M.S. in Horticulture (minor in Plant Pathology) at North Carolina State University. He followed graduate school with a stint as a Penn State Cooperative Extension agent in Delaware County. When he is not working at Swarthmore, Jeff is an instructor at Longwood Gardens, in both the Certificate in Ornamental Plants program and the Professional Gardener program, and has written for magazines, such as Fine Gardening, American Nurseryman, Green Scene, and Scott Arboretum’s The Hybrid.

“Garden Passions” Raffle
Wednesday, September 10, 2008

Herbaceous perennials and some woody plants, including garden stalwarts and less common selections, plus Arboretum memberships and a gift certificate or two, will be raffled to benefit the Henry Schmieder Arboretum.

Purchase 5 $1 Raffle tickets (or 6 tickets for $5) for a chance to win a unique plant or gift certificate to a local nursery. Drawing will take place and prizes will be distributed following the Great and Ancient Trees Special Event.

Raffle tickets will be mailed to all current Schmieder Arboretum members. If you are not a Schmieder Arboretum member or are interested in purchasing extra chances to win, call Sharon Haddon at 215-489-2283.

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