

Davidson Horticultural Symposium XXVIII -- March 6, 2012

The Roots of Passion: The Inspired Gardener

Location: Davidson College, Davidson, NC

Sponsored by: The Davidson Garden Club

About this year's Symposium:

Where does the passion for gardening come from? What inspires us to dig into the dirt and discover anew each season? The 28th Davidson Horticultural Symposium takes us on a journey to uncover the roots of our passion for the garden; to explore what has inspired gardeners over the years.

The program will reveal the role that gardening and botany played in the founding of our nation and how organic principles have been put to the test in European gardens. We will discover the bounty derived from plan exploration, the joy in finding artistic elements folded into garden design and the pleasure of planting the right plants in the right places to sustain our environment. This year's Symposium will inspire and refresh your passion, making it just a little bit difficult to wait for spring!

Key Note Speakers: (Note that I am giving you their name, their title, and the program title)

Andrea Wulf, Author, *"Founding Gardeners. The Revolutionary Generation, Nature, and the Shaping of the American Nation"*

David Howard, Horticultural Consultant, *"My Gardening Life"*

Bill Thomas, Executive Director of the Chanticleer Foundation, *"Chanticleer, A Pleasure Garden in the Making"*

Sean B, Hogan, Owner, Cistus Nursery, *"Who'd a Think? New and Exciting Plants from Near and Far"*

Workshop Speakers"

Andrea Sprott, Lawrence Garden Associate, *"Knowledge is Flower Power: Unearthing an Educational Sanctuary"*

Dr. Larry Mellinchamp, Professor of Botany, UNCC, *"Unusual Southeastern Natives for Your Plant Palette"*

Tiz Johnston, Horticulturalist, *"A Southern Gardener's Top Picks for Year Round Appeal"*