

Registration Form

Loving Your Space: Perennials, Form & Function

9 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.

Preregistration is required, and you are encouraged to register early to reserve your spot. Registration includes coffee break, light lunch, parking and handouts. Payment at the time of registration is mandatory with a check or credit card. Checks should be payable to the Chicago Botanic Garden. Purchase orders are not accepted. Registrations must be received prior to **Sept. 21**. You may register online, by phone, fax or mail. Cancellations received in writing at least 24 hours before the program begins will be refunded less a 20% processing fee.

How to Register

Phone (847) 835-8261

Fax (847) 835-6874

Online
www.chicagobotanic.org/school

Mail

Registrar, Joseph Regenstein, Jr.
School of the Chicago Botanic Garden
1000 Lake Cook Rd.
Glencoe, IL 60022

Registration Deadline: Sept. 21, 2007

Please Type or Print.

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Name (Mr., Mrs., Ms., Dr. *please circle one*) _____

Job Title _____

Organization/Business _____

Address _____

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Symposium Registration Fee

Member fee \$119

Nonmember fee \$149, or \$119 before August 31.

I will attend on the following day:

Thurs., Sept. 27 SYM1083 Fee _____

Fri., Sept. 28 SYM1093 Fee _____

Total Fees Submitted \$ _____

Payment Method

Check (Make checks payable to the Chicago Botanic Garden.)

American Express Discover Visa MasterCard

Card No. _____ Expiration Date _____

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Signature _____

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Driving Directions

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Program

The Chicago Botanic Garden invites you to join us for the 17th Annual Perennial Plant Symposium, entitled Loving Your Space: Perennials, Form & Function, where we continue the tradition of bringing renowned authors and lecturers to the Garden. This symposium will inspire gardening professionals and avid gardeners alike with exceptional design ideas and perennial plant choices.

Thursday and Friday symposia are identical. Therefore, registration should be for only one day. Authors will be available to sign books during breaks. Registration includes morning refreshments and a boxed lunch. While this popular symposium is offered on two consecutive days, early registration is recommended.

8:30 a.m.

Registration and Coffee

9 a.m.

Welcome

9:10 a.m.

Small Buildings, Small Gardens

Gordon Hayward, Garden Designer, Writer and Lecturer, Hayward Gardens, Westminster West, Vermont

Looking for a good spot to plant those new perennials? Gardeners are always seeking new places for plants; consequently we are also searching for just the right place for new beds so they will fit in with existing ones to create a unified garden. In this lecture, Gordon explains how gardeners can use small buildings and built structures such as gazebos and arbors, pergolas and bridges, fences and decks to help find just the right place for new garden beds and plants.

10:30 a.m.

Refreshment Break, Book Sales and Signing

11 a.m.

Cold-Hardy Bamboo

Susanne Lucas, Horticulturist, Pioneer Plants, Plymouth, Massachusetts

Non-invasive clumping bamboos (the genus *Fargesia*) are intriguing and remarkably cold hardy. Evergreen, versatile and fast growing, these plants merit more attention in American landscapes. Susanne will detail the very best choices, potential uses, siting and companion plants.

Noon

Boxed Lunch and Book Signing

1 p.m.

Containers for the Collector: Plant Poetry

Rita Randolph, Owner, Randolph's Greenhouses, Jackson, Tennessee

Rita has been growing and combining garden plants for more than 30 years, and observing their multiple uses. Come benefit from her experience as she explains how foliage and flowers can seem to flow together in highly effective combinations in containers and the garden. Enjoy a slideshow featuring gorgeous plant combinations from public and private gardens, including unusual perennials used in Rita's well-known retail displays from Randolph's Greenhouses. She will also explain how to "listen to the plants" when deciding which to combine in a pot.

2:10 p.m.

Stretch Break

2:20 p.m.

Perennial Breeding Program at Chicago Botanic Garden

Jim Ault, Ph.D., Director of Environmental Horticulture, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, Illinois

Have you ever wondered how new perennial plants are developed? Join Jim for a visual tour of a regional plant breeding program. Through conventional plant breeding and propagation practices, new hardy perennial plants well adapted to Northern climates and landscape conditions are being developed, tested and introduced to your garden. Jim is currently developing new selections of *Baptisia*, *Echinacea*, *Silene* and *Phlox*, all North American genera with as-yet untapped potential for our landscapes.

2:40 p.m.

Synopsis of Exploring the Gardener's Palette: Learning to Look

Sydney Eddison, Lecturer and Author, Newtown, Connecticut

A former set designer, Sydney's background has given her special insight into the way color works in the garden. The author of *The Gardener's Palette* and several other books on gardening, she explains how to use the color wheel and provides an introduction to color families and their uses in the garden. It takes practice to be able to really see colors. Small differences determine whether we see colors as warm or cool and whether they go well together or clash. Except for red, yellow, and blue, all colors are mixtures, and slight variations can make or break a garden color scheme.

3:40 p.m.

Program Conclusion

Speaker Biographies

Jim Ault, Ph.D.

Dr. Jim Ault is the director of Environmental Horticulture Research at the Chicago Botanic Garden. His research includes perennial plant breeding and tissue culture propagation. The breeding program focuses on the development of new hybrid plants for Midwest gardens. Plants under study include *Baptisia*, *Echinacea*, *Phlox* and *Silene*, among others. Jim also chairs the Chicagoland Grows® Plant Introduction Program (a partnership with the Morton



Arboretum and OGA, a local nursery association, for the introduction of new landscape plants in the Midwest), and he collaborates with the Garden's Plant Evaluation program.



Sydney Eddison

Sydney Eddison brings to her popular lectures and gardening classes skills gained in more than 20 years of teaching drama. To her writing she brings the joy, enthusiasm and experience of a lifelong gardener. For her work, she received the Connecticut Horticultural Society's Gustav A. L. Melquist Award in 2002, the New England Wild Flower Society Kathryn S. Taylor Award in 2005, and in 2006, the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut's Bronze Medal. Her garden has been featured in magazines and on *Martha Stewart Living* and *The Victory Garden*.



Gordon Hayward

Gordon Hayward is a nationally recognized garden designer, writer and lecturer. He has been writing for *Horticulture* magazine for 25 years, is a contributing editor at *Fine Gardening* magazine, and has written nine books on garden design. Gordon and his wife Mary have been developing a 1½-acre garden around their 220-year-old farmhouse in southern Vermont for the past 23 years, as well as a tiny garden outside their cottage in the Cotswold Hills of England.



Susanne Lucas

Susanne Lucas became obsessed with growing cold-hardy bamboo in the 1980s, frustrated by the challenges of Boston winters. She has traveled extensively to see bamboo in the wild to understand what it needs to survive in cultivated gardens. She is past president of the American Bamboo Society and currently serves as executive director of the World Bamboo Organization.



Rita Randolph

Rita Randolph is widely known as an enthusiastic speaker with cool humor. She is a true plant collector, preferring golden, variegated, or any plants of exceptional color. Containers are Rita's canvas: unusual and eye-opening combinations spill over everywhere, often with plants rarely seen before. She is past president of the Tennessee Flower Growers Association, and is a member of numerous horticultural societies as well as the Garden Writers Association. Randolph's Greenhouses is a 60-year-old family business that has become a collector's destination. Upon arrival it's clear that a Plant Nut is in the midst!

