WINTERTHUR OFFERS “SEEDS OF INSPIRATION” SYMPOSIUM DURING GARDENFAIR, SEPTEMBER 14-16

Garden experts to discuss current innovations in garden design

Winterthur, DE  June 28, 2007—This year’s GardenFair at Winterthur Museum & Country Estate will celebrate and explore the innovative ideas that are shaping today’s gardens in a special “Seeds of Inspiration” symposium on Saturday, September 15.

“Our speakers are on the cutting edge of garden design, and they’ll talk about innovations like new definitions of what a garden is, the garden as extension of our living space, and green roofs and the ‘green building’ movement,” says Chris Strand, director of the garden and estate. “You’ll learn about using plant varieties in new and interesting ways and, we hope you’ll be inspired to be innovative in your home garden.”

On Saturday, the topics and speakers are:

“Serendipity and the New Wild Garden”
Rick Darke, photographer, author, and expert on ornamental grasses and woodland gardens, President, Rick Darke LLC, Landenberg, Pennsylvania

“The Tapestry Garden”
Panayoti Kelaidis, director of outreach, Denver Botanic Gardens, Denver, Colorado

“Outside the Not So Big House: Creating the Landscape of Home”
Julie Moir Messervy, principal, Julie Moir Messervy Associates, Saxtons River, Vermont

“Green Roofs in Delaware and Beyond”
Ed Snodgrass, president, Emory Knoll Farms, Inc., Street, Maryland

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“Seeds of Inspiration” Symposium at Winterthur

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In addition to the symposium, GardenFair will kick off with a keynote lecture on September 14 at 4:30 p.m. by garden designer, writer, and lecturer Gordon Hayward speaking on “Fine Art as Inspiration for Garden Design.” The lecture will be followed by a cocktail reception.

Admission to the “Seeds of Inspiration” symposium is $125 (members, $115) and includes early-bird shopping at GardenFair on Friday, September 14. Individual lectures cost $35 and are available on a first come/first serve basis on the day of the event, subject to availability. Admission to Friday’s keynote lecture and preview reception that evening costs $115 (members, $105). Admission to attend only the cocktail reception costs $90.

The fourth annual GardenFair, September 14-16, features dozens of destination nurseries in one location, offering a wide array of unique and distinctive plant materials. Exhibitors from across the country will offer everything from heirloom seeds to premium perennials, and aquatic plants, as well as garden furniture, garden tools, outdoor decor, and art. Admission wristbands, valid for day of purchase and subsequent days, cost $15; free for Winterthur members.

A variety of other admission packages are available. Wristbands may be purchased online at gardenfair.org, in person at Winterthur, or by calling 800.448.3883 or 302.888.4600. All wristbands include multi-day entry.

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