

Get to Know Our Speakers

Bruce Crawford



Photo: Nick Romanenko

A longtime proponent of unusual and fun plants, Bruce had his own design/build garden design business for nearly 25 years that specialized in plantings for year-round interest. One of those gardens was published in Fine Gardening Magazine! Today, Bruce is the Director of Rutgers Gardens, the botanical garden for Rutgers University, and is an adjunct professor in Landscape Architecture at Rutgers University. His position as Director of Rutgers Gardens involves the management of the 180 acre facility, which includes designed gardens, woodlands and open fields. Open 365 days a year and with over 30,000 visitors a year, the emphasis is now focused on the creation of a new strategic and master plan for the Gardens. The Gardens will tell the story of plants over the past 400 million years and allowing the visitors to see these plants in seasonally attractive designs. Bruce also lectures frequently to various groups and for continuing education programs.

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Rick McCourt

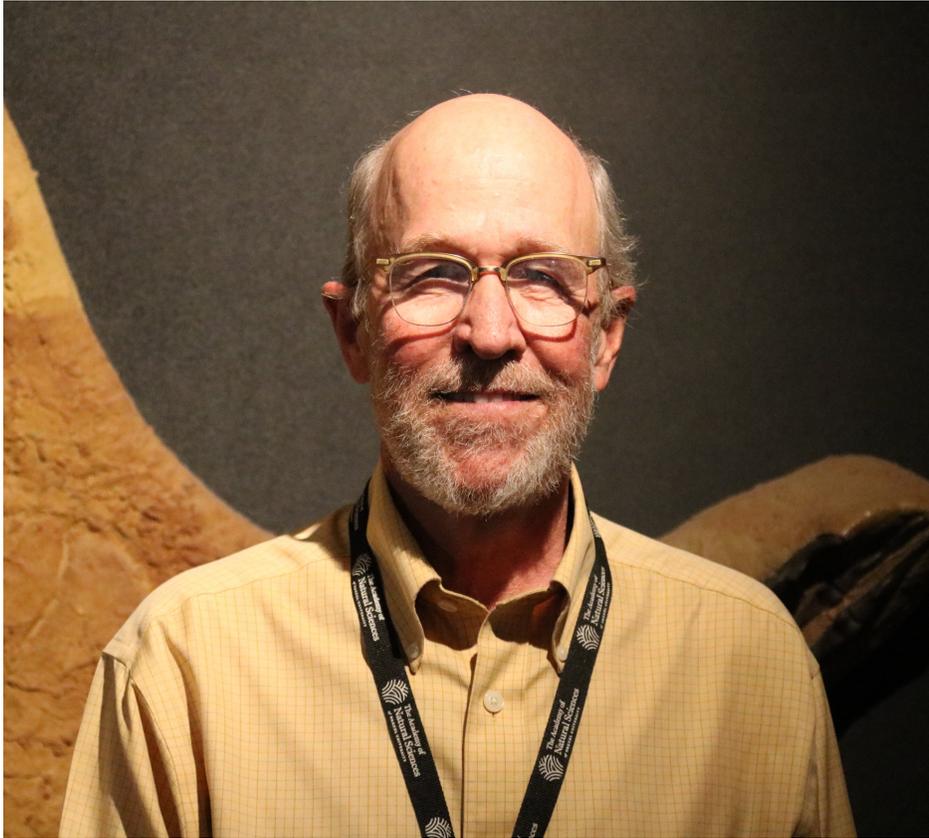


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Richard McCourt's research is on the biodiversity, evolution, ecology, and systematics of green algae, specifically a group known as charophyte algae. These green algae are among the closest living algal relatives of land plants and include some well-known algae such as stoneworts and *Spirogyra*. He is working on reconstructing the phylogeny of these algae—that is, the evolutionary tree of green algae and land plants. Rick has also conducted research on the ecology of intertidal algae in the Gulf of California, Sonora, Mexico. He studied ecology of intertidal Sargassum in the Sea of Cortez.

In his two decades as Curator of Botany at the Academy of Natural Sciences he has developed his interests in the history of exploration and has published papers on the Lewis and Clark Herbarium at the Academy, which consists of more than 200 plant specimens collected by the explorers on their trek from St. Louis to the Pacific and back in 1804-1806. With Earle E. Spamer he has published "Jefferson's Botanists: Lewis and Clark Discover the Plants of the West," and a Special Publication CD-ROM on the Lewis and Clark Herbarium.

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Victoria Johnson



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Victoria Johnson is an associate professor of Urban Policy and Planning at Hunter College in New York City. Before joining Hunter College, she taught at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor for thirteen years. She has been a Fellow at the Cullman Center for Scholars and Writers at the New York Public Library and a Mellon Visiting Scholar at the New York Botanical Garden. She earned her undergraduate degree in philosophy from Yale University and her PhD in sociology from Columbia University.

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Dan Hinkley



Photo: Robert Jones

Dan Hinkley, born in the zone 4 highlands of North Central Michigan, has had a lifelong interest in all types of plants from trees to edibles, leading him to receive his B.S. in Ornamental Horticulture and Horticulture Education from Michigan State University in 1976, and his M.S. in Urban Horticulture from the University of Washington in 1985.

In 1987, while teaching horticulture at Edmonds Community College north of Seattle, he and his partner, Robert L. Jones, began Heronswood Nursery, near Kingston, WA. Devoted to introducing rare and unusual plants to gardeners of North America, this endeavor has led Hinkley into the wilds of China, South and Central America, Mexico, New Zealand, South Africa, Nepal, Vietnam, Taiwan, Sikkim, Bhutan, Tasmania and Canada numerous times a year for the past 22 years. Heronswood Nursery previously listed nearly 3000 plant species, and has

shipped to 48 states as well as England, Europe and Asia. His sizable and productive potager at Heronswood has been widely published. When W.A. Burpee closed the garden and nursery in May of 2006, Dan independently focused his attentions on continued plant hunting, writing, speaking and plant research.

Hinkley has written for a number of periodicals, including Pacific Horticulture, The American Gardener, Garden Design, The Gardener, Horticulture Magazine, American Nurseryman, Gardens Illustrated, Martha Stewart Living, Fine Gardening and The English Garden, as well as having regular columns in Horticulture Magazine, and an occasional horticulture feature for the Seattle Times. He is a contributing editor to Horticulture Magazine and has appeared many times on Martha Stewart Living television as a gardening correspondent. On April 17, 2007 Dan appeared in a PBS NOVA program, The First Flower, exploring the flora of remote mountains of China.

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, released in May of 2009 and the second in a series of three, is titled The Explorers Garden: Shrubs and Vines from the Four Corners of the World for which he received the 2010 Book of the Year Award from the American Horticultural Society.

In 2003, Hinkley was honored with the Scott Arboretum Gold Medal from Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania for his lifetime achievements in horticulture. He has been awarded the Marcel Le Piniac Award from the American Rock Garden Society, The Medal of Honor from the Garden Club of America, The Garden Communicator of the Year award from the American Nurserymen and Landscape Association, the White Gold Medal from the Greater Cleveland Horticultural Society, and in 2006, the Liberty Hyde Bailey Award from the American Horticultural Society for a lifetime of achievement in education, writing and plant exploration. He received on June 21, 2007 and July 2, 2007 respectively, the George Robert White Medal of Honor from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society for the advancement of interest in horticulture in the broadest sense; and from the Royal Horticulture Society of Great Britain, the Veitch Memorial Medal for his outstanding contribution to the advancement of the science and practice of horticulture. In March of 2008 Dan was appointed to memberships of the boards of both the Elisabeth C. Miller Botanical Garden Trust and the Elisabeth C. Miller Botanical Garden Endowment Trust. In 2010 Dan was presented the Perennial Plant Association Award of Merit for contributions to the advancement of the perennials plant industry through lectures, writing and plant exploration.

Dan Hinkley currently resides in Indianola, WA where he is in the process of realizing his latest endeavor, the Gardens of Windcliff. Among many and varied garden spaces the project includes a large greenhouse, raised beds, and a generous potager for research in edibles, all on a south-facing bluff overlooking Puget Sound; and is in the process of writing his third book for Timber Press in the Explorer's Garden series, a second book on the Winter Garden this time for Timber Press, and a book for Farrar Strauss and Giroux on the Making of Heronswood.

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Peter Zale



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Peter Zale, PhD earned his doctoral degree from The Ohio State University in 2014. As Associate Director, Conservation, Plant Breeding and Collections, at Longwood Gardens he is responsible for curatorial activities, the plant breeding program, the plant exploration program, and the recently initiated plant conservation program. He has published over 20 articles in trade, specialist, and peer-reviewed journals and designed and participated in over 20 plant exploration expeditions throughout the United States, Japan, Vietnam, Myanmar, the Republic of Georgia and Azerbaijan, and China. He is an avid home gardener and plant collector with an interest in a wide variety of rare geophytes, hardy herbaceous and woody plants, including a variety of woodland lilies and their allies.

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Susan Pepper Treadway

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Past President, Bedford (NY) Garden Club

Past President, Magnolia Society International

Inspired by her grandmother, Mary Gibson Henry, Susan studied history, botany and horticulture, as well as rock & ice-climbing, gaining an MPA in Urban Affairs and a Certificate in Landscape Design.

Currently, she is restoring the garden of Mary G. Henry, and, with a talented team, defining a plan for the future.

