

# Speaking of Gardening

The Garden Symposium for Horticultural Professionals and Enthusiasts

August 27 & 28

Program begins at 9 a.m. each day

Bringing the full spectrum of the horticultural experience to Asheville, this year's Speaking of Gardening is proud to host speakers from both England and the US presenting lectures on creative design and cutting edge plants. Program includes book signings, a plant giveaway and tours of the Mountain Horticulture Crops Research and Extension Center, NCSU featuring the latest in new plant developments. Program fee includes two day symposium with seven lectures, tours, lunches and snacks.

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

9:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

**Fergus Garrett, Head Gardener, Great Dixter, Sussex, England**

***“Great Dixter – Past, Present and Future”***

Great Dixter, home and garden of the late Christopher Lloyd, is an astounding garden achievement. Garrett will reveal the secrets and “wily tricks” of keeping their celebrated borders lively in every season, and describe plants- from the hard-working anchor plants to the temporary plants that are “an essential ingredient in the adventurous gardener's armoury.”

10:45 a.m. to Noon

**Tim Wood, Spring Meadow Nursery, Grand Haven, MI**

***“The Hunt for Flowering Shrubs”***

Spring Meadow is responsible for many new introductions of ornamental shrubs in the garden centers each season. Join Tim as he travels around the world hunting for new plants and meet the people that develop them.

1:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

**Carol Reese, Knoxville, TN**

***“Special Effects in the Landscape”***

As Ornamental Horticulturist for the University of TN, and columnist for Horticulture Magazine, Reese's practical experience combines well when discussing landscapes which have that “special something” - a unique bit of structure, a different way of using water,; a way to create a bit of paradise.

2:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

**Rodney Eason, Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, PA**

***“Longwood Gardens: Pierre du Pont's Passion Inspired by an Idea”***

Eason shares how coordinating Longwood Garden's unique displays on over 1,050 acres in 20 indoor and 20 outdoor garden areas year round is a massive juggling act, one that requires both creative design and an amazing diversity of plants.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

9:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

**Rodney Eason, Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, PA**

***“Can Horticultural Displays Change Through Artful Innovation?”***

10:45 to Noon

**Parker Andes, Biltmore Estate, Asheville, NC**

***“Presenting Frederick Law Olmsted's Landscape Vision at the Biltmore Estate”***

Learn about two newly renovated landscapes at Biltmore: the Approach Road and the Italian Pools. The Approach Road, originally designed by Olmsted, is a complete experience drawing the eye to specific points as the road bends and curves. The Italian Pools are now planted with a wide range of water loving plants.

1:00 to 2:15 p.m.

**Fergus Garrett, Head Gardener, Great Dixter, Sussex, England**

***“Good Planting for Effect and A Long Season”***

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