



THE HARDY PLANT SOCIETY  
MID-ATLANTIC GROUP  
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## March Into Spring XIX

# A Symposium for Gardeners

Saturday, March 21, 2015



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Academic Bldg, Large Auditorium  
Delaware County Community College  
Media, PA 19063

## SPEAKERS

**SUSAN BARTON** is an extension specialist and associate professor in the Plant and Soil Sciences Department at the University of Delaware. She also works closely with the nursery and landscape industry; with DelDOT to research and implement new roadside vegetation management strategies; and with partners to develop the Plants for a Livable Delaware program, designed to provide alternatives to known invasive plant species and to promote sustainable landscaping. Susan received the Nursery Extension Award in 1995 from the American Nursery and Landscape Association and the Ratledge Award for service from the University of Delaware in 2007.

**JIM BOBB**, local beekeeper and volunteer to several horticultural societies in the Greater Philadelphia area, has served as president of the Montgomery County Beekeepers' Association, Pennsylvania State Beekeepers' Association, and chairman of the Eastern Apicultural Society of North America, Inc. Jim enjoys horticulture and plant identification walks, volunteering at apiaries in arboreta and public gardens, and assisting others to get started in the hobby of beekeeping.

**ANDREW BUNTING** is curator at the Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College, where he has worked for 25 years, prior to which he was curator at the Chanticleer Foundation in Wayne, PA. He also owns Fine Garden Creations, a design/build garden company. His home garden Belvidere has been featured in *This Old House* magazine and the *Wall Street Journal*. He has served as president of the Magnolia Society International and the Delaware Center for Horticulture; chaired Horticulture at the Philadelphia Flower Show; and chaired the North American Plant Collections Consortium, a national collections scheme through the American Public Gardens Association. He has written more than 100 articles for the *American Gardener*, *Fine Gardening Magazine*, *Horticulture*, *Public Garden*, and *Arnoldia*.

**MICHELE SCHEIBER** is senior plant breeder at Nova Flora, the in-house plant breeding research center for Star Roses and Plants in West Grove, PA.

**MARK WEATHINGTON**, director and curator of Collections for the JC Raulston Arboretum at NCSU, is passionate in his work to connect plants to people. He has served as director of horticulture for the Norfolk Botanical Garden and as a horticulturist at the Atlanta Botanical Garden.



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Morris Arboretum hives painted by local children

Cover photos, left to right. Top: Sue Barton, Andrew Bunting. Middle: Mark Weathington, Michele Scheiber. Bottom: Jim Bobb, mirrored, and honey bee with sculpture.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21**

**8:15 AM Check-in and Coffee Service.**  
**Silent Auction, Vendor & Book Sales\***  
 open and continue throughout the day.

**9:00 AM Welcome: Sharon Anderson, HPS President**

**9:15 AM Mark Weathington**  
*Plant Lust: Drool-worthy Trees, Shrubs, and Perennials*

New plants are always exciting and are what makes the industry hum. This talk looks at some plants just entering the market to whet your appetite for the next big thing. Caution: Not all of these plants will be available in your local garden center!

**10:15 AM Jim Bobb**  
*The Amazing Honey Bee*

A very politically correct insect, the honey bee harms no plant or animal in the production of honey. Plants rely on these amazing creatures for pollination and development of quality seeds and fruits. What is happening to these important creatures—what are the implications of the decline of honey bees and other pollinators for our food supply and environment?

**10:45 AM Sue Barton**  
*Changing the Suburban Landscape Paradigm*

Are you tired of cutting the lawn? Would you like to attract birds and butterflies to your garden? Do you want a landscape you can “live” in? Find out how you can create a landscape that is good for both you and the environment.

**11:45 AM Lunch: DCCC Cafeteria**  
 Silent Auction, Vendor and Book Sales continue

**1:00 PM Silent Auction closes**

**1:30 PM Michele Scheiber**  
*Ornamental Plant Breeding at Star Roses and Plants*

This talk focuses on rose rosette disease, its history and best management practices; and on Nova Flora, the in-house breeding division of SR&P, and recent introductions.

**SCHEDULE (continued)**

**2:00 PM Andrew Bunting**  
*Belvidere: Evolution of a Plantsman’s Garden*

Inspired by plants grown at Scott Arboretum, Andrew began developing his own plant collection on a somewhat derelict property purchased in 1999. The design is influenced by gardens he has visited across the globe, especially the ‘garden rooms’ concept learned working for Penelope Hobhouse at Tintinhull House, England. This talk covers the trials and tribulations in developing the garden over 15 years including Vassar Farm, a joint project with neighbors.

**3:00 PM Closing Remarks**

*Thank you for joining us today!*

**\*PLANT/BOOK SALE & SILENT AUCTION**  
Cash and checks only.

If you need help getting purchases to your car, please ask for the use of wagons at the cashier table.

**PARKING:** Once on campus, follow the access road and HPS signs to Staff Parking Lot #2.

**DIRECTIONS TO DELAWARE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**Large Auditorium, Academic Building**  
**901 S. Media Line Rd, Media PA 19063**

**Route 476:** Exit 9 (Newtown Sq/Upper Darby) Rte 3 West (West Chester Pk) towards Newtown Sq, pass Rte 320, turn left at 3rd light (Media Line Rd), 2 miles to college entrance on left.

**I-95 North or South:** Exit marked 476 (Chester/Plymouth Meeting). Follow 476 to Exit 5 (Rte 1, Lima/Springfield). Turn left on Rte 1 South (Lima). Follow Rte 1 to Media/Rte 252 Exit. Make right onto Rte 252, cross Springton Reservoir, and make a right at the next light at sign for college.

**From West Chester:** Take Rte 3 East to Rte 252 South. Turn right on Rte 252 South and go to 3rd light (Media Line Rd). Turn left. The college entrance is on the right.

**REGISTRATION FORM**

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**Saturday, March 21, 2015**

**Name(s)** (Please list by full name all persons paid for with this registration form.)

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**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_  
 (For Registration Confirmation)

**FEE:** \$75 for members of The Hardy Plant Society/Mid-Atlantic Group; \$85 for non-members. Fee includes morning coffee service and buffet lunch.

**Pre-registration required. Capacity limited.**

_____ Member Registrations @ \$75	\$ _____
_____ after 3/1/2015 @ \$85	\$ _____
_____ Non-Member Registrations @ \$85	\$ _____
_____ after 3/1/2015 @ \$95	\$ _____
Total due: \$ _____	

**Lunch**, set up in cafeteria across the courtyard, includes a sandwich of your choice, fruit, a cookie, and water.

Register with a credit card online at [hardyplant.org](http://hardyplant.org) or mail completed form and **check payable to HPS/MAG** to  
**Betsy Gullan**  
 312 East Gowen Ave  
 Philadelphia, PA 19119

**No refunds unless event is cancelled.**

**Non-member registrants:** Consider joining HPS/MAG and receive the members’ registration rate. Annual membership is \$35; go to [www.hardyplant.org](http://www.hardyplant.org) and use a credit card, or send a check with the downloadable membership form available online.