

Passion for Gardening:
A Gardening Symposium
Saturday, March 13, 2010
SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES
C. Colston Burrell



C. Colston Burrell is an acclaimed lecturer, garden designer, award winning author and photographer. A certified chlorophyll addict, Cole is an avid and lifelong plantsman, gardener and naturalist. Cole is a popular lecturer internationally on topics of design, plants and ecology. He has shared his encyclopedic knowledge of plants and his abiding respect for regional landscapes with professional and amateur audiences for 35 years. He is principal of Native Landscape Design and Restoration, which specializes in blending nature and culture through artistic design. In 2008 Cole received the Award of Distinction from the Association of Professional Landscape Designers for his work promoting sustainable gardening practices.

Cole's latest book, [Hellebores: A Comprehensive Guide](#), coauthored with Judith Knott Tyler, received the 2007 American Horticultural Society Book Award. He is author of several popular titles, including [Native Alternatives to Invasive Plants](#), [Rodale's Illustrated Encyclopedia of Perennials](#) - 10th Anniversary Edition with Ellen Phillips, [Perennial Combinations](#), Revised 2008, (an Amazon.com best selling garden title), [Perennials for Today's Gardens](#) and [A Gardener's Encyclopedia of Wildflowers](#), which won the 1997 AHS Book Award. Cole writes regularly for [Horticulture](#), [Landscape Architecture](#), [American Gardener](#) and the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. His writing reflects a love of plants, and he champions their use in artistically designed, environmentally friendly gardens.

Cole worked as curator at the U.S. National Arboretum and the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. He has devoted a lifetime to studying native plants in the wild and in gardens which lead to undergraduate degrees in Botany and Horticulture. He has an **M.S. in Horticulture** and a **Master of Landscape Architecture** degree from the University of Minnesota. He is a lecturer in the College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture at the University of Virginia, where he teaches about plants and their ecological connections to natural systems and cultural landscapes.

After tending a city lot alive with birds and butterflies in Minneapolis, MN, he now gardens on 10 wild acres in the Blue Ridge Mountains near Charlottesville, Virginia, where he grows natives and the best plants of the global garden. Cole's garden Bird Hill was featured in The New York Times and frequently appears in national and regional publications. The garden is a popular destination for national tours. Visitors discover a collector's paradise set among a pastiche of woodland, meadow, and gardens inspired by the beauty of the regional landscape. For more information on Cole's garden in Virginia, visit <http://www.nytimes.com/2006/05/04/garden/04colston.html?pagewanted=print>

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Carol Reese



Carol Reese is employed by UT Extension as an Ornamental Horticulture Specialist. Her job is to keep the horticulture industry up to date, and attuned to the needs of an increasingly savvy gardening clientele. She writes a weekly gardening and nature column for the Jackson Sun, is the Q&A columnist for Horticulture Magazine, and contributes to many other gardening magazines.

Carol's degrees in horticulture (B.S. and M.S.) are from Mississippi State University where she taught courses in plant materials and landscape design. Her speaking engagements take her all over the nation, camera in hand. She's given programs for enthusiastic audiences at Winterthur, Longwood, the Raulston Arboretum, Whiteflower Farms, and the Scott Arboretum at Swarthmore, to name just a few. However, she says her favorite place to be is tromping local fields with her many dogs, taking a personal interest in the doings of the birds and the bees.

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Barbara J. Bromley



Barbara J. Bromley is the horticulturist for the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Mercer County. In 1993 she organized the Mercer County Master Gardener Program, which she continues to instruct and advise. In addition, she teaches professional and home grounds continuing education courses for Rutgers and other institutions and lectures for other Master Gardener programs, garden clubs, and civic groups on horticultural topics and environmental responsibility throughout New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Barbara has hosted the March to November WZBN cable television weekly Garden Report since 1999 and serves as a

reference for print media, television, and radio. She is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Rutgers Cooperative Extension *Award for Excellence*, New Jersey Nursery and Landscape Association *Distinguished Service Award*, Girl Scouts of Delaware Raritan Women of Distinction *World of the Environment* award, Garden Club of America Horticulture Certificate of Acknowledgement, *Outstanding Service as a Professional Conservationist* from the NJ Association of Conservation Districts, and the 2007 *George Hammell Cook Distinguished Alumni Award* from the Cook Alumni Association of Rutgers. <http://www.mgofmc.org/bbfactsheets.html>

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Jerry Fritz



Jerry Fritz is president of Jerry Fritz Garden Design, Inc. and Linden Hill Gardens, located in Ottsville, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Since founding his garden design company 20 years ago, Jerry has focused on satisfying his clients' craving for original and innovative concepts and plant material. His latest book, *Lessons from Linden Hill*, written with Nancy Ondra, draws on his experience.

Jerry holds a BS in Ornamental Horticulture from Delaware Valley College in Doylestown, Pennsylvania. He is a member of numerous professional organizations, including the Perennial Plant Association, the Hardy Plant Society, the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, the Royal Horticultural Society, and the American Nursery and Landscape Association.

Jerry has lectured and displayed at the Philadelphia International Flower Show and Bucks Beautiful. He has also lectured on various topics at the Hardy Plant Society, Swarthmore College, Delaware Valley College as well as Temple University. For more about Jerry and Linden Hill, visit <http://lindenhillgardens.com/>.