

WINTERTHUR HOSTS “BANK TO BEND” GARDEN LECTURE BY INTERNATIONAL SNOWDROPS EXPERT ALAN STREET

Chelsea Flower Show Gold Medalist to Share Insights on Snowdrops and Other Early Bulbs on Saturday, March 9, 2013

Winterthur, DE— Horticultural gold medalist Alan Street, one of the world's leading snowdrop experts and the head nurseryman at Avon Bulbs in England, will present a lecture on these delicate flowers at Winterthur on Saturday, March 9, at 11:00 am.

Street will share his insights into snowdrops and how they became a worldwide phenomenon. Known for his passion for bulbs, Street will describe how snowdrops got his attention and why he developed a personal connection with this unique, delicate genus of plants. He also will share a selection of bulbs that will complement any garden's snowdrops and discuss how Avon Bulbs nursery brings these sometimes temperamental flowers to market.

Registration for Street's lecture includes tours of the magnificent March Bank displays and access to specialist nurseries selling snowdrops and other winter interest plants. \$10 Members. \$20 nonmembers. Free for Winterthur Garden and Landscape Society (WGLS) and Garden Associate Members.

WHO: Alan Street, Snowdrops Expert and Head Nurseryman, Avon Bulbs, Somerset, England

WHAT: Lecture/Celebration of Snowdrops and Early Bulbs

WHEN: Saturday, March 9, 2013, at 11:00 am

WHERE: Copeland Lecture Hall, Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library, 5105 Kennett Pike, Wilmington, DE, 19807

BACKGROUND: The annual "Bank to Bend" lecture is named for Winterthur's signature March Bank display of early bulbs and perennials. H. F. du Pont and other family members used to look for the earliest bulbs on the slope to the north of the house, where the heart of this display occurs. They called the path along the slope "from bank to bend." The Winterthur Garden and Landscape Society (WGLS) underwrites this annual lecture and is responsible for funding the recent restoration of the March Bank. Visit winterthur.org for more information.

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Museum hours

10 am–5 pm, Tuesday–Sunday

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