Horticultural Events from Around the Country

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### Whimsical Garden Follies at Winterthur

Beginning April 1, visitors to Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library in Wilmington, Delaware, will be able to view “Follies: Architectural Whimsy in the Garden,” this institution’s first ever outdoor exhibition. It will feature 13 imaginative structures “positioned within the landscape to amuse, frame a view, or pique your curiosity.” Winterthur’s founder, Henry Francis du Pont, incorporated six of these follies into the gardens beginning in the 1920s. These include a Pagoda Gate near the garden’s entrance and the Brick Lookout atop Sycamore Hill. Seven newly added structures will be part of the exhibition, including a Gothic-inspired tower, an Ottoman tent, and a Greek temple folly.

“Follies are part of the visual vocabulary of great gardens of the past,” says Chris Strand, Winterthur’s Brown Harrington Director of Garden and Estate. “They are part of the historic landscape, whether you are seeing them as part of a great country place in England or in the historic gardens of Monticello and Mount Vernon. As a gardener, you can put this knowledge of follies to use in your own landscape.”

In concert with the exhibition, which will run until January 2020, Winterthur will host lectures, tours, and other activities to provide further insight into these whimsical garden features. For further details, visit www.winterthur.org or call (800) 448-3883. —Mackenzie Nichols, Editorial Intern

The Brick Lookout folly on Sycamore Hill at Winterthur dates to the 1960s.

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The evolution of any garden happens naturally or at the whim of our own mind and hands. Whether you’re starting from scratch or renovating an existing garden that has lost its character, it’s almost always desirable to work with a plan. Even the most well-intentioned efforts result in disappointment when approached without a cohesive design strategy. Learn how to create a harmonious garden that resonates with creativity, as well as those that reflect personal expression and reverence for design fundamentals. Guest speakers will discuss how to integrate existing elements, effectively combine plants and hardscape materials, and create features of distinctive landscape styles. If you are currently undecided about your own future gardens or simply ready for a refreshing renovation to existing ones, this Symposium is for you!
Rhododendron Show at Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens

MENDOCINO COAST BOTANICAL GARDENS in Fort Bragg, California, will host the 41st annual John Druecker Memorial Rhododendron Show on May 5 and 6. Hundreds of rhododendrons and azaleas will be on display, competing for the “Best of Show” honor. Judges also will award by categories such as “Best Lavender Rhododendron” and “Best Small Species Rhododendron,” as well as for outstanding bonsai, photography, and paintings.

Along with the competition, the show will include floral arrangements, raffle prizes, plants for sale, and discussions with rhododendron experts. “Guests often bring in a rhododendron branch or bloom wanting information or the name,” notes Ted Steinhart, president of the Noyo Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society, “and generally these questions can be quickly answered.”

Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens is a perfect setting for the show because it is home to one of the nation’s largest collections of rhododendrons, representing more than 120 species. Many of these will be in bloom during this event. Visit www.gardenbythesea.org or call (707) 964-4352 for more information.

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