



A Unique Learning Center

The careful restoration of our 18th century post-and-beam barn combines a site-appropriate colonial atmosphere with modern systems and adaptable learning spaces.

The insulated interior with HVAC controls, dedicated Wi-Fi, and integrated presentation and sound capabilities offers comfortable and flexible seating areas to accommodate small to large audiences.

The barn also contains a library where members may enjoy our extensive collection of gardening books as well as a kitchen prep area for events.



Since 2006, **Hollister House Garden** has opened its gates to a growing public audience. Some visitors are deeply moved by the beauty of the garden while others simply enjoy their escape to the peace and quiet of its lovely sylvan setting. The mission of Hollister House Garden, Inc. is to preserve this beautiful work of art for the enjoyment of garden lovers and to guide our programming and outreach with the same artistic spirit.

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THE SUSAN BURKE EDUCATION FUND

at HOLLISTER HOUSE GARDEN





Hollister House from the hillside

From a Colonial Beginning

Named after Gideon Hollister, who built the house and a barn around 1770, Hollister House is an historic farmstead consisting of five 18th and 19th century structures now listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

In 1978, George Schoellkopf bought the property with no idea whatsoever of making an elaborate garden. Nevertheless, inspired on a trip to England by such iconic gardens as Sissinghurst, Great Dixter and Hidcote, he returned to Hollister House determined to make such a garden for himself, formal in plan but informal and naturalistic in its style of planting. The present garden is the result of that initial inspiration.

Since the original purchase, George has increased the land holdings to twenty-five acres, including six across the road as protection. In 2004, the garden was established as a non-profit corporation and was designated a Preservation Project of the Garden Conservancy, a national organization whose mission is to save and share outstanding American gardens for public benefit.

Hollister House Garden ... Today and Tomorrow

The board of directors of Hollister House Garden, Inc. is responsible for the garden's ongoing welfare, programming, and for its long-term preservation. George Schoellkopf is financially responsible for the upkeep of the garden for the duration of his lifetime, after which time a legally mandated endowment will support the garden.

In addition to an expanded educational program, future plans focus on the eventual opening of the house as a museum with its distinguished collection of 18th and 19th century American furniture and folk art.



Botanical drawing in the garden

Growing for the Future

The Susan Burke Education Fund will be a critical asset in supporting the expansion of our emerging program of classes, lectures and workshops, including events specifically designed for children. The fund will also make possible the hiring of a program coordinator, a crucial prerequisite to the successful achievement of our goals. While continuing to serve as an inspiration for all those who care about the beauty of gardens, Hollister House Garden will now become an important educational resource for the gardening community.

Off to a Strong Start

We were especially gratified by the enthusiastic response to our first full season of programs:

- Pruning tools and techniques
- Fundamentals of botanical drawing
- Principles of garden photography
- Creating natural arrangements from the summer garden
- Sales of rare and unusual plants
- Concerts in the garden

Garden Study Weekend

Our signature program is Garden Study Weekend, held annually in cooperation with the Garden Conservancy since 2008. A day-long symposium with lectures by some of today's most influential voices in the field of horticulture brings together an audience of amateur gardeners and professional horticulturists. Visits to private gardens and a rare plant sale round out a full weekend of exciting events.



Susan's Nantucket garden

The Susan Burke Education Fund



Susan Burke has demonstrated her deep commitment to garden education over many years. She is a founding member of the board of directors of Hollister House Garden, Inc., a board member of the New York Botanical Garden and the Garden Conservancy, a member of the horticulture committee at Wave Hill, and a member of the Bedford, New York Garden Club. Susan gardens

in several locations, including her cottage garden around an 1805 farmhouse in Bedford, her "garden by the sea" on Nantucket Island, and a quasi-Japanese garden at her home in Florida.

With the goal of expanding the educational offerings at Hollister House Garden, Susan has offered a challenge gift of \$50,000, which, when matched by other donations, will establish an initial endowment fund of \$100,000. Earnings from The Susan Burke Education Fund will support educational programs and help ensure that registration fees are kept reasonable.

All donations received in response to the challenge will be managed as a separate, permanently restricted fund by the financial advisory firm that manages other assets of Hollister House Garden, Inc. In accepting this challenge gift, the board of directors affirms its commitment to making Hollister House Garden a key educational resource that will inspire our extended community through a variety of learning and cultural enrichment experiences.

Susan Burke will match all gifts and pledges to the education fund on a dollar-to-dollar basis up to the maximum challenge total of \$50,000. Hollister House Garden, Inc will encourage future gifts to the fund to keep pace with the planned growth of its educational programs.