

THE GARDEN CONSERVANCY

Society of Fellows





We invite you to join our Society of Fellows and be at the heart of the Garden Conservancy's activities! You'll enjoy opportunities for unique engagement in our programs and fellowship with other supporters who share your commitment to the Garden Conservancy's mission: to save and share outstanding American gardens for the education and inspiration of the public.

Society of Fellows members provide vital support for Garden Conservancy programs:



PRESERVATION OF OUTSTANDING AMERICAN GARDENS

By partnering with visionary gardeners, designers, and community leaders, we assist outstanding private gardens on the path to becoming sustainable public gardens and cultural destinations. The Garden Conservancy has helped to save or restore more than 80 significant gardens across the country—many of which are now historic landmarks and thriving community resources. We are working with a growing number of partners to save even more gardens for future generations.



OPEN DAYS PROGRAM

Our Open Days program is America's only national garden-visiting program. Through Open Days, more than one million visitors have explored gardens not usually open to the public. These gardens include some of the nation's most distinctive examples of plant collections, design, and horticultural practice. A national network of hundreds of dedicated volunteers, generous garden hosts, and thousands of visitors makes this sharing and learning experience possible each year.

EDUCATION

Our ongoing program of lectures and symposia features prominent experts and offers horticulturists, landscape professionals, and amateur gardeners alike a source of contemporary ideas relevant to gardening, sustainability, design, and preservation.

Top: Gaiety Hollow, a preservation partner garden of the Garden Conservancy, was the home garden of Elizabeth Lord and Edith Schryver, the first all-female landscape architecture firm in the Pacific Northwest. The property is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Bottom: Since 2015, our Open Days program has offered Digging Deeper educational events at select gardens. "Growing Beautiful Food" with Matthew Benson of Stonegate Farm in Balmville, NY, highlighted how to combine edibles and aesthetics, and how to work with the principles of organic micro-farming.

Cover: Our July 2017 Fellows Tour of Newport, RI, visited the restored Blue Garden and many other gorgeous gardens, both historic and contemporary.



GARDEN-STUDY TOURS

In recognition of their annual support, Fellows are eligible to join several customized garden-study tours each year. The tours showcase remarkable gardens characteristic of the region. They also allow Fellows to explore local architecture, private art collections, and other cultural highlights; enjoy first-class hotels and gracious hosting in private homes; and experience behind-the-scenes tours of public museums, arboretums, and botanical gardens.

Tours for the 2018 season include:

Dallas/Fort Worth, TX April 16–19

Our first tour to this vibrant metropolis will explore gardens in historic urban neighborhoods in Dallas, a stunning garden designed by Russell Page in Fort Worth, world-class botanical gardens, and much more. It will provide an enlightening view into design, botany, and conservation in the urban heart of the Prairies and Lakes region.



Our 2017 garden-study tours explored seaside gardens in Palm Beach, FL (above) and in Newport, RI; high-altitude gardens in the mountains of Sun Valley, ID (top of page); and country gardens in the hills of Litchfield County, CT.

Highlands and Southern Appalachians, NC June 4–8

Our first Fellows tour to western North Carolina will take us to gardens and estates in the Southern Appalachian Mountains as we explore the diverse flora, unique plant communities, and seldom-seen gardens of the region. A highlight will be the Southern Highlands Reserve, a native plant arboretum and research center in Lake Toxaway dedicated to the preservation, cultivation, and display of native plants of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard, and Great Island, MA, July 9–12

Home to the nation's largest concentration of eighteenth-century buildings, miles of pristine beaches, cranberry bogs, and salt marshes, Nantucket is unmatched in its collection of enchanting cottages brimming with window boxes and delightful pocket gardens. We will also travel to Martha's Vineyard and Great Island, a private family compound off the coast of Cape Cod.

Portugal (Porto and Lisbon) October 10–18 and October 20–28

Portugal's rich and fascinating history is reflected in its exuberant gardens where Moorish influences exist alongside Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque, and Neoclassical traditions, as well as modern styles. Our two tours each include four nights in Porto and four nights in Lisbon, the cosmopolitan capital. We will visit gardens of art collectors, designers, and preservationists, and enjoy private tours of exceptional public gardens.



A Garden Conservancy Fellow pauses to smell the roses on our tour of gardens in the Atlanta region.

Join the Society of Fellows and enjoy exclusive benefits:

Sponsor | \$1,500 – \$2,499

Eligibility to participate in Fellows garden-study tours in the United States*

Invitations to day trips, lectures, luncheons and dinners, annual holiday celebrations, and other private events

Unlimited complimentary tickets to Open Days gardens

Subscription to the *Garden Conservancy News* and special Fellows communications

Access to private online Fellows Portal and photo albums

Recognition in the Garden Conservancy Annual Report

Patron | \$2,500 – \$4,999

All the above, plus:

Eligibility to participate in international garden-study tours*

Complimentary Garden Conservancy family membership for a friend or colleague

President's Circle | \$5,000 – \$9,999

All the above, plus:

Private tours of select Garden Conservancy preservation gardens (at request of Fellow)

Chairman's Circle | \$10,000 – \$19,999

Founder's Circle | \$20,000 plus

All the above, plus:

Early priority registration for international garden-study tours

*Space on all tours is limited. Registrations are confirmed on a first-come, first-served basis.

For information about joining the Society of Fellows, contact us at 845.424.6500 (NY) or email membership@gardenconservancy.org



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