

Meet Stephanie Huckestein

our Head Horticulturist. Stephanie joined the garden in June of 2001. A 1998 alumnus of the VT Horticulture program, Stephanie owned her own garden design, installation, and maintenance business. She brings a warm smile, a can-do attitude and lots of practical experience to the Garden.



***The Virginia Tech
Horticulture Garden needs
your help.***

We depend on gifts and donations for our operating budget and on our Garden Volunteers for essential manpower and inspiration.

Check out our website or call Stephanie for specific projects in need of benefactors and volunteer opportunities. Also, please remember the Garden when you are contacted by Virginia Tech fundraising efforts.

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GARDEN NEWS
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Construction and Renovation

Jane Andrews Memorial Stream Garden

The generous donation of Mr. Preston Andrews in honor of his wife, Jane, has made possible the largest Garden project ever - a 200' - long stream featuring a 6' waterfall and Hokie-stone bridge.



Construction has been underway since November with Dr. Robert Wright, Dept. of Horticulture, coordinating this ambitious effort. A large deck overlooking the stream will provide a wonderful gathering place. The planned completion date for this impressive addition to the Garden is late spring, 2002.

New Perennial Border

A circular perennial border now adorns the east side of the Garden. Flower colors will progress in a clock-wise array through a rainbow spectrum. Students in Robert McDuffie's Landscape Construction course built three arbors last spring that offer entrance to the center of soothing green turf. Garden volunteers and Horticulture students helped with the planting in the fall.

Winter Short Courses

Working with plants is a guaranteed cure for the winter blahs. Fee includes all materials but space is limited. For more information and registration call (540) 231-5970, fill out & mail in the enclosed form, or visit our website (www.hort.vt.edu/vthg).

All courses will be held at the Greenhouse Complex classroom, Washington St., Virginia Tech campus.

HANDS-ON SERIES

CREATE A TERRARIUM

Terrariums bring a miniature landscape into your home or office. Learn the basic principles behind a sustainable terrarium. Then, create your own with the materials and plants provided.

Monday, Feb. 25, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. \$30

PRUNE AND TRAIN HOME FRUIT TREES

If you have a home orchard or are thinking of starting one, this class is a must. Learn the principles of pruning — a tree will be provided for your practice. Take home your handiwork as an addition to your orchard.

Saturday, March 9, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon. \$25

ORCHIDS ARE EASY

Don't be intimidated! Orchids make wonderful houseplants. Watch and learn as our orchid expert divides and conquers epiphytic and terrestrial species. Pot up and take home your own orchid.

Monday, March 11, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. \$25

PROPAGATING INDOOR PLANTS

Fast and reliable propagation techniques you can use to make more of your favorite house plants. Plenty of hands-on practice and lots to take home.

Monday, March 18, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. \$20

HOME LANDSCAPE SERIES

Coming this spring: Four consecutive courses that will teach you how to make your home landscape the best it can be! **Sign up early - these classes will fill up fast!** Courses run from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., all in the Greenhouse classroom. Just \$30 each or \$100 for all four courses. All proceeds go to the Garden.

Landscape Design — Robert McDuffie, MLA

Learn the basics of residential landscape design with special emphasis on problem-solving and maintenance considerations. Monday, March 25

Woody Ornamentals — Dr. Alex Niemiera

Woody plants provide essential structure for a beautiful and functional landscape. Learn all about the best trees, shrubs and groundcovers for our area. Monday, April 1

Annuals and Perennials — Dr. Holly Scoggins

Annuals and perennials come in an amazing array of colors, shapes and forms. How to select and grow old favorites and new introductions. Monday, April 8

Landscape Establishment and Maintenance — Dr. Roger Harris

The inside dirt on planting, transplanting, pruning, and fertilizing to keep your plants happy and your landscape looking great. Monday, April 15

Other News and Notes

Be sure to get a **Visitor's Pass** from the VT Visitor's Center on Southgate to display when visiting the gardens weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Book the gardens now for **weddings** and other special events - dates are filling up fast!

Garden tours are great fun for young and old alike - call Stephanie to book one for your group.

Mark your calendar for the **Spring Plant Sale!** This hugely popular event is put on by the VT Horticulture Club and the Garden. May 9, 10 & 12.