

Our Summer Interns

Written by Lisa Lipsey

We have two great summer interns this year, Carley Pavan and Faith Taylor.

Carley, the M. Evans Memorial Internship recipient, has two degrees from Virginia Tech – an Associates in Agricultural Technology and a Bachelors in Agricultural Sciences with a minor in Horticulture. Along with working at the Hahn Garden this summer, she has begun her graduate studies for a Master's of Science in Education. Her plan is to become a middle or high school Ag Teacher. Carley grew up in Fauquier Co. and enjoys drawing and painting, and shows world caliber Morgan horses at a national level. Carley loves interacting with Garden visitors and enjoys the hands-on learning while creating lasting views and venues.

Faith, the Mike and Susie Hildebrand Landscape Internship recipient, is a senior working on her BS in Horticulture and will be pursuing a career in Horticulture Therapy. She is from Patrick County, active in Future Farmers of America and The Marching Virginians where she is a Captain in the Flag Corps. In her free-time she enjoys painting, hiking throughout Virginia, and working on her family's cattle farm.

Also helping us this summer is Tim Bell who graduated in May with a BS in Horticulture, and was an intern last year. We greatly appreciate his knowledge and experience especially when preparing for events such as the Plant Sale and the Garden Gala, and for all the tasks associated with the continued maintenance of the Hahn Garden. Tim has accepted a position with Battlefield Farms, the largest plant production facility in Virginia. We wish him the best.



Carley Pavan and Faith Taylor.



Tim Bell

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The 2017 Garden Gala

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Thanks to everyone who attended this year's 13th annual Garden Gala. The weather was perfect, the food delicious (especially the candied bacon and trout cheesecake), auction items fun and inspiring, people greeting people and conversations flowing. A most wonderful night in the Hahn Garden, all to help us sustain and grow.

There were many who chose to sponsor the Gala, going above the price of tickets to provide funds that help pay for student workers, garden maintenance, equipment purchases, plant acquisitions and construction of new garden features. Sponsorships increased by \$5000 from the previous year, to an all-time high of \$19,500.

Both the silent and live auctions did very well also. The silent auction brought in more than \$3700 and the live auction added another \$2515. A great indication of how well the auctions did is to look at % of value. This year was the highest % on average – silent auction items were purchased at 88% of their value and live auction items were purchased at 98% of their value. I would love for everyone who receives this newsletter to start thinking about auction items for next year's Gala. What new and exciting (and expensive) things can you think for that might be donated to the cause? Please contact me with your ideas and connections – llipsey@vt.edu.

In summary, after accounting for all Gala expenses, together we are responsible for a net profit of over \$12,000. I would love to see this increase next year which we can do by increasing sponsorships, by getting more people to attend, and by having a number of high value auction items.

Thanks again from all of us at the Hahn Garden. We are proud of what we do and the people who make this Garden possible – you.

**Visit our 2017 Gala album:
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Plant Profiles

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***Deschampsia cespitosa* 'Goldtau' – Tufted Hair Grass**

I just love this diminutive, seldom-used grass for the shade garden. Yes, a grass for light shade – something other than the invasive Northern Sea Oats, *Chasmanthium latifolium*, and in addition to *Hakonechloa* species. Not a sexy, show stopper of a plant, but one that adds dimension, movement and that lovely airy texture when woven among bolder foliaged plants such as *Bergenia*, *Pulmonaria* and *Brunnera*. It looks best when planted in mass and spreads slowly to become a living mulch.

'Goldtau' Tufted Hair Grass is a prolific bloomer with golden yellow flowers beginning in late June and lasting through September. It is a cool season, semi-evergreen grass that is a clump former reaching about 12-24" tall; hardy in zones 4-9. Come out to see our group at the Hahn Garden as you stroll through the Trident Maple allee.



***Petunia* hybrid Crazytunia® Blackberry Cheesecake**



One of my favorite annuals this year, Blackberry Cheesecake is a duo-tone, plum with a splash of yellow, free-flowering petunia that is nice for containers, hanging baskets or planted in the ground. The Crazytunia® group of petunias has some wild colored flowers. Check out other colors here: loghouseplants.com/plants/product-tag/crazytunia/.

Which one would you like to see in the Hahn Garden next year?

HHG Staff News



Pictured left to right are Lisa Lipsey, Paul Chumbley, Alan Grant, and Richard Veilleux

Congratulations to the June Employee of the Month – Paul Chumbley, Horticulturist with Department of Horticulture

Paul's nominator praised his work ethic and attitude:

He makes hard work fun. With a positive attitude and a smile, Paul comes everyday to work at the Hahn Horticulture Garden with a willingness to help his co-workers, to guide and instruct student interns and volunteers, and to work diligently to make the Hahn Garden the most beautiful place on the Virginia Tech campus.

In addition to his prescribed work, Paul has over the years mentored numerous students, not just those pursuing a horticulture degree, but many from diverse backgrounds and disciplines. He instructs students in Public Garden Maintenance and Landscape Construction classes as they work in the Hahn Garden on specific maintenance and expansion projects. He guides student interns and workers showing by example how best to accomplish tasks, giving them invaluable real-world experience.

... He makes annual events - such as the spring Plant Sale in partnership with The Horticulture Club, our Garden Gala, our Art in the Garden exhibit, and our Christmas Open House - happen with ease and enthusiasm. He is inventive when problem solving, respectful of his co-workers, and proud of his work here at Virginia Tech. He stays current in his job by attending seminars and classes outside the University, traveling to industry trade shows, and visiting industry leaders in our state.

Welcome Brianna Wills, our new Event Assistant!

We are excited to welcome Bri Wills to the Hahn Garden staff as our new part-time Event Assistant. Bri grew up in the New River Valley and has a B.S. in Sustainable Development from Appalachian State University. After graduating Bri spent time working a variety of seasonal positions ranging from forestry, invasive plant removal, and even as a wrangler on a ranch owned by the Nature Conservancy! Bri is happy to be back in Blacksburg working at the Hahn Garden. You'll also find her working at Stonecrop Farm and in her free time Bri enjoys putting in her garden at home, climbing, and taking her dog mountain biking.



Events at the Hahn

Visit the gardens of Elissa Steeves

Thursday, August 10, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Join the staff of the Hahn Garden for a visit to the beautiful and eclectic gardens of Elissa Steeves. Her gardens have been featured in Southern Living magazine! We will have a van to carpool since parking is tight. Please contact Stephanie by Tuesday August 8th at 5pm if you plan to attend (vtgarden@vt.edu or 540-231-5970). Maximum of 20 people (15 for van). No cost to attend.

Simply Elemental: Garden Variety

August 1 - September 30, 2017

September 1, reception

This year's theme, Garden Variety, concerns itself with the diverse and the eclectic, the variety that grows in the common soil of southwestern Virginia. Thirty-five jury-selected works will be displayed throughout the six-acre garden. The exhibit will be on display August 1 - September 30th.

Visit <http://tiny.cc/elemental17> to learn more.

Become a Friend of the Garden and enjoy our member discounts (visit our web site for a membership form).

For up to date information on all Garden events, please visit www.hort.vt.edu/hhg/events



Shows for 2017

July - August	Aileen Fletcher
Sept - Oct	Joe Kelly
Nov - Dec	Pat West

Photograph by Aileen Fletcher

Membership Renewals

It's that time of year when the Hahn Horticulture Garden has its big membership drive. If you are a member, thank you, and please check the expiration date on your membership card to see if it's time for your renewal. If you have any questions, please contact me, Lisa Lipsey, at llipsey@vt.edu.

If you know of anyone who would like to become a member, please pass on the benefits of being so and encourage others to join. Individuals and families renewing at all levels receive the following benefits:

- Our newsletter, *Garden Leaflet*
- Discounts on classes, seminars, workshops and special events offered through the Hahn Garden
- A 10% discount on woody plants at the spring plant sale
- Free admission and discounts with your membership card to more than 300 gardens & arboreta across North America through the American Horticultural Society's Reciprocal Gardens program
- Knowing that you are helping the Hahn Garden with daily operations & continued growth

Memberships help us purchase plants – the succulents in the pavilion urns, annuals in the hanging baskets on the pavilion and the kiosk, the beautiful tulip bulbs in the Washington Street beds and around the Garden, the *Deschampsia* described in the Plant Profile article to follow, the ornamental peppers, Chilly Chili, planted in the Edible Garden, and so many more. Memberships help us offer programs such as Learn at Lunch, our outdoor art exhibit, Simply Elemental, workshops and garden tours.

Our goal is to increase membership and support for the Hahn Horticulture Garden so that we may plan and implement new projects and improvements, and continue to offer great programs. Last year's memberships totaled \$8820. I would like to strive for \$10,000 for 2017. Since January 1st our total is \$2620, so with half the year gone (wow!), we still have quite a way to go.

-Lisa Lipsey

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Print name _____
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I would like to become (or renew as) a Friend of the Garden with a gift of:

- Individual membership: \$35
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- Garden Benefactor membership: \$250
- Garden Patron membership: \$500
- Garden Ambassador membership: \$1,000 (your name added to our donor plaque)

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Thank you!

Note: You can join at anytime with your membership expiring one year from the end of the month that you join.

Membership card: Please allow two to four weeks for delivery of your new membership card. Your contribution may be tax deductible. Because you receive some benefits from your gift, IRS rules may limit the deductible portion to 80 percent of the amount contributed. We recommend you consult your tax adviser to determine how the tax laws may affect you.

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