

Your Home Garden: Bridging the Nature — Culture Divide

PITTSBURGH – June 21, 2013 – On July 11th, the Pittsburgh Botanic Garden is pleased to present renowned horticulturalist and photographer Rick Darke, author of “The Wild Garden: Expanded Edition” and “The American Woodland Garden: Capturing the Spirit of the Deciduous Forest,” and other books. The event begins at 7:00 p.m. at the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott where he’ll share how Pittsburgh homeowners can bridge the Nature – Culture divide. Rick will place the Pittsburgh Botanic Garden’s inspired vision in world context in his engaging and entertaining presentation.



Mr. Darke is a widely published author, photographer, lecturer and consultant focused on regional landscape design, planning, conservation, and enhancement. Blending art, ecology, and cultural geography, Darke is dedicated to the design and stewardship of livable landscapes. He has studied and photographed North American plants in their habitats for over 30 years. A broadly knowledgeable horticulturalist, Darke has traveled extensively in both hemispheres, exploring diverse ecologies and cultural landscapes in search of ideas to enrich the global garden.



“The Pittsburgh Botanic Garden embraces Rick Darke’s philosophy in connecting cultural history with modern ecologies. This is demonstrated in the first garden under construction, The Woodlands of the World Garden, to be opened to the general public in 2014,” notes the



Garden's President, Greg Nace. The Woodlands of the World Garden has three miles of walking paths and features five distinct areas – the Appalachian, English, Eastern European, Asian and a Cove Forest. The Trail will showcase temperate forest species, restore the native habitat and promote biodiversity. Peek & Preview Tours are presently available for those wishing to see the first stages of development.

Tickets for the presentation are required and can be purchased online at www.pittsburghbotanicgarden.org or by calling 412-444-4464. Cost is \$25 (\$20 for Pittsburgh Botanic Garden members).

The Pittsburgh Botanic Garden's mission is to inspire people to grow through immersion in a world of natural outdoor wonder to nourish mind, body and spirit. When completed the Garden will be comprised of 18 distinct gardens, five diverse woodland experiences, a visitor's center, an amphitheater for outdoor concerts and performances, a celebration center to accommodate

large outdoor or indoor weddings and corporate events, and a center for botanic research.

The creation of the Garden demonstrates responsible environmental stewardship of the land and an outdoor venue to teach children to appreciate, respect and protect the beauty of our environment, preserving it for future generations. For more information about supporting the Pittsburgh Botanic Garden, visit www.pittsburghbotanicgarden.org.

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