Chanticleer Announces the Latest Chanticleer Scholars

WAYNE, PA — February 7, 2024 — The Chanticleer Foundation Board of Directors announces the latest recipients of the Chanticleer Scholarship in Professional Development.



Carly Still

Carly Still, Managing Horticulturist at The Met Cloisters in New York City, will attend a Garden Symposium at Great Dixter and while in the United Kingdom she will visit several gardens that manage historic plant collections similar to the gardens she manages at Cloisters. Following her time in England, she will guest garden with the staff at Chanticleer.

Jim Salyards, Director of
Horticulture at Filoli (Woodside,
CA), will take a focused garden
tour through the United Kingdom and

meet with garden leaders to study how British gardens are managed.



Jim Salyards



Michele Lesica

Michele Lesica, Garden Design & Aesthetic Curator at the Idaho Botanical Garden, is pursuing her registered horticultural therapist

certification. The Scholarship will support her enrollment in Therapeutic Horticulture courses at North Carolina Botanical Garden, training in Psychology at Boise State University, and subsequent travel to meet with horticultural therapy experts in North Carolina, Oregon, and Colorado.

Rebecca Turk, Director of Learning and Public Engagement

at the Huntsville (AL) Botanical Garden, will use the Scholarship to complete the Executive Scholar Certificate in Nonprofit Management at the Kellogg School of Management. During the program, Rebecca will spend time learning from the staff at The Morton Arboretum and Chicago Botanic Garden.



Rebecca Turk

The Chanticleer Scholarship promotes creativity and leadership by providing professional development opportunities for public garden staff. The Scholarship has two core components;

academic study to improve leadership skills and support of travel to meet with leaders to build on that academic experience. Each Scholar will visit public gardens, including Chanticleer, a 35-acre pleasure garden in Wayne, PA. The next scholarship application deadlines are July 1, and November 1, 2024.