

Chanticleer Announces new Chanticleer Scholars

Wayne, PA – The Chanticleer Foundation Board of Directors announces the latest recipients of the Chanticleer Scholarship in Professional Development.



Andre ten Dam, Director of Volunteer & Guest Services, Bloedel Reserve(location) will participate in the Guest Experience Academy offered by Longwood Gardens in March 2015, and attend Volunteer Engagement training offered by the American Public Gardens Association in September 2015. Through the Scholarship, Andre seeks to enhance the guest experience and expand volunteer program at Bloedel Reserve.

Jennifer Williams, Curator of the Shakespeare Garden & Fragrance Garden, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, will participate in the *Symposium: the Art of Gardening at Great Dixter* with Fergus Garrett in September 2015. Jennifer aims to expand her existing knowledge of traditional English gardening techniques, history, and maintenance through the Scholarship.



Kelly Ann Fernandez, Herb Gardener, The Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens(location), will pursue the Chicago Botanic Garden's Horticulture Therapy Certificate Program. The three-semester certificate program will further Kelly's work using horticulture as a tool for therapeutic practices. Kelly plans to implement this new information through gardening, offering workshops, and volunteering within the community. The Scholarship will support Kelly's professional growth as she works to contribute to positive change both in the garden and with guests and participants who come in contact with her work.

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Panayoti Kelaidis, Senior Curator and Director of Outreach, Denver Botanic Gardens, will complete a comparative study of flora in the Thessalian (Greece) and Turkish Olympus regions in July 2015. The study consists of climbing Mt. Olymbos (in Thessaly, Greece) and Ulu Dag (in Turkey) to compile a comparative list of plants of ornamental potential on the two mountains and compare their ecology and floristics. This will be the first formal exploration trip to Greece and Turkey for the staff at Denver Botanic Garden. Panayoti anticipates that this trip will better understand 1) what is currently in horticultural collections, 2) what could be targeted in the future, and 2) develop a relationship with Greek and Turkish botanists to facilitate the exchange of germplasm.



Also awarded in 2014:

Anthony Aiello, the Gayle E. Maloney Director of Horticulture and Curator at the Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Olwen Grace, PhD, Research Scientist, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Surrey, England
Kris Bachtell, Vice President of Collections and Facilities, Morton Arboretum, Lisle, Illinois

The Chanticleer Scholarship promotes creativity and leadership by providing professional development opportunities for public garden staff. It 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 has the opportunity to visit other gardens, including Chanticleer, a 35-acre pleasure garden in Wayne, PA. The next scholarship application deadlines are July 1, 2015 and November 1, 2015.

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