

Chanticleer Announces the Fall 2014 Chanticleer Scholars

Wayne, PA – The Chanticleer Foundation Board of Directors announces the fall 2014 recipients of the Chanticleer Scholarship in Professional Development.

Anthony Aiello, the Gayle E. Maloney Director of Horticulture and Curator at the Morris



Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania, was awarded the scholarship to pursue a plant-collecting project that investigates whether the diversity of cultivated *Acer griseum* plants currently propagated in the United States are a sufficient genetic representation of what is present in wild populations. Anthony will pursue this research in collaboration with Kris Bachtell, Vice President of Collections and Facilities at the Morton Arboretum.

Kris Bachtell was also awarded the Chanticleer Scholarship in pursuit of the *Acer griseum* conservation project. The project requires travel to the UK and China to collect leaf tissue and herbarium samples. The travel will take place over the summers of 2014 and 2015. Many gardens in various regions are providing access to their plant collections and the project supports the Global Trees Campaign, dedicated to saving the world's threatened tree species, a joint initiative between Fauna & Flora International and Botanic Gardens Conservation International..



Olwen Grace, PhD, a research scientist at Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, will use the scholarship to undertake field work in the desert regions of Arizona and California over a 6-week time frame and in collaboration with the Desert Botanic Garden. Olwen will conduct field research on succulent plants and desert flora, as well as explore the day-to-day dynamics and challenges of managing a research team. Olwen also plans to travel through the southwest to survey other succulent collections at public gardens in the region.

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.