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Chanticleer Staff Recognized by the Garden Writers Association



Thursday September 30, 2010, Wayne, PA - Chanticleer is proud to announce that



Horticulturist Dan Benarcik was elected as a Regional Director for the Garden Writers Association (GWA) at the 62nd Annual Symposium this year in Dallas TX. Dan was nominated to serve as one of two Directors for Region II, the Eastern region of the U.S. The primary responsibility of Regional Director is to organize regional meetings and to develop programs for the members in their region. Dan has been an active member of GWA for several years and helped organize the 2006 national symposium in Philadelphia. Others in GWA recognized early on that he possesses the skill and personality to succeed in a leadership role and in the election he

received enthusiastic support. Chanticleer also supports him in this venture and is a frequent sponsor of GWA educational sessions.

At the 2010 GWA Award Program, the Chanticleer Foundation's Executive Director, R. William Thomas, was elected as a GWA Fellow. This honor recognizes Bill for his professional ethics and dedication to the objectives of GWA. Fellows are nominated by the membership, recommended by the Honors Committee and elected by the Board of Directors. Bill has been an active member to GWA for nearly 20 years. He served as National Vice-President in 2003, Treasurer 2001-2003, Secretary 1999-2001, and was a National Director 1993-1996. He was the local Chair for the 2000 National Symposium.



Two Chanticleer instructors were honored this year by GWA; Photographers Linda and Alan Detrick were accepted into the GWA Hall of Fame, the highest level of recognition awarded by GWA for individuals whose life and career has best reflected and advanced the objectives of GWA. Also recognized this year at the Media Award Program was Roger Foley for Best Photography in the book, *A Clearing in the Woods: Creating Contemporary Gardens*, published by Monacelli Press. Photography Workshops are hosted annually at Chanticleer Garden. For more information on this workshop and other programs hosted at Chanticleer, please visit our website at, <http://www.chanticleergarden.org/workshops.html>.

The GWA is an organization of professional communicators in the horticulture industry that provides opportunities for education, recognition and professional development. The objectives are to provide public education on gardening, horticulture, and environmental issues and to increase public awareness on a variety of gardening topics. More information about this organization can be found at, <http://www.gardenwriters.org/gwa.php?p=index.html>.

Chanticleer is a 35-acre pleasure garden in Wayne, Pennsylvania, about 30 minutes west of Philadelphia. For more information on the garden, visit the garden's website www.chanticleergarden.org.

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