

Chanticleer Announces New Book

The Chanticleer Foundation in Wayne, PA announces the publication of *The Art of Gardening: Design Inspiration and Innovative Planting Techniques from Chanticleer*, a major new book chronicling a behind-the-scenes approach to garden design. Written by the Gardeners of Chanticleer and R. William Thomas, it features photographs by renowned photographer Rob Cardillo.

The Art of Gardening (ISBN-10: 1604695447; Chanticleer; dist. Timber Press) is a spectacularly illustrated 336-page book revealing the techniques and inspiration that make the gardens at Chanticleer one of a kind. Inside its pages, the book describes the intention, creativity and thought behind the plantings at Chanticleer.

This book tells the story of how to garden from the perspective of the gardeners. It offers suggestions for how to create garden rooms, establish naturalized bulb meadows, and implement unique plant combinations, all while simultaneously tying the entire garden together to be one symphonic experience. The book is written for the home gardener, horticultural enthusiast, and plant geek – each audience will glean useful ideas from its pages.

"This book is meant to be a conversation between our staff and you," says Bill Thomas, Executive Director and Head Gardener. The Chanticleer Gardeners were interested in creating a resource to provide instruction and insight on their most reliable gardening practices. Rob Cardillo's photography accompanies the text and illustrates the various techniques supplied by the gardeners.

Authors of the book will present the annual Chanticleer Lecture at the Radnor Memorial Library in Wayne in Spring 2016 in the Windsor Room.

Chanticleer is a 35-acre pleasure garden located 30-minutes west of Philadelphia, open Wednesdays through Sundays, 10am to 5pm. The last day of the 2015 season is Sunday, November 1 and reopens Wednesday, March 30, 2016. For more information please visit, chanticleergarden.org.

About the Author

R. William Thomas is the executive director of the Chanticleer Foundation. Thomas came to Chanticleer after a 26-year career at Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, where he worked in various roles in horticulture, design, and education.

Rob Cardillo has professionally photographed plants, gardens and the people that tend them for over twenty years. Formally the Director of Photography at Organic Gardening Magazine, he now works for major publishers, landscape designers and horticultural suppliers.