

Four Receive Chanticleer Scholarships for Professional Development

Wayne, PA - The Chanticleer Foundation is pleased to announce the following recipients of the Chanticleer Scholarship in Professional Development:



Nicole Juday, Landscape Curator, The Wyck Association, Philadelphia, PA, participated in the recent Garden Writers Association annual symposium in Indianapolis. The Scholarship is helping Ms. Juday develop her writing and public relations skills. She is also learning how to create a photo database, optimize search engines, and how to use new technology as a garden writer.

Phyllis Odessey, Director of Horticulture, Randall's Island Park, New York, NY, will travel to the United Kingdom to study with meadow expert James Hitchmough, professor of horticultural ecology at Sheffield University. She will use the Scholarship to learn more about sustainable gardening in urban parks and will visit Sheffield Park, Wisley, and Nymans. Randall's Island serves the East Harlem and South Bronx communities.

Andrew Schmitz, Director of Horticulture and General Manager, The Brenton Arboretum, Dallas Center, IA, attended the Plant Exploration and Importation APGA Symposium at the Quarryhill Botanical Garden in Glen Ellen, CA. One of Mr. Schmitz's current projects is assembling the various genotypes of *Gymnocladus dioicus*.



Chad E. Washburn, Director of Conservation and Education, Naples Botanical Garden, Naples, FL, plans to attend the Getty Leadership Institute's *Museum Leaders: The Next Generation* in spring 2012. Mr. Washburn also will study mission-based programming at several gardens with collections focused on native flora.

These individuals join previous and current Chanticleer Scholars: Tim Boland, Polly Hill Arboretum; Andrew Bunting, Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College; Connie Cottingham, State Botanical Garden of Georgia; Mark Dwyer, Rotary Botanical Gardens; Andrew Hill, University of British Columbia Botanical Garden; Brian Houck, Lincoln Park Zoo; Stephanie Jutila, American Horticultural Society; Jennifer Lee, Missouri Botanical Garden; MaryLynn Mack, Desert Botanical Garden; Adrienne Roethling, Paul J. Ciener Botanical Garden; Ian Simpkins, Vizcaya Museum and Gardens; Brian Sullivan, Descanso Gardens; and Zhanna Yermakov, Chicago Park District.

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 November 1, 2011 and July 1, 2012.

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