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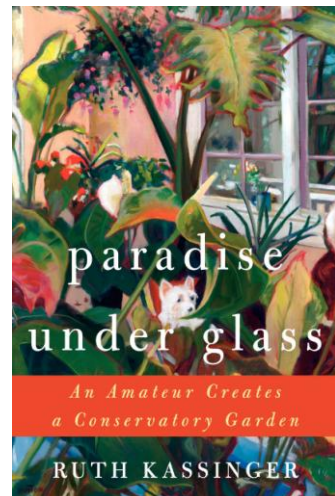
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***Paradise Under Glass* Author Ruth Kassinger to Speak May 4 at Adkins Arboretum**

Chronicle one gardener's journey from brown thumb to green when author Ruth Kassinger presents *Paradise Under Glass* on Sat., May 4 at Adkins Arboretum.

Like many baby boomers in middle age, Kassinger was at an emotional crossroads. Confronted by numerous challenges, she was searching for a way forward. One cold, gray evening, flooded with thoughts of change and loss, she wandered into the U.S. Botanic Garden's conservatory—and a dream was born. Dazzled by the vast and dense tangle of greenery, she began a quest to create a verdant sanctuary of her own at her home in suburban Washington, D.C.

In this lecture, Kassinger will take participants step by step, from the construction of her conservatory through her efforts to identify the easiest to grow, most beautiful houseplants. In chronicling her journey to create her own tropical refuge, she also provides a lively narrative tour of the glasshouses of the past, including Renaissance orangeries, the whimsical follies of Georgian England, the legendary Crystal Palace, and selected Victorian ferneries. Throughout, she shares the knowledge and insights that creating and sustaining her garden has bestowed, lessons of loss and letting go,



nurturing and rebirth, challenge and change, love and serenity. *Paradise Under Glass* is the remarkable story of the fruition of a dream that is sure to inspire.

Kassinger's 90-minute talk begins at 1 p.m. The program fee is \$15 for members, \$20 for the general public. Register at adkinsarboretum.org or by calling 410-634-2847, ext. 0.

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Adkins Arboretum is a 400-acre native garden and preserve at the headwaters of the Tuckahoe Creek in Caroline County. Open year round, the Arboretum offers educational programs for all ages about nature and gardening. Through its [Campaign to Build a Green Legacy](#), it will build the [W. Flaccus and Ruth B. Stifel Center at Adkins Arboretum](#) and a "green" entranceway to broaden educational offerings and research initiatives promoting best practices in conservation and land stewardship. For additional information about Arboretum programs, visit www.adkinsarboretum.org or call 410-634-2847, ext. 0.

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