

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Learn about Planting in a Post-Wild World at Adkins Arboretum's Fifth Annual Symposium

*Program is Sept. 27 at Oxford Community Center*

We live in a global city with few wild places remaining. Planting designers have the opportunity and responsibility to return wildness and ecological value to the landscape, but this challenge requires a new form of design that works with natural principles and marries horticulture and ecology. Join Adkins Arboretum's fifth annual symposium, [Planting in a Post-Wild World](#), to learn how native plants will fit into the future landscape and how design strategies based on plant communities can help your next planting project meet aesthetic and ecological goals.

Speakers for the symposium, offered on Sun., Sept. 27 in partnership with the Garden Club of the Eastern Shore, are Claudia West and Thomas Rainer, co-authors of *Planting in a Post-Wild World*, forthcoming from Timber Press.

West, a sought-after speaker on plant community-based design and the application of natural color theories to planting design, is ecological sales manager at North Creek Nurseries, a wholesale perennial grower in Landenberg, Penn. She holds a master's degree in landscape architecture and regional planning from the Technical University of Munich, Germany. Her work is centered on the development of stable, layered planting designs and the desire to make native plants widely acceptable and return them to the American landscape.

Rainer is a registered landscape architect, teacher and writer living in Arlington, Va. He is a passionate advocate for an ecologically expressive design ethic that interprets nature rather than imitating it. He has



designed landscapes for the U.S. Capitol grounds, the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial and The New York Botanical Garden, as well as more than 80 gardens from Main to Florida. He teaches planting design at George Washington University and blogs regularly at the award-winning site [Grounded Design](#).

**Planting in a Post-Wild World will be held Sun., Sept. 27 at 1 p.m. at the [Oxford Community Center](#), 200 Oxford Road, Oxford, Md.** A book signing and light refreshments will follow the program, and native plants will be available for purchase. Proceeds benefit the Garden Club of the Eastern Shore Scholarship Fund and Adkins Arboretum. Tickets are \$40 and may be reserved at [adkinsarboretum.org](http://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. For additional information about Arboretum programs, visit [adkinsarboretum.org](http://adkinsarboretum.org) or call 410-634-2847, ext. 0.*

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