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## Wave Hill Announces its 2023 Horticultural Lectures *Longstanding Series Starts Virtually, Ends Onsite at Wave Hill*

Bronx, NY, November 29, 2022—A public garden in the Bronx, Wave Hill is delighted to announce its 2023 annual series of horticultural lectures. Curated by Director of Horticulture Cathy Deutsch and Wave Hill's Friends of Horticulture, the series opens with two lectures on Zoom, and a final lecture at Wave Hill. This year, the series highlights the horticultural ideals of irrepressible garden-makers who not only cultivate an ambitious variety of plants but arrange them into artful compositions that defy boundaries and exceed expectations. Each presentation challenges conventional practice to bold and memorable result.

The ticket price for each virtual lecture is \$20. The ticket price for the third and final lecture, at Wave Hill, is \$30, including admission to the grounds. Tickets on sale Thursday, December 1.

### **Wed, January 18, 2023, 6:00PM EST (on Zoom)—Far Reaches: Exploration and Conservation Inform Garden Design**

**Sue Milliken** and **Kelly Dodson**, owners of rare-plant nursery Far Reaches Farm and founders of the Far Reaches Botanical Conservancy, collect and cultivate thousands of rare, exotic, native and cultivated ornamentals, many of which are imperiled in their provenance. Using the lens of their many, inspiring global expeditions, this talk explores their personal style as plant obsessive-compulsive collectors, where pride of place in planting is as much the backstory as the beauty. They will highlight the bones of two new gardens under construction, a crevice garden and a contemporary take on a lath-house shade garden. Sue Milliken and Kelly Dodson, who met on a seed-collecting expedition to Yunnan in 1997, founded Far Reaches Botanical Conservancy in 2017 to help ensure that at-risk plants would be conserved and distributed to various institutions, to broaden education and understanding in more diverse communities, and build a sustainable model for ensuring the long-term viability of plants collections.

### **Wed, February 15, 2023, 6:00PM EST (on Zoom)—Timelines: Glen Villa's Quest to Make History Visible through Design**

**Patterson Webster** began gardening on her 750-acre landscape as many do, by borrowing from conventional approaches and traditional principles. Once embarked, however, her inquisitive mind and love of exploration inspired her to examine the history and composition of her land. With a fresh perspective, Webster brings the garden to life with a language and voice distinctly its own. Her new book, *Autobiography of a Garden*, identifies events and risks taken that mark her place within the garden's complex timeline. Patterson Webster is a visual artist, garden designer and writer. Her garden, Glen Villa, in the Eastern Townships of Quebec, was conceived as a dialogue with the 750-acre property. For 25 years, she has interrogated the landscape and has developed a garden that personifies the history and spirit of place in significant new ways.

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**Wed, March 29, 2023, 2:00PM EST (at Wave Hill)—  
The Curious Plantsman: Challenging Convention—  
Plant Trials by Design**

**Matt Mattus** is a creative who cannot stop growing. With an inherent curiosity that challenges conventional wisdom and seeks out the obscure, Matt experiments with classic and current horticultural methods to find which has merit and which misleads. His research has also identified “secret recipes” that could improve the results of what you’re growing in your own garden. Matt will reveal his methods for seed-sown annuals, delphiniums from cuttings, demystifying South African bulbs and cyclamen and more. Matt Mattus began gardening at age 10 on his three-generation family's two-acre garden in Worcester, MA. Matt’s fans enjoy following his wide array of horticultural obsessions, which range from collecting alpinas and rare bulbs, to raising unusual vegetables and 19th-century conservatory plants. He is the past president of the North American Rock Garden Society, and the author of two books. A reception with light refreshments will follow this talk.

Tickets at [2023 Horticultural Lectures - Wave Hill](#).



Sue Milliken and Kelly Dodson



Photo of Patterson Webster: Gillian Webster

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A 28-acre public garden and cultural center overlooking the Hudson River and Palisades, Wave Hill's mission is to celebrate the artistry and legacy of its gardens and landscapes, to preserve its magnificent views, and to explore human connections to the natural world through programs in horticulture, education and the arts.

HOURS: Open all year, Tuesday–Sunday, 10AM–4:30PM. Glyndor Gallery hours: 10AM–4:00PM

ADMISSION TO THE GROUNDS: \$10 adults, \$6 students and seniors 65+, \$4 children 6-18. Free Thursdays. Free to members, children under 6.

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