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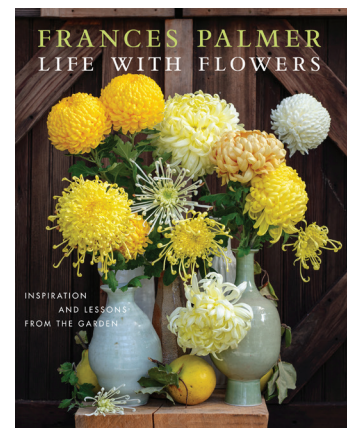
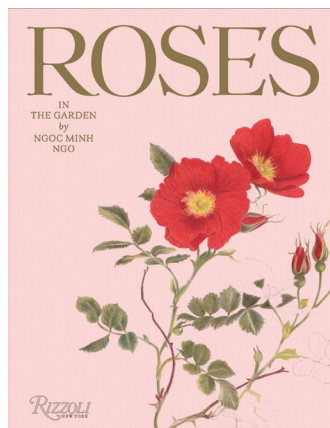
Flower Powers: Join Renowned Authors for a Fresh Look at the Culture of Flowers at Wave Hill's Spring Lecture Luncheon

Annual Benefit Event features Brenna Estrada, Ngoc Minh Ngo, and Frances Palmer in conversation with Stephen Orr

Bronx, NY, February 19, 2025 — Wave Hill invites flower enthusiasts to an inspiring afternoon featuring Brenna Estrada, Ngoc Minh Ngo, and Frances Palmer. In conversation led by Stephen Orr, this exceptional panel of authors will explore the practical and profound impact of flowers in our lives.

The annual Spring Lecture Luncheon will take place on March 19 at Wave Hill's enchanting gardens. The luncheon will begin at 12:00PM, with program to follow.

Attendees will have the opportunity to engage with these experts, gaining fresh insights into the world of flowers, and hear more from their captivating new books inspiring flower lovers of all backgrounds.



Books will be available for sale or pre-order, including Estrada's *Pansies: How to Grow, Reimagine, and Create Beauty with Pansies and Violas* (Timber Press); Ngo's *Roses in the Garden* (Rizzoli) and Palmer's *Life with Flowers: Inspiration and Lessons from the Garden* (Artisan).

Organized by Wave Hill's Friends of Horticulture, proceeds from this benefit event will directly support the garden, including its renowned John Nally Internship Program, which trains the next generation of gardeners.

Tickets for the Spring Lecture Luncheon start at \$500 with table prices beginning at \$5000. RSVP by March 5. For tickets and more information, visit wavehill.org or contact support@wavehill.org or call 718.549.3200 x333.

About the Panelists



Brenna Estrada is an accomplished flower farmer who has built a dedicated following through the sharing of her extensive collection of pansies. Raised in the Pacific Northwest in the shadow of the Cascade Mountains, Estrada spent her childhood hiking mossy trails sheltered by towering pines and abundant flora. After serving 5 years in the United States Marine Corps and 16 years as a 911 call taker and police dispatcher, Estrada took a position at Floret where her knowledge and passion grew, for pansies especially. Every year Estrada trials around 100 different varieties of pansies and violas to find those with the most exceptional colors, fragrance, and stem length. Her pansies have drawn the attention of growers and artists from all over the world. She continues to share her passion with others and is working to make seeds for the specialty varieties more accessible to both small-scale growers and home gardeners. She currently resides on a lovely little island with her husband and three boys.

Ngoc Minh Ngo is considered one of the most poetic landscape and botanical photographers in the world. Ngoc's work has appeared in such magazines as *The World of Interiors*, *T Magazine*, *Vogue*, *Architectural Digest*, *Cabana* and *House & Garden UK*. Other than *Roses in the Garden*, she is the author of five books: *The House of a Lifetime*, *Eden Revisited*, *In Bloom* and *Bringing Nature Home*, published by Rizzoli and *New York Green*, published by Artisan.



Frances Palmer, author of *Life in the Studio* and the forthcoming *Life with Flowers*, is a potter known for her handmade functional ceramics, a gardener known especially for her dahlias, and a photographer who finds her greatest inspiration where her flowers meet her pots. Her work has been featured in *T: The New York Times Style Magazine*, *Vogue*, *Elle Décor*, *Martha Stewart Living*, *The World of Interiors*, *House & Garden*, *British House & Garden*, and *Veranda*, among other publications. She lives, works, and gardens in Weston, Connecticut.

Stephen Orr, a distinguished book author and magazine editor, will moderate the discussion. Orr has helmed several beloved publications, including *Better Homes and Gardens*, *Martha Stewart Living*, and *House & Garden*. He currently writes a garden column for *The Provincetown Independent* and is working on a book of his garden essays and photographs.



Media RSVP is required for this event.

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About Wave Hill

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. Marco Polo Stufano Conservatory 10AM–Noon/1–4PM.

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

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