

Accommodations

Study Weekend 2012 will be held at the **Valley River Inn and Conference Center**.
Address: 1000 Valley River Way, Eugene, Oregon 97401 (541-743-1000)

Located on the quiet banks of the Willamette River, this resort-style hotel conveys a true feeling of northwest casual elegance with warm and inviting fireplaces, lush gardens and artwork by Northwest artists. The hotel is adjacent to Valley River Center, which features more than 140 stores, and is five minutes from downtown Eugene, and the University of Oregon. Valley River Inn has set aside 140 rooms for us at a special convention rate of \$129 for a single or double occupancy Queen bedroom. These rates will be made available from June 7th through June 10th. We have also set aside rooms at special rates at two nearby hotels in case Valley River Inn fills. (Please see the Study Weekend section on the WVHPG website: www.thehardyplantgroup.org for a link to the VRI reservation page and complete details about all Accommodations.)

Location & Parking There is ample parking both in the Valley River Inn parking lot and the adjacent Valley River shopping Center lot.

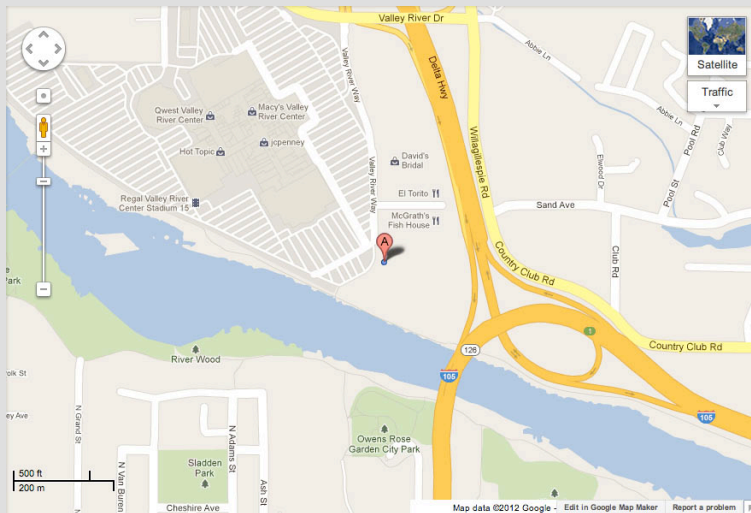
Directions From I-5: From I-5 to exit 194b (I-105 west), then take second exit marked #1 Delta Hwy/Santa Clara - Junction City. Merge to the right lane and take the 1st exit to Valley River Center. Get into the left lane as you are coming over the overpass. At the bottom of the overpass there is a four-way lighted intersection: turn left onto Valley River Way. Follow to the end, on the left.

From Airport

Leaving the airport terminal, turn right onto Greenhill road. At the four-way stop, turn left onto Airport road. Follow to the end and turn right onto Highway 99. Go about 1.5 miles to Beltline road east (right hand on-ramp). Follow Beltline east to the Delta Highway exit. Go south on Delta Highway, taking the second exit marked Valley River Center. Take the center lane at the exit. There will be a four-way lighted intersection. Go straight through onto Valley River Way and follow to the end, on the left.

Area Transportation

Valley River Inn has a complimentary shuttle service to and from the airport. Rental cars are also available at the airport. The Inn is conveniently located on the Lane Transit District bus line.



Into the Woods Out of the Woods Study Weekend 2012

Valley River Inn
Eugene, Oregon
June 8-10, 2012

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Study Weekend 2012

An Evening with the Stars Under the Stars* A dinner with the speakers held at Mt. Pisgah Arboretum. Limited to 55 guests. Meet the speakers and fellow participants over appetizers in the wild flower garden, then enjoy a dinner of Northwest delicacies, including vegetarian selections.

Seminar: Together in the Garden with Kate Gessert* Kate will walk a group of no more than 15 people through her garden, showing how to integrate food and ornamental plants with native flora. Seminar is offered twice (See Schedule.) Kate is a Master Gardener and instructor at Lane Community College in Eugene and the author of *The Beautiful Food Garden*.

Lectures All lectures will be held at the Valley River Inn on Friday evening, and Saturday morning, afternoon, and evening.

Plant and Book Sales Select plant vendors and J. Michaels Books will be open for business during Study Weekend at The Valley River Inn. New and used garden books and titles by the speakers will be available, as well as a wide range of plants.

Open Gardens Over 20 fantastic private gardens will be open on Friday and Sunday.

Garden Bus Tour* Four of the larger gardens will be available on a bus tour, Friday only. Tour includes a box lunch and water.

Buffet Banquet* Saturday evening with no host bar and appetizers starting at 5:30 pm.
**Separate registration required.*

Schedule of Events

Thursday, June 7

5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

"An Evening with the Stars Under the Stars" (ticket holders only)

Friday, June 8

9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Bus tour of selected gardens (ticket holders only)

9:00 am - 11:30 am

Seminar "Together in the Garden" (ticket holders only)

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Open gardens (self-guided tours)

3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Registration check-in & plant and book sales

7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Keynote speakers:

Rick Darke: *Layers and Transitions Within the Woodland Garden*

John Elsley: *Seasonal Delights in a South Carolina Garden*

Plant and book sales

9:30 pm -10:30 pm

Saturday, June 9

7:30 am - 9:00 am

Plant and book sales

8:00 am - 9:00 am

Continental Breakfast

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Speaker presentations

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Buffet lunch

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Plant and book sales

1:30 pm - 4:15 pm

Speaker presentations

4:15 pm - 5:30 pm

Plant and book sales

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Italian Banquet Dinner (ticket holders only)

7:45 pm - 9:00 pm

Speaker presentation

Sunday, June 10

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Open gardens (self-guided tours)

9:00 am -11:30 am

Seminar "Together in the Garden" (ticket holders only)

Speakers

Rick Darke is a widely published author, photographer, lecturer and consultant is the author of *The American Woodland Garden: Capturing the Spirit of the Deciduous Forest*, and *The Encyclopedia of Grasses for Livable Landscapes*.

LECTURES: "Layers and Transitions Within the Woodland Garden" This presentation will look at planting design and management strategies for beautifully functional woodland interiors.

"Transitions from Wood's Edge to Sunny Meadow" Rick's second presentation will be a discussion of design, planting and management strategies for transitions from shade to sunny spaces, with a special look at the roles of grasses and their relatives.

John Elsley's career stretches from the Royal Botanic Gardens, to the George Park Seed Company, and Beaver Creek, Song Sparrow and Wayside Gardens nurseries, where he developed new plants and was editor of the book *"The Wayside Gardens Collection."*

LECTURES: "Seasonal Delights in a South Carolina Garden" A look at ornamental woodland gardens of year-round interest in the Upper Piedmont region of South Carolina. Seasonal plant highlights are presented – many of which have ornamental possibilities in Pacific Northwest gardens.

"Mentors & Maestros" John gives personal recollections of some fascinating individuals in the garden world, and their major contributions to American gardens.

Richie Steffen is the curator for the Elisabeth C. Miller Botanical Garden where he manages the rare plant collections and heads acquisition of new plants for the garden.

LECTURE: "Victorian Shade Gardening and the Modern Landscape" Richie will give us a look at old Victorian shade gardens and practices that are making a come back in our modern gardens, and show some of the lush and abundant plant materials that are available today.

Gretchen Carnaby is the owner of Perennial Designs and Rehabilitation Director for the preservation of the Lord and Schryver gardens at the Historic Deepwood Estate in Salem. Past board member of the Hardy Plant Society of Oregon, she is the co-founder and project coordinator for The Friends of Bush Gardens, a co-founder of the Salem Hardy Plant Society, and a founding member of the Lord & Schryver Conservancy.

LECTURE: "Influences find Expression: Lord & Schryver in the Pacific Northwest" In 1929, Elizabeth Lord & Edith Schryver formed the first women's landscape architecture firm in the Pacific Northwest. In so doing, they brought the 'Country Place Era' of garden design west, greatly influencing the evolution of our residential and civic landscapes.

Sadafumi (Sada) Uchiyama is the Garden Curator of the Portland Japanese Garden. He has designed a wide range of private and public landscape projects including the renovation of Osaka Garden in Chicago and the renovation of Shofu-en Garden at Denver Botanic Gardens. Sada has taught landscape design courses and lectured on Japanese gardening. His writings have appeared in the *Journal of Japanese Gardening*, *Inspired House*, and *Oregon Home*.

LECTURE: "Japanese Garden Influence Over the Pacific Northwest" Japanese garden influence in the US is nowhere more apparent than in California and the Pacific Northwest. The history of the Portland Japanese Garden reveals that the garden has played an influential role in the formation of what we call Pacific Northwest gardens today.