Spring 2020 Lecture Series

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18
The Way He Sees It: Tom Scheerer on Decorating
with Tom Scheerer, Interior Decorator
Named a top designer annually by Architectural Digest, Manhattan-based Tom Scheerer comes to Ladew to present brilliant photographs of his work and weigh in on the origins of inspiration. With a career spanning decades and works featured in Elle Decor, House Beautiful, and Town & Country, Scheerer's design style puts one at ease: sophisticated, yet relaxed and unpretentious. His new book "Tom Scheerer: More Decorating" will be offered for sale and signing after the lecture.
http://www.tomscheerer.com/

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25
Exploring Native Wildflowers and their Habitats
with Alan Weakley, Plant Conservationist
An expert on the flora of the southeast including Maryland, Dr. Alan Weakley shares his vast experience investigating the flora, natural plant communities, and conservation of the region. Alan will introduce plants in their natural habitats in vivid photographs, demonstrate a practical plant identification app, and update progress on significant plant conservation issues. Currently UNC-Chapel Hill Herbarium Director, Alan was chief ecologist for The Nature Conservancy and co-authored the field guide "Wildflowers of the Atlantic Southeast", available for sale at the event.
https://bio.unc.edu/faculty-profile/weakley/

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1
A Bountiful Year: Six Seasons of Beauty from Brandywine Cottage
with David Culp, Garden Designer
Renowned garden designer David Culp will visit Ladew just as his highly-anticipated book launches. This talk digs into the celebrated garden at Brandywine Cottage, featuring a focus for each month including recipes, to-do lists, flower arrangements, and practical tips. Plant sources, biodiversity, wildlife habitat, meadow gardening, and favorite plants will be discussed. This lecture and book applaud a lifestyle which blurs the lines between indoor and outdoor living. Book sale and signing after lecture.
https://www.davidculp.com/

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8
Containers: Pots with a Purpose
with Dan Benarcik, Horticulturist
Spring is the perfect time to plant container gardens and Dan Benarcik shows the way to create magnificent, long-lasting combinations. Dan is known far and wide for adding "the element of surprise" to his attractive designs. In this lecture-demo, the breadth of styles and techniques will be covered. Beginner to advanced gardeners will enjoy learning how to use different types of pots and plants to create impressive garden containers.
http://www.danbenarcik.com/

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15
Living Floral
with Margot Shaw, Floral Designer
Founder and Editor-in-Chief of Flower Magazine, Margot Shaw presents a seasonal glimpse into the worlds of interior, floral, garden, and event designers, as well as architects - highlighting their flowering styles in entertaining and decorating. Featuring excerpts from her new book "Living Floral", Margot provides a variety of elegant, charming, and unique ideas for incorporating fresh flowers into your home. Book sale and signing after lecture.
https://www.theflowerpodcast.com/margot-shaw

Evening Lecture: THURSDAY, JUNE 4
The Future PRFCT: Kicking the Landscape Chemical habit and Finding a Whole New World of Beauty
with Edwina von Gal, Principal Landscape Designer, Edwina von Gal & Co.; Founder/President, Perfect Earth Project
Award-winning author and Landscape Designer Edwina von Gal asks, "What happens if you change your approach to landscaping from 'clip and control' to chemical free and habitat friendly?" Edwina will explain why it is important that we all reconsider our habits, how she has done it at her own home as well as her clients' properties, and how easy and amazingly rewarding (for people, their pets, and the planet) it can be.
https://perfectearthproject.org/