



PHS Garden Educator Receives National Award

Sally McCabe honored for her role in inspiring future horticulturists

PHILADELPHIA (March 2019) – Sally McCabe, Associate Director of Community Education at the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, has been named the winner of the 2019 recipient Jane L. Taylor Award by the American Horticultural Society.

One of AHS's Great American Gardeners Awards, the Jane L. Taylor Award recognizes an individual, organization, or program that has inspired and nurtured future horticulturists through efforts in youth gardening. McCabe was chosen for the award for her work with PHS Green City Teachers and PHS Garden Tenders, programs that use horticulture to help students, teachers, and community gardeners build vibrant, livable neighborhoods with greater access to healthy food.

Since joining PHS in 1985, McCabe has been a key driver of educational and outreach efforts. The programs she has developed and implemented bring hands-on training to teachers and children, making gardening accessible – and possible – for all.

McCabe's work with PHS includes overseeing the Green City Teachers program, which empowers educators to create school gardens incorporating STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) curriculum and stressing the importance of healthy eating for children. She also directs the Garden Tenders program, a training course for individuals and groups interested in starting community gardens on vacant lots, in parks, and around schools and churches. With her dedication and passion, McCabe has helped train over 1,000 teachers to build gardens and graduated more than 2,400 individuals from the Garden Tenders program.

In addition to her community engagement work, McCabe is the artistic director of the Philadelphia Flower Show's Make & Take craft activity for children and adults and she is a garden columnist for the *Philadelphia Inquirer*.



“On behalf of PHS, I am so proud of Sally McCabe for this well-earned recognition by the American Horticultural Society,” said Matt Rader, PHS President. “Her tireless efforts to engage gardeners of all ages, particularly young people, is an invaluable part of PHS’s work to cultivate the next generation of gardeners and use horticulture to increase access to healthy food, build more livable neighborhoods, and strengthen connections between people and their communities.”

The American Horticultural Society will present McCabe and other recipients with their awards during the annual Great American Gardeners Awards Ceremony and Banquet in Alexandria, Virginia, on June 21, 2019. The Great American Gardeners Awards honor individuals, organizations, and businesses that represent the best in American gardening.

For more information about PHS Green City Teachers, PHS Garden Tenders, and the work of PHS, please visit phsonline.org.

ABOUT PHS

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society is a not-for-profit organization, founded in 1827, whose programs connect people with horticulture and together creates beautiful, healthy and sustainable communities. PHS brings together people from diverse backgrounds to engage in horticultural projects that increase access to fresh food, create healthy living environments, build deeper social connections, and grow economic opportunity. PHS’s best known activities include the Philadelphia Flower Show, street tree planting and maintenance, community gardening, public beautification, and the PHS Pop Up Gardens. PHS programs bring together people from diverse backgrounds to engage in horticultural projects that advance social equity, environmental sustainability, and urban livability. For information or to support our work, visit PHSONline.org.



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