

HAH KARISH SEMINAR 2018

Our 2018 Karish Seminar will feature Eric Groft, Principal, Oehme van Sweden and Associates, discussing **Design on the Water: The Coastal Landscapes of Oehme van Sweden**. This significant annual event, held in honor of founding HAH member Paul Karish, will enable us to learn about how the 2nd generation OvS has continued to evolve after the deaths of founders Wolfgang Oehme and James van Sweden.

Oehme van Sweden is an internationally recognized firm that played a critical role in the development of the “New American Garden” style, featuring the mass planting of grasses, perennials, bulbs and other plants that are beautiful throughout the year and that reflect the natural landscape. Composed of native grasses and perennial plantings in tapestry-like drifts, this style celebrates the seasonal splendor of the American meadow while promoting its inherent ecological and sustainable values. This style of planting reflected a significant departure from the conventional style of landscape architecture at the time the firm was founded in 1975.

OvS taught us about generosity in planting: “You have to think big,” Mr. van Sweden told The Washington Post in 1998. “Think huge leaves, enormous grasses and flowers big as dinner plates. The worst thing you can do is be ditsy.... don’t put in three, put in 300.”

The Federal Reserve Gardens (1977) is considered their breakthrough project, introducing their signature New American Garden style to a wider audience. Their portfolio consists of a large number of residential projects, including many in the Hamptons, as well the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., the Gardens of the Great Basin at the Chicago Botanic Garden, and the United States Embassy site in Kabul, Afghanistan. Recent work has included the development of the gardens at the American Museum in Bath, England.

Eric Groft is one of three principals who carry out the OvS legacy and shepherd the evolution of the New American Garden Style. Eric is renowned for his diversity in residential, commercial and institutional work. He prides himself on his sense of regionalism, attention to the vernacular, and work with cultural landscapes. He has a passion for horticulture and is widely recognized as an industry leader in ecological sensitivity, environmental/wetland restoration, and shoreline stabilization/revetment. He is a Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects, a member of the Board of The Cultural Landscape Foundation and a board member of the Hammond Harwood House in Annapolis, MD. Mr. Groft holds a Master of Landscape Architecture degree from the University of Virginia and a Bachelor of Arts degree with majors in geography/environmental science from Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania.



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On Sunday, September 16, we will:

- Visit a new garden with Eric designed by OvS in Amagansett between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
- Grab some lunch on your own between 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. (not included)
- Hear Eric's lecture about the firm's work at the Bridgehampton Community House at 2:00 p.m.
- Hold a plant sale and wine and cheese reception from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- We'll use OvS's plant list to source selected grasses and perennials from Glover Perennials. The good news is that our long growing season will provide plenty of time to help our new plants settle in before the winter.

Directions to the garden will be sent to attendees who pre-register for the Karish Seminar by email or mail. The fee is **\$125**; we use the proceeds from this annual fund raiser to support HAH's educational activities, including our Scholarship Fund. Use the form on this page to register. **Deadline for registration is September 7.**

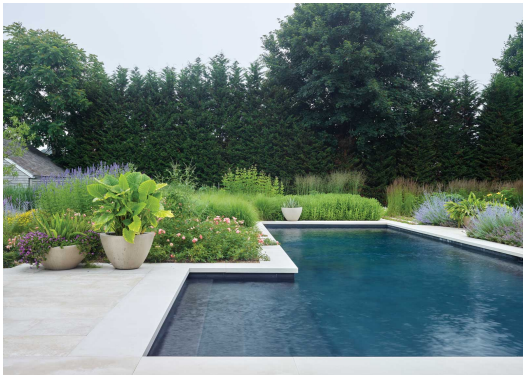


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Date: Sunday, September 16, 2018

Registration Form:

Name(s): _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Cost \$125 payable to HAH: Number in Party _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

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