



Allan Storjohann, nominated by the Oklahoma Garden Clubs, is an experienced horticulturist, educator, and communicator with an extensive background in the private nursery, landscaping, and grounds maintenance industry, as well as the management of public parks and botanical gardens. He is a recent former president of Oklahoma Greenhouse Growers and Oklahoma Historical Society.

A third-generation nurseryman, following in his grandfather's and father's footsteps, Storjohann has been involved with the nursery and landscaping business for most of his life. He is a Certified Nurseryman. During his professional career, he was an Associate Professor and Division Head in the Horticulture Technologies Department in the Agricultural Resources Division at Oklahoma State University (OSU), where he developed and taught a broad range of horticulture courses. Oklahoma Nursery and Landscape Association named him the Outstanding Alumnus and Plant Professional of the year. OSU offers a horticulture scholarship in his name each year.

For over 20 years, Storjohann was the manager of the Myriad Botanical Gardens, a division of the Oklahoma City Parks and Recreation Department. During his tenure, the Myriad Gardens completed a \$30 million-dollar renovation. The garden upgrade included a restaurant, ice skating rink, amphitheater, children's play area and a dog park. He also supervised the operations and maintenance of Will Rogers Park Gardens and Arboretum.

Most especially, Storjohann is the voice and host of the Gardening Show on Cox Radio Tulsa, KRMG, and has been on the air every Saturday morning since 1984. As a seasoned radio personality, Storjohann uses his experiences, educational background, and his extensive garden knowledge to answer gardening questions and promote hobby and business horticulture in Oklahoma. He posts many blogs on the station's website about the latest in winter pruning, favorite vegetables, plant success and the best trees to plant.

Now retired, Storjohann continues his Saturday radio broadcast, writes for horticulture publications, assists statewide horticulture programs and volunteers locally. He has never said "no" to Oklahoma garden clubs and speaks at many state and region events. His informative and highly entertaining topics include New Trends for the Garden, The Artful Gardener and Making a New View Using Art in the Landscape. Congratulations Allan Storjohann!



Emeritus Professor Robert Morris has 50 years of experience in arid, desert and tropical irrigated horticulture. He has worked all over the world developing sustainable agriculture techniques in Africa, the Middle East, Eurasia and Southeast. He has spent several months and up to a year on location working with farmers on soil testing, farm design, crop and postharvest production, and marketing.

Morris writes a weekly column for the Las Vegas Review-Journal responding to questions and photos on a wide variety of horticulture-related issues suited to the desert climate. His blog Extreme Horticulture in the Desert gets thirty to forty thousand views.

Considered a local expert on a wide variety of horticulture, Morris has worked for many years with the Master Gardener programs in Southern Nevada and Arizona, teaching landscape design, irrigation methods, best planting practices, proper care of fruit trees and integrated pest management. Morris helped the Master Gardeners start a wine production program and manage their research orchard. Always willing to share his knowledge, he often provides programs for local garden clubs as well.

Several years ago, a land owner approached Morris to create and develop an urban temperate fruit orchard on 8 acres of land once used for grazing horses near downtown Las Vegas. He designed the layout of the orchard and the specified irrigation system. The project now boasts 400 hundred fruit tree varieties, and recently, date palms, grapes, beehives, and vegetables. Gardeners donate all the produce to a local food bank. Morris continues as the technical adviser on this project and gives seminars on planting and the proper technique for pruning fruit trees, which is critical in the desert climate.

Morris considers himself retired but is as busy as ever doing what he loves to do—making a difference in the world by helping people learn how to grow food and be gentle with the earth. Congratulations Robert Morris!



Lynn Werner, Executive Director, heads the water, land and recreation conservation Housatonic Valley Association (HVA). This non-profit organization's mission is to protect the natural character, environmental health and economies of the Housatonic River Valley watershed for present and future generations. The Housatonic Valley Association, founded in 1941, resides in Cornwall Bridge, Connecticut.

The Housatonic River Valley boasts world-class fishing, biking, hiking, paddling, history and sightseeing. The source of the watershed starts in the Berkshire Mountains and stretches 149 miles across Connecticut. It culminates in the tidal marshes of Long Island Sound. The Valley includes mountain waterfalls, rolling hills, covered bridges and a section of the Appalachian Trail. HVA is one of the oldest watershed conservation organizations in the nation!

Werner oversees the day-to-day management of the association including collaborating with individuals, groups and agencies to maintain a healthy river system. Many, across the region, recognize HVA as an effective, efficient and science-based organization.

Some of HVA's accomplishments include:

- Restored the Furnace Brook Fishway in the town of Cornwall that allowed trout to swim upstream to spawn for the first time in twenty years.
- Demanded General Electric and the Environmental Protection Agency clean up the PCBs in the watershed system.
- Created the RiverSmart campaign to study the impact of polluted runoff and how to reduce it.
- Successfully fought to reroute a natural gas pipeline away from the watershed. Stopped a superhighway route through the scenic ridgeline and saved 6,000 acres of the river valley from developers.
- Launched the "Follow the Forest" program to emphasize the need for a wildlife corridor.
- Conduct educational programs for kindergarten to high school students on biology, ecology and chemistry of the watershed.
- Offers free paddling workshops for families.
- Plans hikes for naturalists, scientists and historians.

Werner takes pride in saying that due to the HVA conservation efforts, the residents of Connecticut enjoy 100,000 recreational acres for PLAYING OUTDOORS. Congratulations Lynn Werner & HVA!