

AHS Environmental Awards

THIS SPRING, more than 30 flower shows from all over the United States hosted exhibits that won the AHS's Environmental Award for demonstrating the connection between horticulture and the environment.

At the 2009 Philadelphia Flower Show, the AHS award was presented to Temple University Ambler's "Green Renaissance" exhibit, which incorporated environmentally friendly and sustainable ideas into a traditional 16th-century Italian formal garden. The exhibit was organized into three distinct parts—the kitchen garden, the dry garden, and the orchard—that would have been found in Italian Renaissance gardens. Each part used recycled materials, as well as elements such as aqueducts and porous pavement, to conserve water.

Other 2009 AHS award recipients included "Exteriors" by Chad Robert at the Southwest Flower and Garden Show in Glendale, Arizona; "Rock Solid Conifers" by Rod Juntunen, Wells Nursery, and Marenakos Rock Center at the Northwest Flower & Garden Show in Seattle, Washington; and "Passions for Pollinators" by Callaway Gardens at the Southeastern Flower Show in Atlanta, Georgia.

Through original and imaginative use of plants and other materials, all of the garden exhibits that were recognized by the AHS award helped to promote a better understanding of the important relationship between gardening and environmental sustainability.



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