

New Zealand Gardens Trust Conference

13 – 15 March 2020



Guest speaker: Dan Benarcik



Dan Benarcik, our guest of honour, has all his life been interested in horticulture, art, teaching and design. After graduating with a Plant Science degree from the University of Delaware, he worked for a time at Mt Cuba, the noted American wild flower garden. He then moved on to Imperial Nurseries, a plant wholesaler of landscape plants where he gained business skills and many useful contacts.

In 1993 Dan began work at Chanticleer Garden in Pennsylvania. This highly acclaimed garden was then in its infancy and Dan was able to bring his many skills to help it grow. Today he creates and maintains the Courtyard Gardens, the first and last impression of the garden where his tireless innovative container planting is admired by all visitors.

Dan is a well regarded speaker, writes for horticultural publications and lectures at the famous Longwood Gardens. He also designs and builds garden furniture for which he conducts hands-on workshops. Dan will demonstrate planting large scale containers at Greenhaugh and his evening presentation that night will be keenly anticipated.

Find out more about Dan on his [website](#).