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Destination Helleborus Free Garden Lecture – September 27

NEW BERN, NC (August 13, 2008) ---Barry Glick, who will be lecturing at Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 27, is the self-proclaimed 'King of the Hellebores.' His 60 acre property, perched on a mountain top in West Virginia, is home to Sunshine Farms Nursery.

His lecture promises to be fun and should inspire everyone to start planning their winter garden. Glick will share current plant breeding strategies for hellebores, which have resulted in many new plants with larger flowers and more colors.

In case you're wondering what a hellebore is...it's a winter blooming perennial plant, sometimes referred to as a Lenten Rose. Hellebores are evergreen and shade loving. They provide a great variety and color at a time when not many other plants are blooming except camellias. Another benefit of planting hellebores is that they spread without becoming invasive.

Barry Glick has spent most of his life propagating more colorful hellebores with larger blooms. He exchanges seeds and plants with people at Botanic Gardens, nurseries and private gardens in virtually every country in the world. Sunshine Farms nursery has over 10,000 varieties of hellebores, and maintains more than 50,000 flowering size stock plants for seed production.

Glick lectures extensively both in the United States and abroad on the subject of North American Native Plants. He has been published in: *Garden Design*, *Brooklyn Botanical Garden Journal*, *Castanea*, the *Journal of the Southern Appalachian Botanical Society*, many North American Rock Garden Society Chapter Newsletters, *New, Rare, and Elusive Plants Journal* in the UK, *The Viola Society Newsletter* and many more. A six-page article covering Native Terrestrial Orchids was published in Nov-Dec 1998 issue of *Fine Gardening*.

This lecture is sponsored by the Harold H. Bate Foundation. ###

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