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Baltimore City Welcomes New exhibit '*The New American Garden: The Landscape Architecture of Wolfgang Oehme and James van Sweden*'

Baltimore, MD (January 6, 2017) — Baltimore City Recreation and Parks and The Horticultural Society of Maryland welcome *The New American Garden: The Landscape Architecture of Oehme, van Sweden*. The architecture exhibition is a traveling photographic landscape which chronicles the careers and influence of Wolfgang Oehme and James van Sweden. The exhibit boasts a variety of contemporary and newly commissioned photographs of residential, civic, and commercial projects. It will be on display 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. from Jan. 14 to March 26, 2017 (closed Mondays). It is open to the public and free with a suggested \$5 donation.

Wolfgang Oehme (1930-2011) and James van Sweden (1935-2013) revolutionized landscape architecture with the creation of the *New American Garden*, a garden characterized by large swaths of grasses and fields of perennials, which van Sweden called "vigorous and audacious." Their style celebrated the seasonal splendor of the American meadow while promoting its inherent ecological, sustainable, aesthetic, and ornamental qualities.

Wolfgang Oehme moved to Baltimore in 1957 and his influence is seen throughout the region in both private and public landscapes. One notable Baltimore garden featured in the exhibit is that of Pauline Vollmer, patron of the Vollmer Center at Cylburn Arboretum. Oehme was known for taking ownership of the gardens he designed, and frequently appearing unannounced, particularly at Mrs. Vollmer's, with a new plant to add to his design. He was also famous for planting perennials, ornamental grasses and trees, completely on his own, for the love of it.

The exhibit was curated by The Cultural Landscape Foundation is presented in collaboration with the National Building Museum and the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland.

The New American Garden: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

Speaker: Eric Groft, FASLA | Principal / Vice President, OEHME, VAN SWEDEN | OvS
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

Sunday, Jan. 22, 2017

2 p.m.

Free, reservation required.

Light refreshments to follow.

Please RSVP: [American Garden Opening Tickets](#)

For more information, please call 410-396-0180.

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