

Welcome to these speakers, internationally renowned for outdoor work with children.

Robin Moore -- NC State University, Director of Natural Learning Initiative

Robin Moore, Dipl.Arch, MCP, Hon. ASLA, is Professor of Architecture, College of Design, NC State University, and Director of the *Natural Learning Initiative* (cofounded with Dr. Nilda Cosco in 2000). Moore holds degrees in architecture, Bartlett School, London University, and city and regional planning, MIT. His research is focused on community-based, evidence-driven, built environmental design, and the behavioral needs of children and families. Current work includes measurement of children-nature relations in cities. Moore supervises doctoral students and teaches advanced field research in environment and behavior. He is former chair of the Environmental Design Research Association and former president of the International Play Association.

He was a member of the UNESCO-sponsored “Growing Up in Cities” research team and is the author/coauthor of key publications in the field, including *Nature Play and Learning Places* (2014) and “Growing Up Green: Naturalization as a Health Promotion Strategy in Early Childhood Outdoor Learning Environments,” *Children, Youth, & Environments* (2014).

Jane L. Taylor -- Founding Curator of 4-H Children’s Garden, Michigan State University (MSU)

Jane L. Taylor is the founding curator of the 4-H Children’s Garden at MSU, which has been called “the most creative half-acre in America.” It, too, is considered the national model for design of gardens for children at public sites. Jane is a frequent speaker across the country and beyond, having been the keynote speaker at the Williamsburg Garden Symposium and at the International Flower and Garden Festival at Walt Disney’s Epcot. She has received many awards, including the Jane Taylor Award, first given in her honor in 2000 by the American Horticulture Society (AHS). She serves on the awards committee for the “Growing Good Kids—Excellence in Literature Awards” for the AHS and the International Junior Master Gardener Program. She was a member of the adjunct staff at MSU, where her husband, Dr. Lee Taylor, is professor emeritus of horticulture. Parents of two children, they are now retired and live in Cape Elizabeth, Maine.

Betsy Williams -- Author/Lecturer/Founder of first U. S. Fairy Festival

Betsy Williams teaches, lectures, and writes about living with herbs and flowers. A trained florist, she is a skilled gardener with an extensive knowledge of history, plant lore and seasonal celebrations. Her work with herbs, gardens and folklore has been featured in many books, newspapers and magazines including the *New York Times*, *the American Gardener*, *Better Homes and Gardens*, *Country Living* and *Traditional Homes*. She has twice received an award from the International Herb Association for her “outstanding contributions to the herb industry”. Betsy created the first Fairy Festival at her herb shop in Andover, Mass. in 1987. Now replicated around the world, fairy festivals celebrate the natural world, seasonal change and folklore. Her book, *Are There Fairies at the Bottom of Your Garden? Growing Up Green with the Fairies*, traces the history of western fairy lore and plants then gives suggestions on how to use traditional folklore to engage children with plants and gardens. Betsy has presented at Colonial Williamsburg, Monticello and The Ozark Folk Museum as well as at conferences and flower shows around the country. She is a member of the Garden Writers of America and the Beatrix Potter Society. She teaches at Tower Hill Botanic Garden in Boylston, Massachusetts.



“The flowers of tomorrow are in the seeds of today.”