



## AMERICAN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY TRAVEL STUDY PROGRAM

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*Dear AHS Travelers and Friends,*

With the new year right around the corner, I am writing to tell you about three exciting destinations that are part of the American Horticultural Society's 2011 Travel Study Program lineup.

In the spring, we invite you to join the AHS as we embark on a new destination for our travel program, **The Loire Valley and the Festival at the Domaine de Courson** from May 5–14 with AHS Board Member and Tour Host Jane Diamantis and Tour Escort Susie Orso of Specialtours. In this exclusive tour, we will visit some of northwestern France's finest privately-owned historic châteaux and gardens—including Château de Cheverny and Château de Chenonceau—as well as Château de Versailles and the potager at Villandry.

In the autumn, we will explore **Castles and Gardens of Bohemia and Moravia** from September 25–October 6 with former AHS Board Chair and Tour Host Kurt Bluemel and Tour Escort Harriet Landseer of Specialtours. This exciting trip to Kurt's homeland will offer you a chance to enjoy gardens in styles ranging from formal Italianate, Renaissance, and Baroque to Neoclassical and modern. We will also take in the cities, churches, and castles that tell the evocative history of the region, which is rich with UNESCO World Heritage sites.

If you prefer exploring the landscape closer to home, you won't want to miss our inspiring trip to Chicago from August 17–21—**Gardens and Innovation: Chicagoland and Rockford** led by AHS President Emeritus Katy Moss Warner. Watch your mail in early 2011 for more information on the itinerary.

I have included the brochures for the Loire Valley and the Festival at the Domaine de Courson and Castles and Gardens of Bohemia and Moravia for your consideration as you plan your travels for the new year. I hope you will join us on one of these tours as we explore some of the world's finest gardens. Be sure to make your reservations early—space is limited.

Sincerely,

Tom Underwood  
Executive Director