

Dan Benarcik



Dan is a longtime Horticulturist, who manages the Tennis Court Garden, Teacup Garden, and Visitor Entrance. Dan oversees the woodshop at Chanticleer and much of his winter is spent repairing and making furniture for the garden. The hum of equipment signals not only the creation of new furnishings in the garden, but the maintenance and restoration of existing pieces. Each year weather, wear and tear, and wildlife take their toll on Chanticleer staff's handiwork. Dan assesses each piece for damage, remediates and restores the object, and works with Geoff McAfee to apply new finishes. When he is not at Chanticleer, Dan lectures and teaches workshops on chair building to other interested gardener-builders.