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## VHS lecture: Growing with grasses and perennials

**Thursday, 23 March from 19:30 // Media Centre // Seat reservation requested at [www.vhs-bocholt.de](http://www.vhs-bocholt.de)**

"Growing with grasses and perennials" is the title of the lecture to which the VHS invites you on Thursday, 23 March, 7.30 p.m., at the Media Centre/Alter Bahnhof Bocholt, Hindenburgstr. 5. The speaker will be author and landscape architect Stefan Leppert. Please register in advance at [vhs-bocholt.de](http://vhs-bocholt.de) to reserve a place. Remaining tickets are available at the box office on site. The fee is € 7 (reduced € 6.50).

The garden architect Wolfgang Oehme and his timeless garden legacy are the focus of this evening for garden enthusiasts. Oehme was ahead of his time in his choice of plants; early on he had robustness in heat and drought in mind. Book author Stefan Leppert will talk about Oehme's thoroughly earthy and plant-moving life, supported by numerous pictures and always garnished with tips for his own garden design.

Wolfgang Oehme was born in Chemnitz in 1930 and moved to the USA in 1957. Two decades later, together with James van Sweden, he found a design style that caused a worldwide sensation as the New American Garden, went down in garden history and continues to have an impact today. At the centre of this style are extensive plantings of grasses and perennials that replace barren lawns, create powerful images and, in the best case scenario, encourage people to garden.

The speaker Stefan Leppert is a gardener and landscape architect and has been working as a freelance author, translator and photographer since 2000. He is the author of titles such as "Behind My Hedge", "Between Garden Grasses" and "Paradise with Arbour". As he himself maintains a "paradise with an arbour" - his own large allotment garden - he accordingly writes and narrates by vocation.





*The garden architect Wolfgang Oehme was ahead of his time and early on attached great importance to the use of heat- and drought-tolerant plants.*

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