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## Meet Your Hosts

### Leslie F. Halleck, CPH



**Leslie is a Certified Professional Horticulturist (ASHS)** who has spent her 30 + year career hybridizing horticulture science with home gardening and plant enthusiast's needs. Halleck earned a BS in Biology & Botany from the University of North Texas and an MS in Horticulture from Michigan State University. Leslie also holds a Certificate in Medical Cannabis Cultivation from Utah State University, and two Certificates in Women in Leadership from Cornell University. Leslie's professional experience is well rounded, with time spent in botanical field research, public gardens, plant trials research, landscape design and maintenance, garden writing, garden center retail, and horticulture + green industry consulting. Previous positions include Director of Horticulture Research at the Dallas Arboretum and General Manager of North Haven Garden in Dallas, Tx. Since 2012 she's devoted herself full-time to running her company, Halleck Horticultural, LLC, a green industry consulting agency. Halleck provides horticultural consulting for commercial and large-scale residential projects and greenhouse growers; as well as consults for and coaches botanical business owners, with a particular focus on new plantpreneurs and small businesses, as well as industry transitioners. Leslie is a UCLA Extension Horticulture Instructor and teaches courses in green industry business, horticulture, and botany and also leads botanical travel tours. She is the author of several books including "Gardening Under Lights; The Complete Guide for Indoor Growers", 2018, "Plant Parenting; Easy Ways to Make More Houseplants, Vegetables, and Flowers, 2019, and "Tiny Plants; discover the joys of growing and collecting itty-bitty houseplants", 2021, and a new book on the way for 2026! She's also spent her career writing for consumer and industry publications, with a decade as a feature writer and columnist for Garden Center Magazine, Greenhouse Management Magazine, and Produce Grower Magazine. Leslie currently serves as the Chair for the ASHS Certified Professional Horticulturist Board.

Leslie is of course obsessed with plants and nature, is an avid gardener, indoor grower, and houseplant collector. She loves to travel, deep jungle adventure and plant hunting. Leslie is also a lifelong artist and illustrator who loves to draw & paint plants and insects as well as printmaking. She also writes and illustrations children's garden and plant-focused books for her stinky little nephews. Her life is controlled by a pack of small demanding chihuahas.

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