

Symposium Schedule

8:00 - 8:30 - Registration

Coffee & Tea available

8:40 - 9:55 - Session A

9:55 - 10:15 - Break

Book Sale & Raffle Tickets

10:15 - 11:30 - Session B

11:30 - 12:00

Market Place Shopping, Q&A, Raffle Tickets

12:00 - 12:40 - Lunch*

Raffle Drawing

12:45 - 2:00 - Session C

***Box lunches available for \$6.00. Choice of:**
Turkey Grinder with cheese, lettuce and tomato
or a Vegetable Medley Wrap

Must be pre-ordered with registration

Or Bring your own bag lunch

DIRECTIONS TO Holyoke High School, 500 Beech St., Holyoke, MA 01040

Holyoke High School has easy access from Interstate Route 91, the Mass Turnpike and Route 202.

From I-91 North or South: Take Exit 16 (Route 202/Soldier's Home exit). At the bottom of the ramp turn toward Holyoke (from the North, turn left, from the South turn right). Stay on 202. You will pass Holyoke Hospital on your left, Holyoke High School will be on your right. There is a small parking lot in front of school. Additional parking is available behind school: continue up Beech St., take first right onto Resnic Blvd., first right will bring you to parking lot. If back door is closed, please walk down stairs to front entrance.

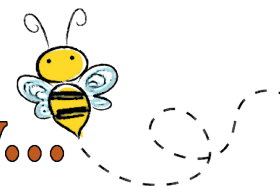
From I-90 (Mass Pike - Toll) Westbound or Eastbound: Take Exit 4 to I-91 North toward Holyoke. Follow directions from I-91 North

For severe weather cancellation, tune to Channel 40 or Fox 6.

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The 23rd Annual Gardening Symposium
Presented by The Western Mass Master Gardener Association

**Bees, Butterflies
and Bounty...**



The latest BUZZ in gardening!



Saturday, March 30, 2019

8:00 AM TO 2:00 PM



**Featuring 18 Gardening Workshops
Gardeners' Favorites Book Sale**

20% Discount! (Cash or Checks Only)

Q&A • Marketplace • Raffle • Soil Testing

HOLYOKE HIGH SCHOOL - 500 BEECH ST., HOLYOKE, MA

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Session A: 8:40 - 9:55

Session B: 10:15 - 11:30

Session C: 12:45 - 2:00

A-1 and B-1 Designing Your Garden to Welcome Pollinators (Attendees must take both classes)

In this two-part workshop Leslie and Tom will introduce the basics for providing habitat for pollinators with a native plant focus. The first session will cover pollinator biology and the top native plants you can grow to create the most impactful landscape and gardens. Part two will dive deeper into the plants, habitat requirements and garden maintenance for pollinators. We examine pollinator behaviors and the basics for designing a garden that welcomes pollinating species.

Tom Sullivan, Master of Arts in Landscape Design
Leslie Duthie, Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary

A-2 Super Cuts

Where do I start? Pruning your trees and shrubs can be confusing! We will try to alleviate the confusion and make pruning as easy as it should be.

Dan Ziomek, Hadley Garden Center

A-3 New and Exciting Annuals and How to Use Them

We're all looking for something different to add to our gardens and containers. Jacqueline will introduce some of the newest offerings in 2018/2019. Learn how to brighten spots with pops of color from flowers and foliage and to create focal vignettes and welcoming entry gardens.

Jacqueline M. Clark, Landscape Designer

A-4 Understanding the Fundamentals of Container Gardening

Learn how to navigate the opportunities and challenges of container gardening. Get tips to improve your gardening experience.

Dottie Caron, Master Gardener

A-5 Antique Garden Troughs - Hypertufa Demo

Create a little 'Old World' charm for your garden. With a mixture of cement, peat moss, perlite and water, you'll learn how to create a hypertufa container. Demonstration only.

Chris Galgano, Master Gardener

A-6 Ecological Edible Landscaping

Our backyard landscapes can produce food, provide habitat and other ecosystem services, and divert materials from the home waste stream into compost and more. This workshop will provide an introduction to the design process and key elements including many edible native plants.

Eric Toensmeier, Author of Making of an Edible Garden Oasis in the City

**FILL OUT WORKSHOP CHOICES
AND MAIL WITH YOUR CHECK
PAYABLE TO WMMGA TO:**

Cindy Sanford

707 River Road, Agawam, MA 01001

Or REGISTER ONLINE AT WMMGA.org

B-2 Making Fences, Trellises, and Other Garden Structures with Local Plant Material

Get ideas and learn how to make simple wattle structures with gathered branches, twigs and vines. Hands-on workshop, registration limited to 12.

Allison Bell, Quonquot Farm, Whately, MA

B-3 Healthy Trees and Shrubs

For healthy long-living trees and shrubs, proper maintenance is key. We will discuss proper planting, pruning techniques, diagnosing insect and disease problems, and how to purchase healthy woody plants from the nursery.

Ken Gooch, Arborist

B-4 For the Love of Roses

Learn how to choose the best roses for your location, the best planting techniques, ways to design with roses in your landscape, the challenges of insects and disease, and long-term care of roses.

Geri Jones, Master Gardener

Liz Leonard, Master Gardener

B-5 New and Exciting Perennials and How to Use Them

We're all looking for something different to add to our gardens. Jacqueline will introduce some of the newest offerings in 2018/2019 for our zone 5 landscapes. Using both flower colors and continued interest with plant foliage, we will learn how to create focal vignettes, and discuss enhancing areas of our gardens.

Jacqueline M. Clark, Landscape Designer

B-6 Landscaping with Northeast Natives

In this workshop, you will get to know some of the best native plants for growing in our area and learn why natives are so important to wild pollinators, beneficial insects and birds.

Ellen Sousa, Habitat Garden

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C-1 The ABC's of Growing Vegetables

If you've always wanted to have a vegetable garden but didn't know where to start, this is the workshop for you! Learn how to choose your site, improve your soil, choose vegetables, and feed/protect seedlings.

Margaret Larson, Master Gardener

C-2 Succulents

Welcome to the newest craze in the plant world! This workshop will introduce you to the world of succulents, those commonly known as well as some strange species. Included will be information on how to grow and care for succulents, and a planting demonstration using new varieties and unusual containers.

Sally Killips, Garden Designer

C-3 Controlling Weeds and Pests Naturally

Lose the pesticides! Dave will share his experience and the results of his research into natural weed and pest control.

Dave Marinelli, Master Gardener

C-4 It's All About the Birds and the Bees

George will discuss how to create a beautiful landscape that is attractive to birds, butterflies and other pollinators. You will learn how to provide for the needs of different species in an attractive garden.

George Kingston, Master Gardener

C-5 Invasive Plants in Our Gardens

This workshop will discuss the problem of invasive plants in Western MA: what they are, what they do, why we should be concerned about them, and what can we do about them.

Dr. Julie Richburg, Ecologist

C-6 Backyard Water Features and Mini Ponds

A water feature adds aesthetic value to any garden. Learn how any home gardener can build a water feature or backyard pond.

Ed Sourdiffé, Master Gardener

pH Soil Testing

If you would like us to test the pH level of your soil, bring a cup size sample of soil in a zip lock bag, along with your e-mail address or a self-addressed stamped envelope, and \$2.00 per test. Your soil pH and a recommendation for liming will be sent to you.

Inquire at www.WMMGA.org (scroll down to "contact us") or call 413-298-5355 for instructions on how to take a soil sample for pH.

*Don't forget to
bring a notebook
if you plan to
take notes!*

DO NOT SEND REGISTRATION TO HOLYOKE HIGH SCHOOL OR CALL THE SCHOOL FOR INFO.
Register at WMMGA.org or MAIL TO: Cindy Sanford, 707 River Road, Agawam, MA 01001

PLEASE CHOOSE THREE CLASSES FROM EACH SESSION!

Your first choices may not be available and we'd like to ensure that you get workshops of interest to you.

Session A 8:40 - 9:55 (1st Choice) # _____ (2nd) # _____ (3rd) # _____

Note: If you choose A-1 you must choose B-1. Two-part class.

Session B 10:15 - 11:30 (1st Choice) # _____ (2nd) # _____ (3rd) # _____

Session C 12:45 - 2:00 (1st Choice) # _____ (2nd) # _____ (3rd) # _____

If you do not receive confirmation within 2 weeks of mailing registration
please email Cindy Sanford at cindyagawam@comcast.net

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REGISTRATION THROUGH MARCH 15: \$35. Box Lunch Additional \$6.

Please Choose one: _____ Turkey Grinder _____ Vegetable Medley Wrap

Late Registration March 15-22: \$40 (subject to class availability) Walk-ins Day of Symposium: \$45

Enclosed is My Check for: _____ \$35 (Workshops Only) _____ \$41 (Workshops & Box Lunch)
_____ \$40 (Late Registration workshops only) _____ \$46 (Late Registration & Box Lunch)

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NAME _____ TELEPHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Please provide Email for confirmation of workshop choices _____

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