



# Spring into Gardening

16th Annual  
Berkshire Garden Symposium



Saturday March 28, 2020

8:00AM to 2:30PM

at Lenox Memorial Middle & High School, 197 East Street, Lenox, Mass.

COST: \$40.00

Keynote: **Bridghe McCracken**

Founder of Helia Land Design and Helia Native Nursery

Speaking on: **Preserving Our Ecosystem's Native Trees and Shrubs  
by Identifying and Removing Invasive Plants**

It's called Land Stewardship. In response to the threats on local and global ecosystems, Helia's mission is to protect native plant diversity, develop and enhance habitat for birds, butterflies, dragonflies, pollinators and amphibians, thus supporting a resilient ecosystem. The team of visionary landscapers focus on restoring wildflower meadows, woodlands, wetlands and design sacred spaces for humans, animals and plants alike, carrying the model for land stewardship into every project assignment. Bridghe will share a few aspects of how YOU can be a better land steward.

Plus 10  
More  
Garden  
Topic  
Choices!

## Day's Schedule

- 8:00AM - Registration  
8:45 - 10AM - Session I - Five Topics to choose from!\*
- 10:30 - 11:45AM - KEYNOTE: BRIDGHE MCCRACKEN  
11:45 - 12:45PM - LUNCH - Pizza, Side Salad & Dessert Included  
1:00 - 2:15PM - SESSION II - Five More Topics to choose from!\*

*\*See topic listings for each Session on reverse.*

*Pre-registration is required as seating is limited.*

*Register early to get first pick of classes!*

## Attractions between Classes and at Lunch

- **Environmental Organization Tables** ~ Vendors and Environmental Experts will be available to discuss their specialties
- **Garden Glove Sale**
- **Plant Sale** ~ Viridissima Horticulture & Design, Becket, Mass.
- **Garden Raffle** ~ Tickets available for purchase. Drawing is at lunch time.
- **Used Gardening Book Sale** ~ Browse through these gems to add to your collection.
- **Refreshments** ~ Complimentary beverages & breakfast items available. Lunch is included.

For more information contact:

Western Mass. Master Gardener Assoc. ~ [wmmga.org](http://wmmga.org)  
or Chris Stodden, 111 Quirico Dr., Pittsfield, MA 01201  
Telephone ~ 413-443-2910 Email ~ [wrselect@aol.com](mailto:wrselect@aol.com)

## Registration Form - Spring into Gardening

Name

Address

Evening Telephone

Email Address - Please PRINT CLEARLY

Your registration will be confirmed by EMAIL if you provide your address.

I have enclosed my check payable to WMMGA:

\_\_\_ BY March 18<sup>TH</sup> for \$40.<sup>00</sup>

(includes free lunch of pizza, salad, drink and dessert)

**Indicate Your Class Choice Clearly by Letter:**

Details about class choices for each Session are on reverse.

Session I (A,B,C,D,E)- \_\_\_ 1st Choice \_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_ 3rd

Session II (F,G,H,I,J)- \_\_\_ 1st Choice \_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_ 3rd

**Thank you. We'll see you there!**

Submit ONLINE at [WMMGA.ORG](http://WMMGA.ORG) or mail form ASAP to: Chris Stodden, 111 Quirico Dr., Pittsfield, MA 01201

# ABOUT THE LOCATION

## Directions to Lenox Memorial Middle & High School on Saturday March 28, 2020

Address is 197 East St., Lenox. Take Mass. Pike or other routes to Lenox and enter town via combined Routes 7 & 20.

*From the North*, TURN LEFT onto HOUSATONIC St. FOLLOW it about 1/2 mile; take 3RD RIGHT onto EAST Street. Travel about 1/4 mile and School is on RIGHT. Enter via first driveway.

*From the South*, TURN RIGHT onto WALKER St. and travel past Cranwell golf course on right about 1 mile. Take 2nd LEFT onto EAST St. Travel about 1 mile. School is on LEFT. Enter via second driveway.

**\*\*Please note: Lenox prohibits food in classrooms and is a nut-free cafeteria.\*\*  
For the health of students, do not bring any products containing nuts into the school.**

## SPRING INTO GARDENING Class Topic Choices for Sat. March 28, 2020

MG denotes  
Master Gardener

### Session I - 8:45AM - 10:00AM

(CONCURRENT CLASSES. Choose 1st, 2nd & 3rd preference)

- A. Bulbs: Summer, Fall & Spring
- B. Living Walls
- C. Tried and True Annuals and Perennials
- D. Ticks!
- E. The Importance of Training & Maintaining Young Trees

#### A. Bulbs: Summer, Fall & Spring.

*Eva Ward, Ward's Nursery & Garden Center*

Find out about the different varieties of summer bulbs and tubers as well as how to get the most out of them in a season. We will also cover spring blooming or fall-planted bulbs.

#### B. Living Walls.

*Shari Petrucci, MG*

Have fun learning about living walls with hands on experience. Living walls decorate your outdoor space with a vertical container! They are perfect for those with limited garden space.

#### C. Tried and True Annuals and Perennials.

*Jacqueline Clark, Owner, Garden Designs by Jacqueline, LLC*

We will focus on both annuals & perennial plants-- their blooms, textures & forms, as well as, performance and survivability. Well-planned gardens coordinate color throughout the season. Annuals add the bling but only for one season. Perennials offer 2 or more years of return on your investment. Get re-acquainted with these plants for a more successful 2020 growing season.

#### D. Ticks!

*Paul Killinger, Microbiology Lab, UMass Amherst*

Paul will review tick behavior and how we can use that knowledge to protect against tick bites, and discuss the results of nationwide testing over more than a decade.

#### E. The Importance of Training and Maintaining Young Trees.

*Chris Sweet, Owner/Founder, Sweet Tree Service*

Learn how to improve the health and safety of young trees that will also add value as they mature.

### Session II - 1:00PM - 2:15PM

(CONCURRENT CLASSES. Choose 1st, 2nd & 3rd preference)

- F. Herbs for the Health of It
- G. Secrets of Landscape Shrub Care
- H. The Power of Purple in Garden Design
- I. Container Gardening
- J. Growing Heirloom Tomatoes

#### F. Herbs for the Health of It.

*Elizabeth Leonard, MG and Geralyn Jones, MG*

In a container or a garden, learn to cultivate some essential herbs. Then learn to harvest, use, and preserve herbs.

#### G. Secrets of Landscape Shrub Care.

*John Berndtson, MG*

Caring for landscape shrubs can be confusing. Pruning is a key element, but several other factors are involved. Overcome your fear of shrub care by learning about landscape shrubs, how they grow, what tools to use, the methods to use, and the proper timing of your efforts.

#### H. The Power of Purple in Garden and Landscape Design.

*Chris Ferrero, MG*

Whether they're called mahogany, burgundy, or chocolate; deep purples offer contrast and depth that make other plantings look better throughout the seasons. Learn how your gardens and containers can POP with "purple" shrubs, trees, and flowering plants!

#### I. Container Gardening.

*Jenna O'Brien, Viridissima Horticulture & Design*

Jenna uses containers in the landscape to enhance and extend seasonal beauty, produce food and create an authentic sense of place. Get an inside look at how she does it while viewing a slideshow of her latest designs.

#### J. Growing Heirloom Tomatoes.

*Margaret Larson, MG*

Learn how to grow luscious, unusual heirloom tomatoes! Get helpful hints for sources, seed-starting, growing conditions and seed-saving for the following year.