

# 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**

Vegetable Medley Wrap **or** Chicken Caesar Salad

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 24th Annual Gardening Symposium

Presented by



# HOW'S IT GROWING? 2020 GARDENING VISIONS

**Saturday, April 4, 2020**

8:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

*Featuring "Super Soils - Super Gardens"  
"Designing Container Gardens for All Seasons"  
"Cultivating Mushrooms at Home"  
"Making Your Garden Edible"  
and much more*

**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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**Classes fill up fast! REGISTER EARLY!**

## SESSION A: 8:40 - 9:55

### A-1 Tried and True Annuals and Perennials

Well-planned gardens achieve color throughout the season. Annuals add bright notes to the garden, the bling throughout one season. Perennials offer 2 or more years of return on your investment. This workshop will focus on blooms, textures and forms, as well as performance and survivability of the best plants for a successful 2020 season.

*Jacqueline Clark, Landscape Designer*

### A-2 Techniques and Tips for Pruning Shrubs

There are many different types of shrubs (evergreen, deciduous, and needled) on the market today, each with its own pruning challenges! Dan will pick out a few specimens and explain the how, when and where for pruning these plants. Bring your questions and prepare to take lots of notes.

*Dan Ziomek, Hadley Garden Center*

### A-3 Getting More From Less: Space Saving Vegetable Gardening

Lack of space is often an excuse for not having a vegetable garden or for growing only a limited number of vegetables. Learn how to maximize your vegetable yield by using various strategies, ranging from plant selection to planting schemes. Topics covered will include using vertical space and methods for extending the growing season.

*Ron Kujawski, Horticulture Consultant, Writer, Lecturer*

### A-4 Healthy Lawns and Low Maintenance Alternatives

It is possible to have a healthy, more sustainable lawn without so many amendments! This workshop will show you how. In addition, information will also be presented on low maintenance lawn alternatives.

*Professor Jen Werner, STCC, Landscape Design and Management Technologies*

### A-5 Good Bug, Bad Bug

How do you recognize the good guys? This workshop will take a look at important insects that are beneficial because of their ability to pollinate or their ability to control other unwanted insects. Learn how to attract the good guys, as well as recognize and control the bad with IPM (integrated pest management).

*Nate Sperry, Horticulturist, Entomologist*

### A-6 Designing New Perennial Beds from Scratch

Learn how to design a garden for your home that supports pollinators, thrives in our changing climate, and doesn't break the bank. Included will be plant lists and basic design principles. No previous design experience needed.

*Larri Cochran, Master Gardener*

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## SESSION B: 10:15 - 11:30

### B-1 Color Your Garden with Flowers and Foliage Using Small Ornamental Shrubs

Learn about the wide variety of small but mighty woody ornamental plants available for the home landscape. This talk will focus on woodies offering multi-seasonal interest including bark, form, and foliage in addition to great floral display. Included will be design tips and cultural requirements for integrating these beauties into the home landscape.

*Elisabeth Cary, Retired Director of Education, Berkshire Botanical Garden*

### B-2 Designing Container Gardens for All Seasons

Come learn how to design your own ornamental container gardens for adding touches of natural beauty just where you want them. Included are tips and guidelines for how to create visually appealing and long-lasting potted gardens that will carry you through the New England seasons.

*Priscilla Touhey, Petals and Clay*

### B-3 Summer Flowering Bulbs, Bold and Beautiful!

Among the boldest and most colorful flowers in summer gardens are the so-called summer flowering bulbs. Often unknown to beginning gardeners and underappreciated by veteran gardeners, these "bulbs" are among the easiest plants to grow. What are they; how are they best used; how are they to be cared for? This presentation will provide answers to these and other questions about summer flowering bulbs.

*Ron Kujawski, Horticulture Consultant, Writer, Lecturer*

### B-4 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 15.

*Allison Bell, Quonquot Farm, Whately, MA*

### B-5 Cultivating Mushrooms at Home

Learn to grow 3 easy species of mushrooms at home. Mushrooms can be grown inside on a counter or outside in wood chips beds and shady areas.

*Willie Crosby, Fungi Ally*

### B-6 Growing and Cooking with Herbs

It is easy to grow most herbs whether they are annuals or perennials. Once you learn how easy it is, then you can use these herbs in your culinary recipes. It is fun to both grow and cook with herbs.

*Chris Brown, Master Gardener*

## SESSION C: 12:45 - 2:00

### C-1 Moving from Zone 5 to Zone 6: Climate Change and the Gardener

How is climate change affecting plants in the northeast? Eve will discuss change and how it relates to the decisions gardeners might make, including how native plants can be a climate change adaptation strategy. Also covered will be invasive plant species and how to recognize them.

*Evelyn Beaury, Grad Student, UMASS Amherst*

### C-2 Weeds: The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly!

While some weeds are garden thugs, many provide important food and shelter for wildlife. Learn what to do and not to do about them.

*Ed Sourdiffé, Master Gardener*

### C-3 Super Soils - Super Gardens

Great soils make great gardens. You will learn what makes up great soil and how to work with the soil you have to get to the soil you want.

*George Kingston, Master Gardener*

### C-4 Selecting and Planting Trees and Shrubs

Purchasing plants at a nursery or garden center? Learn what to look for to choose the best plant of the bunch! When you bring it home, learn current, science-based best planting practices to ensure healthy trees and shrubs for years to come.

*Professor Jen Werner, STCC, Landscape Design and Management Technologies*

### C-5 Updating Old Gardens

Learn ways to update/redesign a current bed, which supports pollinators and thrives in our changing climate. The design questions we will explore: What to Dig? Prune? Add? Move?

*Larri Cochran, Master Gardener*

### C-6 Making Your Garden Edible -

#### Adding Fruits and Veggies into Your Landscape

Your backyard can be not only beautiful, but also produce food and enhance the health of our ecosystems. This workshop includes ideas for adding edible, native plants, as well as ways to implement some basic principles of permaculture, or "Everything in its right place."

*Sven Pihl, CT Edible Ecosystems*

**B.Y.O.R.B.**

**BRING YOUR OWN RE-USABLE WATER BOTTLE**

***We will have water available.***

**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. For instructions on how to take a soil sample for pH, inquire at [www.WMMGA.org](http://www.WMMGA.org) (scroll down to "contact us") or call 413-298-5355

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) # \_\_\_\_\_

**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](mailto:cindyagawam@comcast.net)

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why not share it with a gardening friend!

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**REGISTER ONLINE at WMMGA.org**

**OR FILL OUT WORKSHOP CHOICES AND MAIL TO: Cindy Sanford, 707 River Road, Agawam, MA 01001**

**REGISTRATION THROUGH MARCH 20: \$35. Box Lunch Additional \$6.**

**Please Choose one: \_\_\_\_\_ Turkey Grinder \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetable Medley Wrap \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Caesar Salad**

Late Registration March 21-27: \$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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**Please provide Email for confirmation of workshop choices** \_\_\_\_\_

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