



Your Living Landscape

The Western Massachusetts
Master Gardener Association's

Spring Gardening Symposium

March 17, 2018

8:45 am to 2:15 pm

Frontier Regional High School – South Deerfield, MA

Featuring **Henry Homeyer**, *speaking on*

Sculpting the Living Landscape

Many of us have limited space for gardening, but still want a vegetable garden as well as the beauty of a flower garden. Henry shows us how to do both! He'll talk about how to create beauty in both the vegetable and flower gardens through the use of well-placed woody plants, stone, structures and by choosing plants that contribute to the landscape with their color and forms.

In addition, choose from 16 topics in two concurrent sessions, offering ideas for nourishing you, your garden and the planet.

8:00 am	Registration
8:45-10:00 am	Session 1 – Eight topics to choose from!
10:30 - noon	Keynote: Henry Homeyer
Noon – 1:00 pm	Lunch break <i>(reserve a lunch below, or bring your own)</i>
1:00 - 2:15pm	Session 2 – Eight more topics to choose from!



For more information, go to
wmmga.org
or contact Lucy Alman at
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or (413) 665-2181.

- * **Marketplace** - We'll have vendors with locally produced offerings.
- * **Book Table** – Assorted titles for gardeners from Storey Publishing and Timber Press for sale.
- * **Refreshments** – Morning coffee and goodies, plus an optional lunch from River Valley Market (see registration form to order).
- * **Snow Date** – In case of impending bad weather, call 413-665-2181 the night before for a recorded message regarding possible rescheduling.
- * **Parking** – Please car pool if at all possible; parking is tight!

Registration form - Cost is **\$35** for the entire day; additional fee for optional lunch.

Register online (extra service fee applies) at WMMGA.ORG or by mail using the form below. Send mailed registrations to: Lucy Alman, 27 Park Rd., Sunderland, MA 01375. *Please make checks payable to WMMGA.*

Preregistration is required as seating is limited. **Register early to get first pick of workshops!**

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Evening phone _____ Email _____

_____ **\$35** for entire day (**make choices below**). Indicate your choices with the letter of each talk for both sessions.

Seating is limited for each talk, so register early to be sure to get your preferences!

• **Session 1** (1st choice)____(2nd choice)____(3rd choice)_____

• **Session 2** (1st choice)____(2nd choice)____(3rd choice)_____

_____ **\$8.00** for optional lunch from River Valley Market (**CIRCLE ONE**) includes assorted fruit, chips, cookie and beverage. Choice of: The Herder (roast beef, horseradish mayo, smoked cheddar, red onion, tomato, lettuce on whole wheat) OR Chicken Salad (w/ red grapes, celery, red wine vinegar, mayo, lettuce and Swiss on whole wheat) OR Daily Greens (hummus, sprouts, cucumber, avocado, tomato, spinach, house balsamic vinaigrette in a wrap)

_____ **Total Enclosed**



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WORKSHOP TOPICS OVERVIEW

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| A. Shrubs for All Seasons | I. Eat Something You Grew Every Day |
| B. Vegetable Gardening | J. Gardening for the Birds |
| C. Good Bug vs. Bad Bug | K. Those Wildlife Pests! |
| D. Pruning Tools – Selection and Care | L. New Perennials |
| E. Invasive Plants | M. The Ins and Outs of Starting Seeds |
| F. Pollinator Habitat Gardens | N. Backyard Blueberries |
| G. A Garden Bounty Breakfast | O. Trellis Making from Natural Materials |
| H. Herbal Spa Workshop | P. Pressed Flower Art from the Garden |
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Schedule with workshop choices on next page.

SESSION 1 (concurrent sessions): 8:45-10:00 am

A. Shrubs For All Seasons

John Barry, Master Gardener

Many of our flowering shrubs bloom in the spring then blend into the summer green until the next year. There are some though that put on a show for more than one season in the form of beautiful summer foliage, berries or spectacular fall color. Some do all of these and even look good in winter. We will take a look of some of these beauties and still have time for open discussion and Q&A.

B. Vegetable Gardening: For Fun, For Food, For Health!

Jennifer & Ron Kujawski, garden writers and educators

Knowing the basics of vegetable gardening will aid those contemplating starting a vegetable garden as well as those looking to improve their growing skills. Includes site selection, soil preparation, crop selection, space saving planting schemes, maintenance, managing pest problems, and a few notes on food preservation.

C. Good versus Bad Insects!

George Stephan, Master Gardener

Understand how to promote good insects and how to entice them to make your garden their home. Also, strategies for how to deal with "bad" insects in the garden and avoid costly and harmful chemicals to solve your problem.

D. Pruning Cuts - Pruning Tools and How to Care for Them!

Dan Ziomek, Hadley Garden Center

Pruning tools vary widely in quality and can injure plants if poorly maintained. We will discuss all of the different pruning tool grades and which are the best for use in the garden, as well as how to care for these tools so that they last a lifetime. Pruning tools will be available to try so you can select which one is the best fit for you.

E. Plant Thugs: Getting a Handle on Invasive Plants

Cynthia Boettner, Silvio O. Conte Nat Fish & Wildlife Refuge

Invasive plants can overwhelm our yards, community parks and natural areas. Find out which landscaping plants degrade natural ecosystems and what techniques and tools you can use to reduce their impact in your yard and the natural places you care about.

F. Getting Started: Designing and Maintaining a

Pollinator Habitat Garden - Larri Cochran,

Carol Wasserloos, and Jean O'Neil, Master Gardeners

Bring butterflies, bees and other beneficial insects to your garden. We'll show you how to use nature's best practices for spring clean-up, design, plant selection and seasonal maintenance to create a successful pollinator garden.

G. A Garden Bounty Breakfast

Joan Eckert, Whole Foods Market

Rethink your breakfast choices! With the constant thought of "what are our most nutrient dense foods?", in this cooking class Joan will make a breakfast that will include all whole foods and the beautiful vegetables and herbs you may have growing right in your garden. A perfect way to start the day, and you'll get to enjoy a taste of the recipes being made.

H. Herbal Spa Workshop

Shari Petrucci, Master Gardener

Learn how to incorporate herbs from your garden into homemade bath and shower products! A hands-on demo and workshop. Participants will make several samples of bath teas to take home.

SESSION 2 (concurrent sessions): 1:00-2:15 pm

I. Eat Something You Grew Every Day of the Year

Henry Homeyer

Learn the nuts and bolts of dehydrating, storing and freezing food from the garden so you always have some of your own food to eat. I do this, and believe anyone can.

J. Gardening For The Birds: What to Do and What Not to Do - Ted Watt, Hitchcock Center for the Environment

What plants are useful for attracting both fruit-eating and seed-eating birds, as well as hummingbirds? Ted will also talk about habitats and which bird species gardeners are likely to have near their garden as well as a little about bird houses for attracting the nesting species.

K. Those Wildlife Pests!

Jean O'Neil, Master Gardener

Jean will describe what the major garden pests want, how they think, and how gardeners can sometimes out-think them. We will cover Integrated Pest Management as it applies to moles, rabbits, deer, and other creatures.

L. Perennial Insights

Steve Hebert, The Plant Group

Steve will explain how the perennial market has changed and why you as a consumer should be aware of it. He will also talk about marketing and branding, why it matters, and why we should care. Finally, as a sales rep having access to over 1500 perennials, Steve will share his favorites.

M. The "Ins & Outs" of Starting Seeds

Julie Abramson, Master Gardener

This workshop will cover the various aspects of starting seeds, including the top sources for seeds, the best setups for growing them (containers, growing medium, temperature, lights, etc.), the timing for starting different types of seeds, transplanting after germination, moving plants outside, and planting in the garden. Also some useful guides to seed starting and key tools to use.

N. Backyard Blueberries

Sonia Schloemann, UMass Extension

Blueberries are among the most popular perennial fruits grown in home gardens. Sonia will go over all the horticultural requirements and some of the pest problems, including the newly introduced spotted wing drosophila, you need to know about for successful blueberry growing.

O. Making Fences, Trellises, and Other Garden Structures with Local Plant Material

Allison Bell, Naturalist, Quonquont Farm

Your garden as well as local natural areas offer an array of materials for making your own fences, trellises, and whimsical garden structures. Allison will review construction materials, sources, and demonstrate techniques that you can use to build structures at home.

P. Pressing Matters: Making Art from the Garden

Nina Lev, artist

For the past seven years, Nina has enjoyed pressing flowers and leaves that she grows or finds in the wild, then combining them with paper, glass, tile, resin, and other found treasures to create wall art, cards, jewelry, and ornaments. In this workshop, she will discuss and show slides of her experience with collecting, pressing, storing, and using flora. Participants will then have an opportunity to create some of their own art.