

Western Massachusetts
Master Gardener Association

22nd Annual Gardening Symposium



Saturday, March 24, 2018

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

PLEASE DO NOT CALL SCHOOL FOR INFORMATION!

Classes fill up fast! SEND IN YOUR REGISTRATION EARLY!

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 - 12:30 - Lunch*

Market Place, Q&A, Raffle

12:45 - 2:00 - Session C

LOOK FOR THE "ASK ME" BADGES

Master Gardeners will be available to answer gardening questions and help you find your way.

*Box lunches available for \$6.00. Choice of:
Turkey, Cheese, Lettuce and Tomato Grinder
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 Yankee Pedlar on your left, 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 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.

PLEASE...Do NOT Call THE SCHOOL For INFORMATION!

Session A: 8:40 - 9:55

A-1 A Garden Problems and Solutions

Do you wonder why your hydrangeas and peonies don't bloom? Do you want to simplify your gardens? Debbie will share her many years of gardening knowledge and experiences to address your gardening challenges and problems.

Debbie Windolowski, *Gardenscapes*, Hatfield, MA

A-2 Getting More From Less: Space Saving Gardening

Limited space is often used as an excuse by home gardeners for not planting a vegetable garden. This illustrated presentation will discuss strategies for getting an ample harvest of vegetables in small spaces or for simply getting higher yields from small gardens.

Ron Kujawski, *Horticulture Consultant, Writer, Lecturer*

A-3 Perennials for Spring, Summer and Fall

Learn how to choose perennials for interest in the spring, summer, and fall seasons. Includes: What plants to deadhead for re-bloom, those that can be cut back, when to plant, transplant, divide and mulch. Also a little mention on annuals and how to use them to compliment perennial plantings.

Jacqueline Clark, *Master Gardener/Landscape Designer*

A-4 Saving Our Pollinators

Gardeners are on the front lines for the survival of bees and butterflies! Learn which plants attract native pollinators, how to plant according to soil preference, height, habit, flowers, nesting possibilities and design strategies to help protect native bees in New England.

Tom Sullivan, *Master of Arts in Landscape Design*

A-5 Shrubs

Want to update your garden or landscape with some new shrubs? Learn about newer shrubs that are longer blooming, lower maintenance, smaller in size and some "landscape suitable natives" as well. Tips to grow these shrubs successfully will also be presented.

Prof. Jen Werner, *STCC*

A-6 Propagation

Increase your garden and house plant collection easily and cost effectively! Propagation utilizing stem, leaf and root cuttings.

Steve Waiter, *Springside Greenhouse Group*

Session B: 10:15 - 11:30

B-1 Container and Raised Bed Gardening

Just about any type of plant can be grown in a suitable container or raised bed. This workshop will cover the benefits of container and raised bed gardening. We will discuss the relationship between plants and depth of soil required for the best results as well as other considerations such as sun/shade placement and ease of use for each style of gardening.

Dottie Caron, *Master Gardener*

B-2 Medicinal Herbs

The culinary herbs commonly grown in the home garden contain a treasure-trove of medicinal actions and uses. Incorporating these herbs into the home medicine cabinet can be simple and fun! We'll cover medicinal uses and preparations, harvesting and drying, medicine-making, and specific indications for many of our familiar classic herb garden medicinals including Rosemary, Thyme, Oregano, Lavender, Basil, and more.

Jade Alicandro Mace, *Blue Dragon Apothecary*

B-3 Composting

Compost is a great way to improve your soil and it's free! Learn how to make and use compost from kitchen scraps, garden and yard waste and even paper. Once you know the basics, compost happens.

George Kingston, *Master Gardener*

B-4 Naturescaping

Learn how to design gardens to attract butterflies, songbirds, pollinators and beneficial insects as well as create and protect valuable wildlife habitat. Debbie will show you how to garden in harmony with nature year-round using the right plants and eco-friendly practices.

Debbie Windolowski, *Gardenscapes*, Hatfield, MA

B-5 Get Ready! The Spring Garden

Get ready in the early months of the year for a productive and creative gardening season. Topics covered include: what to prune now and why, tool sharpening (demonstration and bring yours too!), flower bed cleanup and evaluation, transplanting, lawn care, pest control (voles, winter moth, and scale), houseplant basics, bulb care and bare root plants.

Cheryl Monroe, *Garden in the Burrow*

B-6 Moles and voles and bears!, Oh, my!

Learn about the various mammals that want to dine out on your dime, and how to keep them from doing so. Emphasis will be given to techniques that have actually worked sometimes on voles, deer, groundhogs, squirrels, rabbits, chipmunks and skunks. Topics will include electric fences, non-toxic deterrents and traps.

Dave Marinelli, *Master Gardener*

Session C: 12:45 - 2:00

C-1 Establishing a Meadow Garden

Too much lawn? Plant a meadow garden instead. This workshop will provide an overview on preparing an area, removing existing vegetation (lawn) and focus in more detail on planting and maintaining a meadow garden.

Leslie Duthie, *Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary*

C-2 The Extraordinary Power of Plants, and How to Surround Yourself With Them

Plants have been scientifically shown to help humans just by sharing space with us. Learn about the benefits of gardening indoors. Tips, tricks and secrets to successful house plant care will be explored in this class.

Ed Sourdiffe, *Master Gardener*

C-3 Hydrangeas for Every Garden

A look at the many wonderful Hydrangeas that thrive and bloom well in New England: their characteristics, care and how to use them in your landscape.

Toi Graham, *Master Gardener*

C-4 The Art of the Vignette

A fun design presentation illustrating how effectively to use small spaces in the garden to convey a sense of drama and personal style and how to avoid common faux pas. We will learn how to use color, design features and objects d'art to draw the eye and create fabulous vignettes that will have your visitors admiring your savior-faire.

Cheryl Monroe, *Garden in the Burrow*

C-5 Gardening Techniques for Older Gardeners

Gardening provides older adults with the opportunity to exercise their mind, body and spirit. Although age makes tasks harder, with some adapted equipment, work saving techniques and creative problem solving, there is still plenty that can be done at any age. Presenters will provide benefits and solutions to gardening for older adults.

Prof. Joan Simmons and Students, *Springfield College*

C-6 Mini Workshops: Worm Composting, Seed Saving, Fairy Gardens

Participants will have the chance to spend time with each of 3 experts in these Interactive/Demo mini workshops!

Dave Marinelli, *Master Gardener*, Dottie Caron, *Master Gardener*, Chris Beck, *Master Gardener*

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

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

**Toi Graham, 39 Burleigh Rd.,
Hampden, MA 01036**

**CLASSES FILL UP FAST!
REGISTER EARLY!!!**

IT IS BACK!!! 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 413-298-5355 for instructions on how to take a soil sample for pH.

DO NOT SEND REGISTRATION TO HOLYOKE HIGH SCHOOL OR CALL THE SCHOOL FOR INFO. FORMS MUST BE MAILED TO TOI GRAHAM AT 39 BURLEIGH RD., HAMPDEN, MA 01036

If needed, additional registration forms can be printed from our website: www.WMMGA.org

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 (1st Choice) # _____ (2nd) # _____ (3rd) # _____

Session B (1st Choice) # _____ (2nd) # _____ (3rd) # _____

Session C (1st Choice) # _____ (2nd) # _____ (3rd) # _____

If you do not receive confirmation within 2 weeks of mailing registration please email Toi Graham at toigraham@charter.net

Classes fill up fast - REGISTER EARLY! REGISTER EARLY! REGISTER EARLY! REGISTER EARLY!

Please note: tickets are transferable, but not refundable. If for some reason you cannot use yours, why not share it with a gardening friend!

Please Register Me for the 22nd Annual Spring Gardening Symposium:

FILL OUT WORKSHOP CHOICES AND MAIL TO: Toi Graham, 39 Burleigh Rd., Hampden, MA 01036

GENERAL ADMISSION THROUGH MARCH 10: \$30. Box Lunch Additional \$6.

Please Choose one: _____ Turkey & Cheese Grinder _____ Vegetable Medley Wrap

Late Registration March 11-22: \$35 (subject to class availability) Walk-ins Day of Symposium: \$40

Enclosed is My Check for _____ \$30 (Workshops Only) _____ \$36 (Workshops & Box Lunch)

_____ \$35 (Late Registration workshops only) _____ \$41 (Late Registration & Box Lunch)

(Make checks payable to WMMGA. Mail to Toi Graham, 39 Burleigh Rd., Hampden, MA 01036)

Please note: tickets are transferable, but not refundable. If for some reason you cannot use yours, why not share it with a gardening friend!

NAME _____ TELEPHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ City _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Please provide Email for confirmation of workshop choices _____

please print clearly