

27th Annual Spring Garden Symposium Saturday, February 10, 2024

8:30 am Registration/refreshments

8:55 am Welcome

9:00 am *How to Grow Native Plants
from Seed*

Presenter: Krissy Boys. Grow native plants, local and adapted to the conditions of your ecoregion. Join Krissy Boys for a talk that demonstrates with slides how to be successful growing beautiful common native plant species that support local pollinators and birds. Success with your own Native Plant Propagation Talk includes: collecting seeds from the wild using specific collecting protocols; growing plants from seeds using seed cleaning and storage techniques, including seed stratification, scarification and viability testing; using a timeline that produces plugs for planting out the following year; and determining a chronology of species that bloom from spring through late fall

10:30 am Break

10:45 am *Principles and Practices of
Ecological Gardening*

Presenter: Jennie Cramer. Understanding the core principles and practices of an ecological garden will help you rebuild your garden ecosystem, with its natural feedback loops that result in greater abundance, lower pest pressure, and natural disease resistance, and natural resilience to the erratic climatic conditions we live with today. Learn a framework for understanding the garden ecosystem and how to restore the natural patterns and processes that make it thrive.

12:15 pm Hot Buffet Lunch

1:15 pm *Inciting Joy: A Conversation on
Nature as a Spiritual and Ecological
Vessel for Creativity, Nourishment,
and Healing*

Presenter: Lucienne Nicholson. She will lead a lively conversational presentation on the capacity of gardening to speak to some of our deepest physical and spiritual needs in building generative and dynamic pathways connecting people and nature across space and time. Come prepared for an interactive, symbiotic and mutually beneficial exchange about the nature within and around us all.

2:45 pm Have a safe trip home!

The cost for this day long program is \$45.00 per person which includes refreshments, hot buffet lunch, registration, and a folder with the presenters' handouts.

No confirmation will be sent.

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Please return by February 2, 2024. Early registration is advised, as space is limited.

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Dear Gardeners,

We are pleased to offer the 27th Annual Spring Garden Symposium, organized by Master Gardener Volunteers. We hope you will join us to gather ideas for your garden that our speakers will inspire your spring planning.

Presenters:

Krissy Boys enchantment with the forest ecosystem of the Northeastern America has led her to the Cornell Botanic Garden's Mundy Wildflower Garden in Ithaca. Her time is spent working with community volunteers and students. She is currently the learning by leading Sustainable Landscape Team Mentor. She teaches classes and workshops at the Cornell Botanic Garden and lecture at plant conferences and gardening clubs throughout the northeast and mid-Atlantic states. She has been a gardener and land steward by trade for 31 years.

Jennie Cramer is an educator with Cornell Garden-Based Learning and the owner of Garden Rhythm, an ecological gardening education program. She is an ecologist turned enthusiastic horticulture educator with 25 years of experience in organic gardening, regenerative agriculture, natural history, and botanical education. She loves saving seed, medicinal herbs and plants with many purposes. She is especially fond of teaching students how to reconnect to Nature by creating a resilient, abundant, and beautiful garden ecosystem by applying ecological principles.

Lucienne Nicholson is a nature enthusiast, a passionate holistic gardener and organic backyard suburban farmer whose horticultural combinations are often compared to a living tapestry of edible and nonedible plants. Lucienne's relationship with nature began on a big organic ancestral farm in Haiti where she spent the first sixteen summers of her life in the shadow of her grandmother before immigrating to the USA. That early childhood experience remained a critical piece of her identity easily seen in her exuberant garden style signature. Lucienne's garden was recently featured in the *Better Homes and Gardens* May 2023 issue.



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