



Petals & Patchwork Presenters and Speakers

Sunday, April 7

Lisa Sanchez - Environmental Classroom Instructor



Lisa has been a Naturalist at the Lancaster County Department of Parks and Recreation Environmental Center for 30 years. Teaching students of all ages to explore and value the wonders of nature is her passion and she enjoys helping people reconnect to the Earth.

Susanna Reppert-Brill - Medicinal Herbs Workshop



Join Susanna Reppert Brill for an informative workshop on medicinal herbs. Many of the common herbs and spices in your culinary cupboard and garden have great health properties. Susanna will share how to incorporate those herbs into your daily life through Nutritional Salt, Detox, Vinegars, and Flu Fighting Salad Dressings. Each participant will make a vinegar blend to take home with them. Susanna is a member of Penn-Cumberland Garden Club in District IV and is a 6th generation Herbalist. She is the owner of The Rosemary House, located in Mechanicsburg, PA, one of American's oldest herb shops, and she is the mom of two.

Beth Oberholtzer - Food and Beauty of Amish Gardens



Beth is an author and book designer who has written several books of local interest, including Amish Gardens of Lancaster County. She grew up on a farm in Lancaster. Beth interviewed 23 Amish women gardeners. She discovered gardening is "women's work" as well as a social activity that's productive and possibly fun. "It's really a sociological study of Amish women and Amish families," she says. The book will be available to purchase.

Susan Henry - Alcohol Ink Jewelry Workshops



Susan Henry is a self-taught jewelry designer and artist. Twenty-six years ago, she began creating beaded jewelry on precious metals with crystals, gemstones, pearls, bone, and shell beads. Her work has evolved into forged, textured and soldered precious metal wire and sheet fabrications. Susan is a jewelry instructor at the Adams County Arts Council in Gettysburg, PA. She has displayed her work at numerous craft shows in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware and her jewelry is in shops in Lebanon, Myerstown, Gettysburg and Chincoteague Island, VA.

Karl Gercens of Longwood Gardens - "Dessert" Plants for Your Gardens



We all know the backbone of great gardens are the trees and shrubs that surround our property or the ones we inherited from the existing landscape. When you're considering an improvement to what you have then think of adding some "Dessert Plants." Trees, shrubs, and perennials with colored foliage will give you season-long interest when they're mixed with more mature green specimens. There's a plant for any sized garden and you'll have everyone asking where you got that incredible specimen! Karl Gercens is the Conservatory Manager at Longwood Gardens. He's been a part of the team creating those glorious glasshouse displays for half his life now. Originally from Mississippi, Karl developed a passion for horticulture at a young age when his grandparents nurtured his fondness for nature. Karl went on to work at Walt Disney World in Florida and Filoli Estate in California before being lured into America's Garden Capital by Longwood Gardens. When Karl isn't inspiring his team at Longwood then he's out looking for inspiration in gardens around the globe. To date, Karl has visited over 3000 gardens in 32 countries (including all 50 States). He shares his findings on his website KarlGercens.com as well as Facebook, Instagram and TikTok just by searching his name.

Monday, April 8

Derek Stoner - Wildlife Gardening: Designing Attractive Gardens for the Benefit of Birds, Bees and Butterflies.



Learn how to magnify the impact of your gardening efforts by inviting beneficial wildlife into your garden: birds to eat pest insects, bees to pollinate plants, and butterflies to beautify the landscape. Through a series of examples that you can apply to your own garden, he will share a discussion of what makes Wildlife Gardening a wonderful way to enhance your enjoyment of the outdoors. Derek Stoner is a lifelong outdoorsman with a passion for connecting people to nature. During a fifteen-year career with the Delaware Nature Society, he led

programs ranging from summer camps to major international ecotours, managed the biodiversity enhancement of the 860-acre Middle Run Natural Area and coordinated the planting of 25,000 trees and shrubs for habitat improvement. The award-winning Middle Run Birding Trail is his creation and is regarded as a premier location for experiencing the spectacle of songbird migration. His new venture will be a book and website called ***Wildlife Gardening***, focusing on the power of creating high-value wildlife habitat through a thoughtful approach to gardening and landscaping. A resident of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, he lives with his wife Hilary and their two young children on a special property full of plants, animals, and biodiversity.

Diane Winters - Creating Fun Planters



Diane will present examples of unique containers and how to design them for that “wow” factor. An empty pot is her canvas, and she loves curating plants for that special look. She will show her own basics for potting. Her love of gardening came from her grandmother and mother. She operates a gift and garden shop, Tansy Meadow, seasonally. The containers she will design will be available for purchase.

Kay Hollabaugh - A Picnic in the Orchard



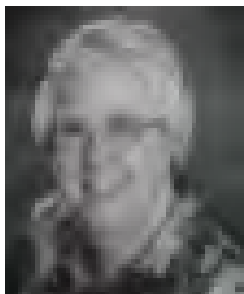
Kay and her husband own Hollabaugh Brothers, a fruit and vegetable farm in Adams County, PA near Biglerville. Kay will share her experiences over the years in operating a horticultural and marketing enterprise. Kay manages the retail farm market where school groups and others can take educational tours. She is a past President of the National Farmer's Direct Marketing Association. She oversaw the construction of a new farm market in 2012 and fulfilled her dream of an in-house scratch bakery.

Charles Cresson - Succeeding With Unusual Bulbs in Your Gardens



Charles Cresson, an avid gardener, lecturer, and award-winning author, has taught bulbs at Longwood Gardens for over 40 years. He studied horticulture at the University of Vermont and the University of Bath in England and worked for the Royal Horticultural Society at Wisley Garden. He has worked at Winterthur Garden, Chanticleer and Burpee, where he managed their bulb program. He is the author of *The American Flower Garden*, *Ornamental Trees*, and *Rock Gardening*. Hedgley Spring, his 4-generation family garden has been featured in many books and articles and a BBC documentary on American gardens. "After growing many bulbs in my garden for over 40 years, here's what I have learned. Beyond the familiar daffodils, tulips and a few other easy doers, there is a wider range of bulb varieties, often overlooked, that can expand the plant palette of your garden. Some take little care and bloom reliably for many years. Others require a deeper understanding of their needs to settle into our mid-Atlantic garden conditions. Apart from the appeal of their exquisite flowers, these species may offer the intrigue of exotic origins or bloom when few other bulbs do. Learn how you too can succeed with these fascinating bulbs in a large or small garden and enjoy them for years to come."

Joyce Brobst - *Pelargonium Scentsations!*



Joyce Brobst grows many varieties of scented geraniums. In this presentation she will discuss the history of these fascinating plants, including information about species plants, as they would grow in southern Africa, as well as many of the cultivars more readily available for gardens today! Live plants will be used in this talk so that participants can experience the broad diversity in form as well as the incredible aromas of the many varieties she will have on display. Some plants will be available for purchase after the presentation. Joyce Brobst is an educator, garden writer, researcher, and plant enthusiast! She is a past president of The Herb Society of

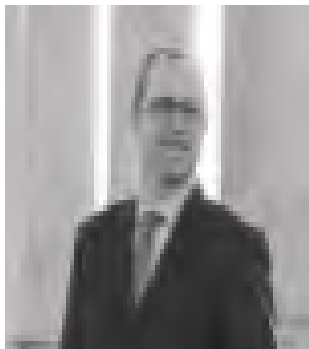
America and is actively involved with the PA Heartland Unit and as an honorary member of the Philadelphia Unit. In 2006, the Pelargonium was selected as herb of the year. That year Joyce, Caroline Amidon, and Pat Crocker collaborated on a book Pelargonium, 2006 Herb of the Year. She is a lifelong science educator and holds B.S., M.ED., and M.S. degrees. She is a member of the PA Horticultural Society and the Hardy Plant Society. She has been honored with invitations to two Oxford University Round Table discussions in Oxford, England. The Herb Society has awarded her the Helen de Conway Little Medal of Honor, and the Nancy Putnam Howard Award for Excellence in Horticulture. In 2018, she was recognized with the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award in the field of education.

Christine Lurk - Victory Gardens and Food Rationing: The Bigger Picture



Christine is also known as "Miss Victory" in the WWII reenacting world. That part of her life began in 2009 when she first attended the WWII Weekend at the Mid-Atlantic Air Museum in Reading, PA. She joined two reenacting groups and began amassing WWII artifacts that appealed to her, like her world-class collection of "V" for Victory pins. In the first half of her life, she served in the Army as an MP in Berlin, Germany (when the wall was still up), then had a family of 5 while she did genealogy for 30 years. She then worked at the Adams County Adult Correctional Complex, retiring after 10 years as a Correctional Officer. "The idea that I would presume to teach a roomful of gardeners "How to Garden" is laughable to me. So, of necessity my PowerPoint presentation is tilted in a different direction. I will explain what was happening in WWII that made Victory Gardens and food rationing necessary. What was the "nitty gritty" of rationing? What did you have to have in your handbag when you went grocery shopping? What were those red and blue tokens for? We are going to "time travel" a bit to test our mettle to see if we have what it took to live on the home front of the 1940's."

Dr. Richard Olsen, Director of the United States National Arboretum - An Arboreal Amble



Trees are amongst our most noble living organisms and defining features of most terrestrial ecosystems on the planet. Our cultivated landscapes and gardens celebrate trees for their structure, functions, and aesthetics. Walk with Dr. Olsen as he recounts the stories, the beauty, and the possibilities of trees from around the world to enrich your gardens.

Dr. Richard T. Olsen is the Director of the United States National Arboretum, Dr. Olsen has a Bachelor's Degree in Landscaping Design from North Carolina State, a Master's Degree in Plant Physiology, from University of Georgia, and a PhD in Plant Breeding from NCSU. A world-renowned

horticulturist and botanist with more than 25 years of experience in botany, Dr. Olsen is an internationally recognized expert in plant identification, plant propagation, and sustainable urban design.

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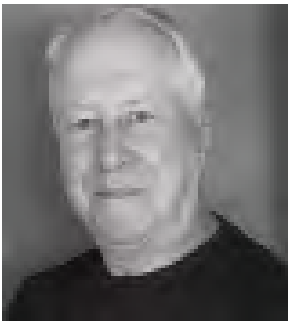
Sam Hoadley - Knockout Natives



Join Sam Hoadley, the Manager of Horticultural Research at Mt. Cuba Center, as he highlights knockout native species and cultivars from their trials. Top performers and favorites of *Monarda*, *Phlox*, *Helenium*, *Echinacea*, wild hydrangea, and *Carex* represent some of the best native plants for the mid-Atlantic region and beyond. Sam will discuss their horticultural and ecological performance and will share important information on standouts that will make beautiful additions to your garden. Sam Hoadley is the Manager of Horticultural

Research at Mt. Cuba Center where he evaluates native plant species, old and new cultivars, and hybrids in the Trial Garden. Sam earned his degree in Sustainable Landscape Horticulture from the University of Vermont.

John Hecker - Stormwater Management for Homeowners



John is a retired high school Environmental Science teacher. He is a present or past member of the following organizations: Lake Meade Watershed Steward and chair/member of Lake Meade Lake and Watershed Committee, Lake Meade Roads and Stormwater Management Committee plus Lake Meade Green Team. He is an Adams County Master Gardener and currently on the Advisory Board. He is also a member of the Watershed Alliance of Adams County and a volunteer for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation in conjunction with the Lake Meade committees.

Carrie Wiles - Plants with Purpose Late Season Natives with Pollinator Appeal



Carrie Wiles of North Creek Nurseries shares how to create an abundant landscape that extends from summer into the winter season by using plants with late-season appeal, intriguing textures, and benefits for native pollinators. Learn tips and techniques for all aspects of planting and discover a myriad of natives that will work well in your landscape.

Carrie Wiles is the Marketing Manager at North Creek Nurseries, a wholesale propagation nursery with a strong emphasis on Eastern US natives and their cultivars. Carrie serves on the Board of Directors for the Delaware Center for Horticulture - a Wilmington based non-profit that cultivates greener communities by inspiring appreciation and improvement of the environment through horticulture, education, and conservation. Ms. Wiles also volunteers her time by serving on the Pennsylvania Landscape & Nursery Association Board of Trustees. Carrie holds a BS in Ornamental Horticulture from The Pennsylvania State University, University Park.

GCFP Judges Council Program

Steven Cox Associate Director of Floral Design at Longwood Gardens

Steven Cox will create a **"perfect harmony."** Four large floral designs inspired by handmade quilts will be staged adjacent to the "quilt inspiration." The president of the York Quilters Guild will provide details about the five quilts. Mr. Cox will then discuss how each quilt harmonizes with his floral creations. A fifth design will be completed during the program. All designs will be raffled off for attendees to win and enjoy.



Steven Cox takes his botanical inspiration from his global travels to create lush arrangements for the spaces and events at Longwood Gardens. With his eye for detail, he is directing an army of designers and volunteers in the newly founded Floral Design Services Division. Here, with a kaleidoscope of plant material at his fingertips, he dazzles guests with his creative designs for fabulous private parties in event locations around the gardens as well as enhances the world class gardens with spectacular floral installations in a scale that only Longwood Gardens could produce. He utilizes texture color and seasonal blooms to create modern floral designs ranging in size from diminutive to sky-high. Bridging the gap between florist and plant stylist. Cox previously worked at Biltmore Estate in Ashville, North Carolina. For more than two decades he owned a floral design and plant styling business based in Columbus, Ohio.

