

GARDEN TALKS

The Real Housewives of New Jersey: Early American Women and Their Kitchen Gardens

Presented by Lesley Parness

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Kitchen gardens in the 1700s fed, healed, and clothed early American families. The 18th Century “huswife” skill set included “physicke, cookery, distillation, perfumery, the making of wool, hemp, flax, dairies, brewing, baking” and, of course, gardening. Growing plants both Native American and from their homelands, these women turned soup pots into the “melting pot” that is America and exemplified all the best qualities of plantswomen and patriots. For the past five decades, travel, academic studies, and work provided a rewarding context for Lesley’s love of plants. After a career in museums and botanic gardens, she retired from her post as Superintendent of Horticultural Education at New Jersey’s Morris County Park Commission. Lesley is a member of the Herb Society of America, The Council on Horticultural and Botanical Libraries, and Garden State Gardens, a consortium of New Jersey’s public gardens. Her column, The Garden Historian, is featured bi-monthly in *Gardener News* magazine.

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Enchantment in Your Evening Garden

Presented by Ann Sherwood

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Enchantment literally means to be part of the song, and evening is a delightful time to be enchanted by the natural world in your garden. This presentation is an invitation to think about how you experience your garden as a busy day winds down. You will discover plants that may enhance your awareness of the changing light, aromas, and sounds that accompany the shift from day to night. Ann has been a Master Gardener since 2016. She received her PhD in microbiology/cell biology from Rutgers University and has spent her career studying how human cells work. Ann is interested in the active life of plant and animal cells underground. She is the Master Gardener expert on the spotted lantern fly. She also enjoys sharing her love of hummingbirds and the splendor of evening gardens.

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