Join us on Saturday, March 22nd for our 38th Annual Home Gardeners School!

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8:00 am
Coffee/Tea and Registration

9:00 am - 10:30 am
Demonstration Workshop: How to Build a Water Garden
Robert Bielbeck
Lily Pond Ponds (1)

10:45 am - 11:45 am
Composting: As the Worm Turns
Virginia Lamb (2)

Easy Drip Irrigation for Your Garden
Bob Dobson (3)

New Mastering Organic Gardening and Working With Nature
Bill Hlibik (4)

New! Handy Bulbs for Four Seasons of Interest
Bruce Crawford (5)

What Plant, Where? Planning Landscape
Peter Mahony (6)

Canning Fruits and Vegetables
Daryl Minch Sanders Green (7)

Freeze-drying Fruits, Vegetables and Herbs
Daryl Minch Sanders Green (8)

9:00-10:30am
First choice  Second choice  Third choice

11:15 am - 12:15 pm
New! Worm Turns
Daryl Minch
Adding Smart Materials for Garden Interest
Kristen Soriani (9)

New! Our "Prized" Native Atelases
Steve Kristoph (10)

New! Plant Partnerships
Ted Szczawinski (11)

New! Re-Wood: From Tree to Soil
Judy Glattstein (12)

New! Spring Vegetable Gardening
Virginia Lamb-Tobiana (13)

New! Eco-Beneficial Gardening 101: Boosting Ecosystems in Your Garden
Kim Eierman (14)

12:00 pm
Lunch

1:15 pm - 2:15 pm
Hands-On Workshop: How to Build a Terrariums
Monica McCaughan (15)

Hosts for Garden Texture
Water Collection
Mike Devos (20)

New! Designing in Plant Reproduction
Clare Liptak (21)

New! Brand "X": "In-House" in the Green Industry
Kim Eierman (22)

New! Sustainable Plant Propagation
Steve Kristoph (23)

Hands-On Workshop: How to Build a Terrariums
Monica McCaughan (16)

New! Native Plant Designing and Growing with Edible and Ornamental Native Plants
Kim Eierman (24)

New! Aromatic Herbs and Edibles in the Stone Mediterranean
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New! Annuals Rock!
Steven魚 "X": "In-House" in the Green Industry
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3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
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1. How to Make a Water Garden – DEMONSTRATION WORKSHOP

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Creating Natural Barriers with Seaside Horticulture

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2. Landscaping: Creating Low Impact Development (LID) Solutions

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3. Easy Drip Irrigation for Your Garden

Linda Freeman, Horticulturist, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Hunterdon County

Learn how to create and produce the soil amendments your garden craves—and-shoot cameras as the most popular tool for taking pictures. Learn interactive tips, apps and strategies to strengthen your garden photography skills.

4. American Nurseryman

20. NEW!

5. “What Plant, Where?” Planning Your Home Landscape

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Students will learn about the burn values of different kinds of trees, how to stack and store firewood, different tools from electric to gardeners, chains, log splitter, etc. Emphasis will be on the parts of the tree that produce the best wood and how to prepare them for burning.

9. Proper Pruning Techniques

Ira Grasgreen, Eason Horticultural Resources

You will view a slideshow presentation featuring cold-hardy Camellia hybrids, cultivars and species for the Mid-Atlantic Regional Floriculture Trials. Camellias are named the "Garden State" for the superb produce grown here, New Jersey also includes the southern part of New York State and all of Pennsylvania except the Allegheny Mountains.

10. Adding Ornaments for Garden Interest

Clare Liptak, Agricultural Agent, Rutgers Cooperative Extension, Somerset County

Garden ornaments are no longer limited to cheap, cheerful and knick-knackish items. As the trend in garden design, no matter what your garden or budget, anyone can add a personal touch to your garden space, including garden statues...

11. NEW! Our "Potted" Native American

Learn about Wisconsin native plants and how you can add them to your garden. We will also talk about some of the uses of these plants and provide tips on how to grow and anchor the plant to its production place. This presentation will be a two hour presentation. The students will have a hands on opportunity during the presentation to touch and smell the various plants.


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15. Design Inspiration, Ornamental Grasses in the Garden

Virginia Lamb-Falcone, Environmental Educator

Ornamental grasses have become increasingly popular over the past several decades, beyond the lack of interest by deer. This class will evaluate a number of ways that grasses can make your garden exciting. Some bamboos are "children" because they get out of control without pruning the lower growth. The major grass genera during this demonstration include Japanese silver grass, Miscanthus sinensis, and Miscanthus ‘Purpurascens’.

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27. Fresh Flower Arranging – HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

Steve Kristoph, Owner, Steven Kristoph Nurseries

Put together a garden under your roof! The iconic ivy plant is a breeze to maintain. In this hands-on workshop, you will...