

September 23, 2021

Suzanne Mahler – Flowering Trees and Shrubs for the Home Landscape

Suzanne Mahler will take us on an exploration of flowering trees and shrubs with a look beyond the fleeting flowers to varieties that provide colorful foliage and fruits, attractive forms and textural bark. Her expertise and experience with her own extensive collections of woody plants and perennials will spark year-round interest for our own gardens.

October 21, 2021

Erin Espinosa – Transforming Landscapes, Transforming Lives

The non-profit organization, The New Garden Society, shares about their work growing gardens alongside incarcerated horticulturalists in Greater Boston prisons and jails. The gardens serve as a vocational horticulture training site and a therapeutic green space for incarcerated adults and youth. This presentation explores the pedagogical approaches to teaching horticulture in a correctional setting and the long-lasting impacts of prison garden programs on students in reentry. Hear personal accounts from students and educators on their experience in the gardens.

November 18, 2021

Mary B. Hayes – Hands on Garland Making

Learn to make a fall inspired garland for a table or mantel. The garland base will be made of fresh and dried foliage and we'll decorate it with a variety of fresh and dried florals, dried fruit, ornamental wheat and/or cattails, etc. We will use paddle wire, floral tape and floral glue to assemble the garland. Please bring your own clippers. All other supplies will be provided. A \$20 fee will be charged.

December 16, 2021

Betsy Szymczak - White House Holiday Decorations

The White House Historical Association, organized in 1961, is a private nonprofit that provides public access to the White House's rich history. Every year, at the end of November, over 125 volunteers take just a few days to decorate both public and private spaces. Betsy Szymczak will show photos of her visit to the White House in December of 2016.

January 20, 2022

Deborah Chud – A Piet Oudolf Story

"A Piet Oudolf Story" is a personal introduction to the design principles of the leading naturalistic landscape & garden designer in the world, Piet Oudolf. Deborah Chud's 5 years of research on Oudolf's gardens led to her own Oudolfian garden and the only known database of his plant combinations. Her talk is part memoir, part history, and part design theory—with some practical Oudolfian "dos and don'ts" for gardeners at every level.

February 17, 2022

Debra Alvarez – Tales of a Gardener’s Journey

Be ready to be whisked off to three remarkable gardens, each located in a different region of the country. It is a feast for the eyes as you discover the beauty of Teton wildflowers, the festive horticultural sculptures of the south and gorgeous Italian Renaissance gardens of historic New England. There will be each garden’s special exhibits, architectural landscaping details, historical facts and botanical nuggets. Because gardens have been so important during the pandemic, Debra will discuss the health and wellness benefits each garden offers and the research that supports those benefits.

March 17, 2022

Sally Muspratt – Rethinking Uses for Annuals

Are perennials really the most economical and beautiful plants for a flower garden? This talk explores the special virtues of annuals in areas where winters regularly ruin plantings, as “rough drafts” for permanent plantings, as the best choice where bright color is essential and as an alternative for the gardener who delights in reinventing her garden every year.

April 21, 2022

Laura Bibler - Our Grandmothers Knew What They Were Doing!

Let’s find inspiration for our own gardens from horticultural wisdom handed down from our grandmothers’ time. This presentation brings to life the design approach and sage advice of prominent garden writers of the early 20th Century. Their pearls of wisdom continue to inform us on color blending, cultural considerations and plant placement. Truly, our grandmothers knew what they were doing!

May 2022 – date TBD

DIY Program

Members bring their expertise on a topic of interest to share with others.

June 2022 – date TBD

NGC Annual Plant Extravaganza Auctions Online and In Person

June 2022 – date TBD

Year End Recognition Dinner and Celebration

Annual celebration and installation of new officers and committee chairs. Details TBD!