

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION
Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County FALL SEMINAR
Gardening from the Forest to Your Home

This is a virtual webinar on Zoom

Please join us on

Friday, September 17, 6:45-8:00 pm and
Saturday, September 18, 8:30 am-2:00 pm

Seminar Fee \$40

Includes 2 Keynote Speakers, choice of 3 concurrent session speakers

5 Continuing Education Credit Hours

OR

For \$50, you can attend live sessions plus receive recordings of all 11 speakers to view at your leisure after the event.

Friday Welcoming 6:45 PM

Keynote 7:00 PM

Linda Chalker-Scott, PhD

"A 12-Step Program to a Sustainable Landscape"

Professor of Horticulture, Washington State University; Author of award-winning *The Informed Gardener* and five other books and *Great Course Instructor, WA*

Too often we rely upon horticultural practices that are out-of-date, out-of-place, or scientifically unsound. This seminar will begin with a discussion of typical urban site conditions, which provides the basis for proper plant selection and siting. Next, you'll learn how to select quality plant material and prepare it for urban survival. Finally, best installation and management practices will be presented. Throughout the seminar, the most current available science will be used to explain these "radical" methods.

Saturday Welcoming 8:30 AM

Seminar Sessions 8:45-9:45 AM

A Jim McGlone, PhD

"Urban Forests"

Urban Forest Conservationist, VA

Jim will discuss the BBC News video, "Forests the Size of Tennis Courts". Using his knowledge of forestry, he will tell us why he believes the plan will or will not work. What are the pros and cons of planting many small forests? And if it is not a good plan, he will suggest some alternative ideas that could be implemented on empty lots in urban areas or even in our own backyards.

B Pam Bennett

"Houseplants 101: Anyone Can Grow Them"

Associate Professor of Horticulture, Ohio State University; State Master Gardener Volunteer Program Director, OH

Join Pam in this live, hands-on demonstration on the basics of growing houseplants. Topics include lighting, watering, fertilizing and more. Pam will answer the top questions that arise when you have houseplants. Despite the fact that she has almost 40 years of horticulture experience, Pam still has challenges with houseplants!

C Laura Deeter, PhD

"Hortus Mustus"

Professor of Horticulture, Ohio State University/Agricultural Technical Institute, OH

Laura will introduce new and unusual plants for folks who NEED to collect all the plants! She looks at plants that were recently released, some upcoming releases, and some 'forgotten gems' that should be planted more frequently, and 1 or 2 things that are different, and perhaps harder to find or grow.

Saturday Sessions 10:00 AM-11:00 AM

A Caroline Tate

"From England to Cleveland-A Journey through Gardens and Gardening"

Vice President, Horticulture and Collections, Holden Forests and Gardens, OH

A virtual tour of the English and American gardens which have inspired and influenced Caroline on her own horticultural and design journey. From Great Dixter to Longwood, and from Coton Manor Garden to her client's green spaces, there's something in every setting to amuse and delight.

B Mike Watson

"Return of the Eastern Bluebird"

Conservation Biologist, Holden Forests and Gardens, OH

Discover the basics of bluebird ecology and conservation as well as the Arboretum's role in and process for the successful recovery of this species in Ohio. Tips for the homeowner on providing safe and attractive nesting options will also be shared.

C Darryl Cheng

"An Engineer's Approach to Houseplant Care"

Author, *"The New Plant Parent"* and creator of The Houseplant Journal, Canada

If you follow traditional houseplant advice, you may be left with disappointment because your plant is not always "perfect". The "House Plant Journal" breaks down the barriers to true, long-lasting enjoyment of houseplants. Understanding how plants work will give you a deeper appreciation for their character and an acceptance of their imperfections as they grow. It's a healthy dose of science and realistic expectations.

Saturday Sessions 11:15 AM-12:15 PM

A David Burke, PhD

"Getting by with a Little Help from My Friends: Soil microbes and their important role in plant conversation"

Vice President, Science and Conservation, Holden Arboretum, OH

Although traditional microbiology has focused on bacteria or fungi that cause disease, there is an increasing appreciation for the "friendly" microbes that help plants acquire nutrients and resist disease. These friendly microbes may be especially important to the conservation of native forest wildflowers. This talk will explore the role of soil microbes in the health of forest wildflowers, and how this knowledge can improve the success of wildflower gardening.

B Debbie Boutelier

"Herbal Liquors and Libations Demonstration"

Past President, Herb Society of America, AL

Deborah will start off with a PowerPoint presentation outlining the necessary steps in the creation of herbal liqueurs and libations and their benefits. She will then give a demonstration of the techniques used in the making of herbal liqueurs and libations.

C Mark Dwyer

"Maximizing Texture in the Garden"

Horticulturist, Landscape Designer, WI

Mark will be speaking about utilizing texture in the garden. While we all enjoy a progression of blooms in our gardens, the visual texture that our gardens provide over the seasons is equally important. Bold texture, fine texture and much more will be discussed with a focus on plants that contribute textural interest in the garden as a primary feature. He will discuss how to include these "textural contributors" into your landscape and examine many examples of exceptional combinations that have achieved "textural" excellence.

Lunch Break 12:15 PM-1:00 PM

Final Keynote 1:00 PM-2:00 PM

Charles Dowding

"No Dig Gardening"

Author and YouTube Sensation in the UK

Charles will instruct us on the benefits of no dig gardening, both for the land and for the plants grown on it. He will lead us through the steps needed to create a no dig garden and how to maintain it. There are many reasons to try no dig gardening: it is easier, less expensive, better for the land and generally requires less work to maintain. Charles' methods are easy to understand and will work on small garden areas as well as large. If you've ever thought about making your gardening life just a little easier or more productive, you won't want to miss this experience.