

21st Annual P.L.A.N.T. Seminar Sunday, January 15, 2017

Greater Columbus Convention Center – 400 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio

The Perennial Plant Association & Ohio State University Extension Master Gardener Volunteers Present...



Inspirations and Perennials



7:30 am – 8:15 am – Registration

8:15 am – Welcome

Dr. Steven Still

Emeritus Professor, Ohio State University

8:30 am - Overachievers

Andy Pulte

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee

This talk will help you sort through the endless stream of new plants on the market and focus on the important factors of personal style, and the mood you wish to create in your garden. You will learn about some of the most garden worthy plants, explore some gardening history, and get clued into what the scientific name of a plant can tell you about their garden worthiness.

**9:30 am - Perennial Communities and the
'Know' Maintenance Approach**

Roy Diblik

Northwind Perennial Farm, Burlington, Wisconsin

Roy's thoughtful way to design perennial plantings welcomes fresh contemporary styles and plant diversity integrated with responsible concerns. By using regionally dependable perennials and native plants, endless natural plant patterns can be constructed, each relating to time and cost to maintain. Roy will discuss the developing partnership between the gardener, the plants, and nature, always knowing the beauty is in the doing.

10:30 am - Beverage Break

**11:00 am - Color Combinations For The
Shade Garden**

Gene Bush

Shade Garden Expert, Depauw, Indiana

This talk greatly expands upon the concept of great garden companions and their behavior over the full gardening season. Subtle, and not so subtle, combinations bring out the best in each other and prove that there is no shortage of color for shade gardens.

12 noon – Lunch on your own

**1:00 pm - Reach For The Sky! Captivating
Climbing Vines**

Kerry Ann Mendez

Perennially Yours, Kennebunk, Maine

Creating a three-dimensional garden elevates beauty in any landscape, small or large. Discover gorgeous flowering vines - annual, woody and perennial - that carry the eye skyward. Learn the different ways that vines climb as well as the best supports to use. Inspiring design ideas will include screening eyesores, enhancing privacy and creating shade.

2:00 pm – Beverage Break

**2:20 pm - Moving Beyond Pretty - Plants With
Bonus Points**

Susan Martin

Gardener Sue's News, Holland, Michigan

When the plant catalogs begin to arrive, our eyes are filled with botanical eye candy of every color, shape and size. We want them all, of course. The challenge is to look beyond the pretty flowers and actively seek out plants that deliver more - more color in shade, food for pollinators, greater durability, and visual interest through all four seasons. As you begin to see plants from a new perspective, consider resisting impulse buys and instead select plants in a more intentional way. We're moving beyond pretty and into the realm of *more*.

3:20 pm - Tropical Perennials

Irvin Etienne

Indianapolis Museum of Art, Indianapolis, Indiana

Perennials are the mainstays in most of our gardens these days. And no small wonder as they are winter hardy and come in a variety of types, colors, and sizes. But even the best perennial bed can have some lackluster moments during the long Midwest summer. What's a gardener to do? Why not toss in a few luscious tropicals to help the garden and the gardener get through the dog days of summer? We will look at some designs and then look at some of the best (and easiest) tropicals to use in your own garden.

CONTINUING EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION CREDIT IS OFFERED WITH THIS PROGRAM.

• The **Ohio Certified Nursery Technician Program** offers one unit of credit for attendance for the full day.

Register online at www.perennialplant.org

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Speakers of the 21st P.L.A.N.T. Seminar, Sunday, January 15, 2017

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Gene E. Bush

Gene tells the complete story of shade gardening based upon thirty-plus years of gardening experience in southern Indiana. For more than twenty years he has owned Munchkin Nursery & Gardens, specializing in rare and unusual shade perennials. Gene photographs, writes articles, and lectures based upon experience growing a native, non-native mix of shade plants. His articles appear in *Fine Gardening* and *American Gardener* magazines. Gene's expansive information also appears in his eBook *Shade Garden Solutions: Eight Essential Problems Solved for Successful Shade Gardening* on Amazon.com.

Roy Diblik

Roy is a recognized perennial plant expert, grower, designer, speaker and award winning author. Combining his 35 years of knowledge growing traditional and Midwest native perennials, he specializes in highly aesthetic, sustainable plant communities for all seasons, while reducing maintenance through design. Roy believes that gardens should be thoughtful, ecologically directed, emotionally outreaching and yet very personal. He is the author of *The Know Maintenance Perennial Garden*.

Irvin Etienne

Irvin is the Horticultural Display Coordinator at the Indianapolis Museum of Art where he has worked nearly 25 years. In that position he helps the horticulturists with plant selection and garden design as well as designing and maintaining his own areas. While working in the 152 acres of the IMA gardens and grounds requires knowledge and skill with all manner of woody and herbaceous plants, Irvin lusts for and loves the tropical species most of all. He is the recipient of Gold and Silver awards in Electronic Media Writing from the Garden Writers Association for his blogging at the IMA. In his own garden everything from cannas to eggplants to magnolias coexist in a lush jungle fed by manure from his own rabbits and chickens.

Susan Martin

Susan is an avid gardener, writer and speaker for gardening audiences across the United States. She has spent nearly two decades in the horticulture industry working in new plant development, garden design, communications, sales and marketing, including over a decade in management at the largest wholesale grower of perennials in the United States. Susan finds her calling in spreading the joy of gardening to her fellow gardeners, a love which was instilled in her by her parents. She is a native of Michigan where she has been digging in the dirt since age four.

Kerry Ann Mendez

As an award-winning garden designer, author and lecturer, Kerry focuses on time-saving gardening techniques, work-horse plants and sustainable practices. She has been on HGTV and in numerous magazines including *Horticulture*, *Fine Gardening*, *Garden Gate* and *Better Homes & Gardens*. She has published three popular gardening books - her most recent, *The Right-Size Flower Garden* focuses on exceptional plants and design solutions for busy and aging gardeners.

Andy Pulte

Andy received his early nursery experience in Grand Island, Nebraska. As a faculty member of the Plant Sciences Department of the University of Tennessee, Andy has responsibilities for teaching, advising, and coordination of the undergraduate program. He speaks regularly to diverse groups and travels extensively to fuel his passion for people and plants. Andy has traveled and enjoyed plants throughout the United States as well as locations such as Thailand, South Africa, New Zealand, Costa Rica, England and Western Europe. He seeks unusual plants for his home garden that inspire questions from those who visit.

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