



“Inspiration for Next Year’s Garden”

2018 Massachusetts Gardening Symposium

PRESENTED BY



Saturday, September 29, 2018

Westford, MA

GUEST SPEAKERS

JOSEPH TYCHONIEVICH

Author, *Rock Gardening: Reimagining a Classic Style*

PETER J. HATCH

Director of Gardens and Grounds Emeritus, Jefferson's Monticello

KELLY D. NORRIS

Director of Horticulture, Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden

JESSICA WALLISER

Author, *Good Bug/Bad Bug*

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INSPIRING LECTURES



“Thomas Jefferson’s Revolutionary Garden”

SPEAKER: Peter J. Hatch

Third U.S. President Thomas Jefferson wrote that “the greatest service which can be rendered any country is to add a useful plant to its culture.” At Jefferson’s Virginia estate, Monticello, a 1,000-foot long, terraced vegetable garden became an experimental laboratory for over 330 new and unusual vegetable varieties from around the world. The revolutionary garden also gave rise to a vegetable-centric culinary revolution in the Monticello kitchen. Jefferson’s passion for gardening, seed sharing, and farmers’ markets is credited with inspiring today’s farm-to-table movement.

“Rock Gardens: Reimagining a Classic Style for Today’s Gardens”

SPEAKER: Joseph Tychonievich

Inspired by the tiny plants and dramatic, rocky landscapes found on mountaintops, rock gardening uses a range of unusual small plants in combination with beautiful stones to create miniaturized landscapes. In addition to being ideal for gardeners interested in exploring a whole new group of beautiful plants, rock gardening is water-wise and perfect for containers and small spaces. *To get you inspired*, this talk will include beautiful images of rock gardens. *To get you started*, it will also cover the basic principles of creating rock gardens, as well as an introduction to some of the most beautiful and easy to grow plants.

“Attracting Beneficial Bugs to Your Garden”

SPEAKER: Jessica Walliser

Recent ground-breaking research builds a case for maintaining the garden’s natural balance to support the intricate, delicate connection between plants and insects. Understanding the cycle of insect predators and prey is also critical. Learn methods to attract and keep over a dozen species of beneficial bugs found across North America, including ladybugs, lacewings and parasitic wasps. Beautiful images will bring to life the insects themselves and their favorite host plants. You’re guaranteed never to look at bugs the same way again!

“Plants with Style”

SPEAKER: Kelly D. Norris

This spirited, provocative lecture shines a spotlight on the botanical riches available to modern gardeners: chic, sustainable – and dare we say “stylish” – plant alternatives that captivate, enthrall and thrive, not merely survive. Armed with a new understanding of A-list seasonal standouts and plant combinations, you’ll learn how to forge a personal style in harmony with your garden setting and environment. The result? A richer, more fulfilling connection between you and your own little patch of earth.

GUEST SPEAKERS



Peter J. Hatch

Peter is a professional gardener and historian with 38 years of experience in the restoration, care, and interpretation of historic landscapes. From 1977 to 2012 he was responsible for the maintenance, interpretation, and restoration of the 2,400-acre Monticello landscape. Now the Director of Gardens and Grounds Emeritus for the Thomas Jefferson Foundation, Peter is the celebrated author of four books on Monticello. His latest – *A Rich Spot of Earth: Thomas Jefferson's Revolutionary Garden at Monticello* – focuses on the vegetable garden of Jefferson's retirement years.



Joseph Tychonievich

Starting from the age of five when he asked his parents for seeds for his birthday, Joseph has had an obsession with just about everything photosynthetic. He earned his degree in horticulture, plant breeding and genetics from The Ohio State University, worked at specialty rare plants nurseries in Michigan and Japan, and was named by *Organic Gardening* magazine as one of “...six young horticulturists who are helping to shape how America gardens.” He is the author of *Plant Breeding for the Home Gardener* (2013) and *Rock Gardening: Reimagining a Classic Style* (2016).



Jessica Walliser

The former owner of a 2S-acre organic market farm, Jessica received her degree in ornamental horticulture from The Pennsylvania State University. She is the author of the best-seller *Good Bug, Bad Bug*. Her fourth book, *Attracting Beneficial Bugs to the Garden*, received a 2016 American Horticultural Society Book Award. *Container Gardening Complete* was published in December 2017. She blogs weekly for *SavvyGardening.com* and *HobbyFarms.com* and is a newspaper columnist, gardening magazine contributor and radio host.



Kelly D. Norris

Kelly, an award-winning author and plantsman, is the Director of Horticulture and Education at the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden, where he leads a team of horticulturists and educators in all aspects of design, curation, programming, and garden management. Kelly's work has been featured in *The New York Times*, *Organic Gardening*, *Better Homes and Gardens*, *Martha Stewart Living*, and *Garden Design*, as well as other publications. His book, *A Guide to Bearded Irises: Cultivating the Rainbow for Beginners and Enthusiasts*, won a 2013 American Horticultural Society Book Award. His most recent book, *Plants with Style*, debuted in 2015.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

REGISTRATION

Register online at: <http://massmastergardeners.org/2018-symposium/>

On or before August 18, 2018 **\$75 per person**

August 19 - September 22, 2018 **\$90 per person**

No registrations accepted after September 22, 2018 - No walk-ins.

No refund requests accepted after 9/22/18.

REGISTRATION INCLUDES lectures, morning refreshments, and choice of lunch (gluten free and vegetarian available).

REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION will be emailed to you. We will also send out reminder emails prior to the Symposium, and you can visit our website any time after September 22nd for detailed event logistics.

QUESTIONS?

Email Symplnfo@massmastergardeners.org

SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

8:00-9:00 AM Check-in, morning refreshments, Marketplace shopping, Silent Auction bidding

9:00-9:15 AM Welcoming remarks

9:15-10:15 AM Peter J. Hatch, "Thomas Jefferson's Revolutionary Garden"

10:15-10:45 AM Break, socializing, Marketplace shopping, Silent Auction bidding

10:45-11:45 AM Joseph Tychonievich, "Rock Gardens: Reimagining a Classic Style for Today's Gardens"

11:45 AM-12:30 PM Lunch, socializing, Marketplace shopping, last chance for Silent Auction bidding

12:30-12:45 PM Door prize winners announced (Must be present to win)

12:45-1:45 PM Jessica Walliser, "Attracting Beneficial Bugs to Your Garden"

1:45-2:15 PM Break, Silent Auction winning bids announced

2:15-3:15 PM Kelly D. Norris, "Plants with Style"

3:15-3:30 PM Closing remarks – final door prize winners announced (Must be present to win)

LOCATION

Westford Academy, 30 Patten Rd., Westford, MA 01886
Conveniently located minutes off I-495

ABOUT THE MMGA

The Massachusetts Master Gardener Association is an independent non-profit organization dedicated to educating the gardening public. Master Gardener volunteers are certified to help home gardeners learn more about horticulture and related topics and to share their expertise with public and non-profit gardens throughout eastern Massachusetts.

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