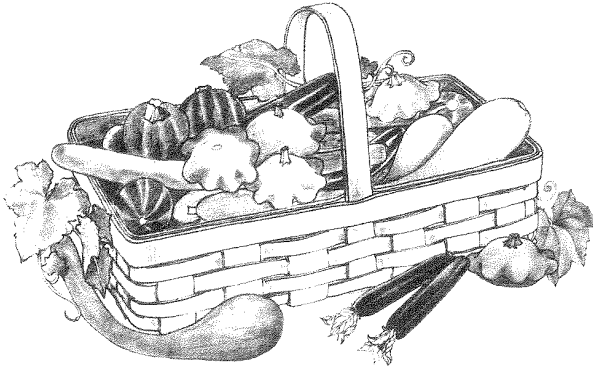


From Garden to Table



The Western Massachusetts Master Gardener
Association's
Spring Gardening Symposium

March 17, 2012

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Frontier Regional High School - South Deerfield, MA

Featuring *Ellen Ecker Ogden*, speaking on
How To Design A Kitchen Garden

A kitchen garden goes beyond the simple straight rows of a vegetable garden to combine art and food in ways that enhance the experience of growing food. The cofounder of The Cook's Garden seed catalog and author of the new book The Complete Kitchen Garden will share her journey from basic back yard to elegant European inspired kitchen garden designs. With a foundation of skills that will allow you to create a unique design to match your own landscape, or renovate your current garden to make it more inviting, you will be inspired to re-think how to plant and design the vegetable patch, with an eye towards formal design, color, texture and culinary purpose.

In addition, choose from 16 topics in two concurrent sessions, offering imaginative ideas for the landscape.

8:30 am	Registration
9-10:00 am	Session 1 – Eight topics to choose from!
10:30 - noon	Keynote: Ellen Ecker Ogden
Noon – 12:45	Lunch break (<i>reserve a lunch below, or bring your own</i>)
1:00 - 2:00	Session 2 – Eight more topics to choose from!

Registration form - Cost is \$30 for the entire day; \$15 for keynote only, optional lunch additional. Send to: Lucy Alman, 27 Park Rd., Sunderland, MA 01375. *Please make checks payable to WMMGA.* Preregistration is required as seating is limited.

Register early to get first pick of workshops!

Name _____

Address _____

Evening phone _____

Email _____

___ **\$30** for entire day (**make choices below**) OR ___ **\$15** for Keynote only

Indicate your choices with the letter of each talk for both sessions. Seating is limited for each talk, so register early to be sure to get your preferences!

Session 1 (1st choice)___(2nd choice)___(3rd choice)___ ● **Session 2** (1st choice)___(2nd choice)___(3rd choice)___

___ **I would like Lunch too! ADD \$6.00** (CIRCLE ONE) includes chips, cookie and soft drink. Choice of: Tangy Turkey half-wrap (turkey, honey mustard, & American cheese) OR Roast Beef with horseradish half-wrap (roast beef with horseradish sauce & cheddar) OR Vegetarian half-sandwich (mozzarella, pesto, tomato, baby spinach & balsamic vinegar on a ciabatta roll)

_____ **Total Enclosed** For more information, go to ww.wmassmastergardeners.org or contact Lucy Alman at gardensymposium123@gmail.com or (413) 665-7174.

* **Book Signings by the Authors –**

Ellen Ecker Ogden

The Complete Kitchen Garden

Ron Kujawski

The Week-by-Week Vegetable Gardening Handbook: Make the Most of Your Growing Season

* **Marketplace** - We'll have vendors with locally produced offerings.

* **Book Table** – Assorted titles for gardeners from Storey Publishing for sale.

* **Refreshments** – Morning coffee and goodies, plus an optional lunch (see registration form to order).

* **Snow Date** – In case of impending bad weather, call 413-665-8662 the night before for a recorded message regarding rescheduling.



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SESSION 1 (concurrent sessions): 9:00-10:00 am

A. Growing Hydrangeas in the North

John Barry, Master Gardener

Anyone can grow those nice white hydrangeas in western Massachusetts but what about those beautiful blue mopheads and lacecaps we see in those glossy garden magazines? Can any of those cultivars survive and bloom here? We will talk about this as well as maintenance, pruning etc. For hydrangea lovers who want to 'push the envelope' and expand their growing possibilities.

B. The 3rd Dimension: Vertical Vegetable Gardening

Ron Kujawski, Horticultural Consultant

Space limitations are a major constraint for many home vegetable growers. While there are many techniques for making more efficient use of garden space, an often over-looked option is the use of the third dimension when planting. Explore the use of vertical space to increase productivity in the small vegetable garden.

C. Berries in the Home Landscape

Sonia Schloemann, UMass Extension

Learn about the site/soil requirements, horticultural/pruning practices and basic pest management for growing berries.

D. Cheapskate Gardening

Elaine Williamson, Master Gardener

Tips to save money on gardening. From "recycling" of everyday items, to how to get plants and equipment for little or no money.

E. Why We Should Care About Native Pollinators and Include Them in Our Gardens

Shelley Small, US Fish and Wildlife Service

A look at native pollinators and how different the life cycle of native bees is from that of domestic honeybees. We will learn of some plant-pollinator relationships, pollinators' critical role in native plant reproduction, and how even small gardens can serve as native pollinator reservoirs by providing habitat and "houses." Participants will construct their own bee houses if they wish.

F. Italian Country Cooking

Denise Lemay & Mary Ellen Warchol, Stockbridge Herbs

Take a culinary journey through Italy and join Denise and Mary Ellen as they put together an easy to prepare, tasty herbal menu. From antipasto through dolce, you'll learn ways to bring wonderful authentic Italian flavors to your table.

G. Bug Off!! Organic Pest Management for the Home Vegetable Garden - Dan Kaplan, Brookfield Farm

A brief survey of the various methods used to deal with the most common garden pests and diseases (potato beetles, flea beetles, late blight, wood chucks, etc), methods which all fall under practices that are considered "organic" by the National Organic Standards Board.

H. Mother of Gardens: Journeys of Chinese Plants to American Gardens - Maida Goodwin

China's size and extensive diversity of habitats made it a haven for all kinds of plants and a strong gardening culture. From Silk Road traders to 21st century plant explorers, China's plants and garden traditions have had a profound impact on the look of our gardens.

SESSION 2 (concurrent sessions): 1:00-2:00 pm

I. Every Property Can Have a Rain Garden . . . and Probably Should!

Michael Davidsohn, University of Massachusetts

A look at what are rain-gardens, where they should go and how to design one for the average property.

J. World of Hostas

Bruce and Anne Aune, Master Gardeners

Today there are more than 2000 varieties of hosta lilies, which differ greatly in the size, shape, color, and texture of their leaves and the style of their flowers. We will illustrate this variety with numerous photographs and discuss favored ways of growing hostas and protecting them from their most destructive pests.

K. Herbal Appetizers

Denise Lemay & Mary Ellen Warchol, Stockbridge Herbs

Learn how to creatively add flavor and pizzazz to the beginning of every occasion—from parties to family meals. The flavor experts from Stockbridge Farm will guide you through the tasty herbal palate and show you how to easily prepare a delicious array of small bites that will wow your guests every time.

L. Square Foot Gardening

George Kingston, Master Gardener

Learn to use square foot gardening techniques to create a high yield, compact kitchen garden that matches your lifestyle.

M. Gardening with Mushrooms

Jonathan Bates, Food Forest Farm Permaculture Nursery

If you are only gardening plants, you are missing out! There is a whole other kingdom to explore - and eat! Learn how to include delicious, nutritious fungi in our gardens and lawns. Participants will inoculate a shiitake mushroom log to take home.

N. To Till or Not To Till - Lisa DePiano

Using Montview Neighborhood Farm, a six-year old human-powered no-till farm and forest garden, as a case study, we will look at some of the benefits and methods of no-till gardening, establishment, planting techniques, and long-term maintenance for sheet mulching and double digging.

O. The Radical Garden: How Your Yard Can Transform Your Neighborhood with Permaculture

Sebastian Gutwein, Regenerative Design Group

Suburban lots can be retrofitted in a number of ways through the simple application of permaculture to be more ecologically functional, self sustaining and community transforming.

P. Rustic Trellis Design and Construction

Janice Shields, Cut It Out

Showing examples of her trellis designs, Janice will demonstrate how to make trellises using native hardwoods and invasive vines. She'll also explain about material selection and sourcing.

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