



Sustainable Garden 2017 Spring Workshops

Are you interested in learning practical horticultural and design skills to incorporate into your home landscape? And reconnect with your fellow gardeners? Come visit the Sustainable Garden!

April 1, 2017 Time: 9am – 11am Growing Your Own Food: A Primer for Success!

Presenter: Michael Veracka

This workshop will provide attendees with the essential *nuts and bolts* to create a garden designed to produce food that is healthy, fresh, affordable and beautiful. We will cover site selection for your garden, proper soil husbandry, seed starting techniques, and establishing a schedule for keeping the harvest going all year long. Our particular focus will be utilizing practices and techniques that care for the environment and those who grow, harvest and serve the produce.

April 8, 2017 Time: 9am -11am Fruit Growing for the Home Landscape

Presenter: Glenn Aldridge

This introductory workshop examines the basics for incorporating fruit-producing plants suitable for the suburban, residential landscape. Topics to be discussed include selecting the proper varieties of fruit trees and berry bearing shrubs, site selection, proper planting methods and maintenance techniques. A particular focus will be on incorporating sustainable strategies for growing and maintaining fruit. The workshop includes a visit to the newly planted sustainable garden orchard.

Presenter bio: Since 2013 Glenn Aldridge has managed the orchard at Restoration Farm (www.restorationfarm.com), Old Bethpage Village, NY. Glenn cares for the apple trees that Nassau County planted back in 1992 and has transformed part of the orchard that was not suitable for apple trees into peach trees and berry plantings, which include blackberries, raspberries, strawberries, elderberries, and black raspberries.

April 22, 2017 Time: 9am -11am It's All About Diversity – Attracting Pollinators To Your Garden

Presenter: Jennifer Cappello Ruggiero

Whether creating a new garden or enhancing an existing one, you can attract pollinators to your garden. In this presentation you will learn about the benefits of attracting pollinators to your garden. Get to know which pollinators are in your garden and how changing some of your landscape practices will help to attract pollinators and promote a healthy ecosystem. An ecosystem that provides food and shelter for regional wildlife and can often require less input and management.

Presenter bio: Jennifer Cappello-Ruggiero works as Horticulture and 4H Educator at the Nassau County Cornell Cooperative Extension office, East Meadow Farm, Long Island (<http://ccenassau.org/>). Jennifer coordinates all aspects of education for adults and children. She is the Master Gardener Program Coordinator and oversees all aspects of the demonstration gardens at East Meadow Farm including the seasonal farm stand.

Admission Fee: \$10.00 for Sustainable Garden members \$15.00 for non-members

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