

# Sundays in the Garden

## Speaker Series



Join us for *Sundays in the Garden*, a year-long series of presentations by experts in the field of horticulture and design, on topics for the home gardener. All lectures are presented on Sunday afternoons at 1 p.m. in the Clark House and the garden. Registration required in advance, limited seating and light seasonal refreshments will be served.

### JANUARY 13 The Garden in Winter with a Winter Stroll

**Vincent Simeone**, author of many books on horticulture and Director of Planting Fields Arboretum, highlights the many wonders of the winter landscape in a presentation with slides and an outdoor stroll. Vinnie's books will be available for purchase. Dress for winter!

### FEBRUARY 10 Interesting Conifers

**Nelson Sterner**, Director of the Bayard Cutting Arboretum and visiting professor at Farmingdale State College will talk about the many outstanding conifers available to us with a slide presentation and a garden stroll (weather permitting.) Dress for winter!

### MARCH 10 The Plant Detective Talks Tomatoes

**Jessica Damiano** is *Newsday's* Plant Detective, whose Sunday column is avidly read by all serious LI gardeners. Jessica will talk about her favorite plant—the tomato, just in time for starting your tomato seeds indoors.

### APRIL 14 Floral Design Basics

**Sean Becket** of Falconer's Florist in Port Washington, will take you through the basics of successful flower design. Sean will discuss how to select the right plant material and vessel, the conditioning and preparing of the flowers, using proper tools and techniques up to the design process itself.

### MAY 19 Let's Think Natives

**Rusty Schmidt** is a landscape ecologist, and President of the Long Island Native Plants Initiative, is also a professor at Farmingdale State College. Rusty designed the rain garden near the Clark House library and will give us tips on incorporating more LI native plants for guaranteed success.

### JUNE 23 Shrubs and Flowering Trees

**Dr. Jonathan Lehrer**, Chair of the Urban Horticulture and Landscape Design Department at Farmingdale State College, is an admitted plant lover whose knowledge of trees, shrubs and all types of plants is passionate and informative. He will have you making lists of plants to add to your landscape.

### JULY 14 Always Perennials

**Scott Clark**, plant propagator at Pinewood Perennials in Cutchogue, will discuss the use of perennial flowers and grasses in the LI landscape, while highlighting some new additions for gardeners to consider. Many of the perennials offered for sale at our annual Plant Sale start their lives with Scott.

### AUGUST 18 Growing a Tropical Paradise on Long Island

**Dennis Schrader**, partner in Landcraft Environments in Mattituck, is a renowned horticulturist and landscape designer. He will take us through the process in the evolution of the magnificent gardens surrounding his home at Landcraft, where tropicals, perennials and all types of gorgeous plants reside in meadows, pond settings, poolside, and in the hundreds of pots on the steps. This is a featured garden every year in the Garden Conservancy's Open Days. Not to be missed if you like creativity in the garden!

### SEPTEMBER 15 Understanding your Lawn

**Dr. Nicholas Menchyk**, is a professor at Farmingdale State College and a turf specialist who advises groundskeepers on many LI golf courses. He will talk about a Long Island obsession—our lawn. From the many diseases waiting to overwhelm you to the proper watering for the appropriate grass species to grow, Dr. Menchyk will help you understand your lawn.

### OCTOBER 20 Reimagining Your Home Landscape

**Michael Veracka** is a landscape designer, sustainability proponent and professor at Farmingdale State College. Michael will challenge you to rethink your landscape—from the precious front lawn to the foundation plantings in front of your house, he is sure to make you want to do things differently.

### NOVEMBER 17 Creating a Fernery

**Dr. Richard Iversen**, is the esteemed retired professor at Farmingdale State College, was the designer of the spectacular teaching gardens on the campus during his time there. He is currently an art docent at Metropolitan Museum of Art, who has found a new passion in his own garden—ferns and mosses. He will awe you with his knowledge and passion for all plants. Not to be missed.

### DECEMBER 8 Gardens of Long Island

**Pat Sommerstad** is the popular garden lecturer at Clark Fireside Chats, whose humor, interesting facts and anecdotes about the gardens make her a favorite with our members. She will discuss what gardens of LI to visit and what to eat when you are there.

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