

Garden Symposium 2016

BEAUTY IN SUSTAINABILITY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2016, 9 AM - NOON | GREEN SPRING GARDENS



You understand the importance of taking care of the environment, but don't want to sacrifice a beautiful garden. In this double header program, learn how to plan and plant a home garden that is a source for beauty, labor savings and environmental change. Get to know lovely native alternatives to some common exotic plants. These natives will not only provide lasting beauty to your garden, but also benefit native wildlife. Rethink some traditional, labor intensive gardening practices that are at odds with nature's rhythms.

Virginia Native Plant Society's **Laura Beaty** and renowned landscape designer **Larry Weaner** show you how to create stunning gardens that are easier to maintain by echoing the ecological processes in nature. Following the symposium, Larry Weaner will sign his new book, *Garden Revolution: How Our Landscapes Can Be a Source of Environmental Change*, available for sale in our gift shop. See page two for more information on the schedule, description of the talks and speaker bios.

How to Register for the Symposium

- The cost is \$38 per person.
- Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes using code 2904847201
- Call 703-642-5173; TTY 703-803-3354
- Visit our front desk to register in person

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SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

8:30-9:00 am

REGISTRATION & COFFEE

9:00-9:15 am

WELCOME

9:15-10:30 am

RESTORING BIODIVERSITY TO YOUR GARDEN, *Laura Beaty*

As you evaluate your garden and what plants should go in it, consider a few questions: What does this plant give back? Are your plants pretty AND supportive of native wildlife, AND easy to maintain because they are suited to Mid-Atlantic? As your garden takes up space on this earth, does it work with nature, or against it? For the work and money that goes into your garden space, your plants need to deliver beauty, support biodiversity, and require less maintenance. Meet the native plants that can (and should) take the place of the underperformers and invasives that are in your garden. Virginia Native Plant Society's Laura Beaty will show you great native alternatives to common garden plants and how

ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

LAURA BEATY

Laura Beaty has been working in the great outdoors since she was old enough to use a rake. Although she received a degree in history, her later degree in horticulture was more in line with her interests. She worked in the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for 10 years and then 7 years at the National Parks Conservation Association. Later she joined the propagation crew of the Potowmac Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society and has been volunteering for over 20 years. She presents native plant programs for the Master Gardeners, speaks at local garden clubs, and gives propagation workshops at the chapter's beds.

LARRY WEANER

Larry Weaner has over 30 years of landscape design and installation experience, combining expertise in horticulture, environmental science, and the traditions of garden design. He is the principal and founder of Larry Weaner Landscape Associates. His design and restoration work spans more than ten states and has been profiled in national publications, including *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Landscape Architecture Magazine*, *Garden Design* and *American Gardener*.

He is a founding member of Association of Professional Landscape Designers (APLD), a former member of APLD's Environmental Committee, and an affiliate member of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA). In 1990, Larry developed New Directions in the American Landscape (NDAL), a conference and workshop series dedicated to advancing the art and science of natural landscape design. Larry's book *Garden Revolution: How Our Landscapes Can Be a Source of Environmental Change*, co-authored with Tom Christopher, was released by Timber Press in May 2016.

to incorporate them into your existing garden. Feel good about your part in restoring native plants by bringing them back to your garden where they belong.

10:30-10:45 am

BREAK

10:45-noon

LIVING IN THE LIBERATED LANDSCAPE, *Larry Weaner*

We often treat our landscapes as static displays of carefully placed and managed plants, and the results are disappointing. But there is a more dynamic and rewarding approach to garden design that builds upon nature's rhythms and plants' natural processes for growth and reproduction. Learn how noted designer Larry Weaner partners with nature to design compelling and ever-evolving landscapes. Using examples from his own property as well as client projects, Larry will share how this give-and-take approach can result in low-maintenance, beautiful landscapes that marry the gardener's plan with the patterns and processes of nature.

Noon-12:30 pm

BOOK SIGNING WITH LARRY WEANER

