

2006 Vermont Flower Show

Seminar Descriptions and Speakers

"Around the World"

Champlain Exposition Center, Essex Junction

February 24-26, 2006

Friday, February 24, 2006

10:00 AM	<i>Best of the New and Old Vegetable Varieties for 2006—Charlie Nardozi, National Gardening Association, South Burlington—Take a look at the great new varieties available and some old, unusual heirlooms to try in your garden this summer. We'll also talk about soil preparation, garden design, growing veggies in containers and small spaces, and tips for doing less weeding and more harvesting.</i>	10:00 AM	<i>Irises Through the Seasons-- Phil Cook, Poker Hill Gardens, Underhill-- This will be a slide presentation of the remarkable variety of irises which can be grown in Vermont gardens including some little-known species recently introduced to cultivation, giving blooms from April through October.</i>
11:30 AM	<i>From Seed to Table—Ellen Ecker Ogden, Manchester Village— Growing a successful cooks' garden doesn't take a lot of time, trouble or space if you know what to plant. Ellen will introduce her favorites to grow, ideas for cooking, and a tasting of a seasonal spring salad of greens.</i>	11:30 AM	<i>The Demons on Our Doorstep: Disease and Noxious Weed Threats from Around the World—Tim Schmalz, VT Agency of Agriculture— An overview of some of the pathogen and invasive weed threats to Vermont forests and gardens, and what individuals can do to help limit their introduction and spread.</i>
1:00 PM	<i>Unusual Interior Plants & Their Care—Carol Schminke & Lynette Courtney, New Leaf Designs Eclectic Nursery, Greensboro Bend—With their years (and years) of experience</i>	1:00 PM	<i>Your Garden by Design —Judith Irven, Landscape Designer and Vermont Certified Horticulturist, Goshen VT—Here are design techniques for creating a garden that</i>

	in professional horticulture, the sisters will show you how to care for some of their indoor favorites.		is pleasing yet practical, matches your dreams and lifestyle, responds to your site and environment ---a garden that is truly an extension of your home.
3:00 PM Auction			
4:30 PM	<i>Blind Faith: The Art of Horticulture to teach, motivate, and heal—Donna L. Covais, BA, HT, The Green Connection—</i> In this poignant and inspirational lecture, Donna Covais, a Horticultural Therapist who lost her vision at age 40, will show us the true meaning of the powerful plant-people connection.		

Saturday, February 25, 2006

10:00 AM	<i>Orchids for Everyone!—Dr. Mark Starrett, UVM—</i> Learn how to select the proper plant, how to repot and divide them, proper watering/feeding throughout the year, and ways to encourage them to re-flower.	10:00 AM	<i>Extend Your Garden Appreciation Season by Thinking Asian—Steve Burzon, Garden Arts Custom Landscapes, Danby—</i> Simple design, a reliance on shape over color, the skillful use of vertical space, the right plants, and the introduction of artificial light can make your winter landscape as warm and as inviting as summer.
11:30 AM	<i>Hardy Perennial Orchids: The Best Kept Secret in the Gardening World—William Mathis, The Wild Orchid Company, Doylestown, PA—</i> Learn about the hardy orchids you can grow in your backyard or woodland garden, even in Vermont.	11:30 AM	<i>Not Your Grandma's Lilacs Anymore—Jeff Young, St. Albans—</i> The curator of the Horticulture Research Center lilac collection will give valuable tips on care and pruning of lilacs, and show photos of the varieties available from around the world.
1:00 PM	Keynote presentation: <i>Creating a Year-Round Garden—Adrian Bloom, Blooms of Bressingham, England—</i> Whether your garden is large or small, you'll learn from this internationally renowned plantsman, author and television host, plants and designs as featured in his book on this topic.		

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4:30 PM	<i>The Landscapes of Ireland— Layne Tharp, VCH, Layne's Garden Design, Montpelier</i> —Bring some green and color into the end of another long Vermont winter with this visit through photos to some picturesque landscapes and gardens.

Sunday, February 26, 2006

10:00 AM	<i>What's New in Trees & Shrubs--John Padua, Cobble Creek Nursery, Monkton</i> —This professional nurseryman will share his favorite trees and shrubs for Vermont landscapes, including some of the newest, and their culture and use.	10:00 AM	<i>Hardy Perennials—Matthew Wood, Hot Perennials, online perennial nursery at www.hotperennials.com</i> —This local grower will share his favorites, both old and new, that you can have success with in our cold climate. He'll give tips on how to choose, use, and care for them.
11:30 AM	<i>The Eden Project--Ann Milovsoroff, Shelburne</i> --Visit Cornwall, England to see the largest biodomes on earth, in which the relationship of people with plants around the world is interpreted through theater, art, mime, and an extraordinary sense of humor.	11:30 AM	<i>Foreign insect invaders: Past, Present and Threatening—Jon Turmel, VT Agency of Agriculture</i> —A look at foreign insects that have been introduced into the US and are now established, those that have been detected and are a threat and insects we are very worried about in the future. We'll also look at some insects we would not mind if they made their way into the U.S.
1:00 PM	<i>Healing with Herbs— Edna Gates Meyer, Edna's Garden, Peru</i> —This herbalist with years of experience will demonstrate how to identify and use herbs to make medicine and other healing products.	1:00 PM	<i>Water Gardening: An Essential Element in the Garden—Dave Hamlen, Hamlen's Garden Center, Swanton</i> — Learn from this expert through visual examples how to construct and maintain a water garden, and how to make it sparkle.
3:00 PM Auction			

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