

Keynote 8:30 – 9:30

Jon Carloftis – Before and After Landscape Design

This presentation will astonish you with how spaces that seem to have zero possibility can be transformed into amazing gardens and the how-to's to get the look. This isn't just one type of garden but covers urban, rooftop, suburban and country gardens. Many of these have been featured in national magazines such as Southern Living, Country Home, etc.

Break/Trade Show and Silent Auction Opportunity 10:30 – 11:00

Breakout Sessions 11:00 – 12:00

Carol Reese - Native Plants: Facts and Fallacies

You've heard it hundreds of times - native plants are more drought tolerant, and resistant to pests and disease. It's just not so! Some natives are troublesome, others are terrific landscape plants, but so are many exotics. This talk separates fact from fiction and features plants that are trouble-free additions to the landscape, no matter what their origin. It also asks questions and raises issues that cause one to question the definition of native.

Jon Carloftis - Flower Arranging Using Found Objects

Part of the joy of gardening is bringing in cut flowers to the house and creating planting schemes for containers inside and outside the home. This presentation will show you how to use objects (and these are things that most people have already or are easily available with very little money) to incorporate style into the interior and exterior garden spaces.

Dave Gamstetter - Community Gardens of Munich, Germany

Dave Gamstetter represented the Cincinnati Park Board by planting an annual garden in Munich during the city's 850th anniversary celebration. While he was there he toured the Munich community gardening program which is known world-wide for its longevity, innovation and adaptation to serve citizens of all ages, economic, and social backgrounds. The program explores 3 major types of community garden programs that serve different aspects of the Munich community.

Joshua Jones - Growing Big in Small Spaces

This discussion will introduce techniques to increase your yields and overall garden health in small backyard and urban gardens. Using intensive planting techniques, plant selection, selective harvesting, succession planting, and trellising techniques you can increase your yields by at least 25% while improving your soil quality and reducing labor.

Lunch with Exhibitors 12:00 – 1:00

Keynote 1:00 – 2:00

Claudia West – Wild & Neat: Bridging the Gap between Great Garden Design and Ecology

Our planet is rapidly losing its foundation of life—the very plants that sustain us and most other creatures on earth. We know that planting more native plants in our gardens is an important part of the solution. However, many native plant gardens that focus on ecological benefits often suffer for aesthetic challenges and fail to inspire the public. Great planting design is an essential part of the solution. Join us as we dig deeper into inspiring design principles derived from wild plant communities that resonate deeply within us and trigger stunning emotional responses. We will analyze archetypal landscapes and translate their principles into smaller garden spaces to help you create the native plant oasis of your dreams that will blow you away with stunning beauty!

Breakout Sessions 2:00 – 3:00

Nan & Mark Plunkett - Native Plants are Not Naïve: They Know the Birds and the Bees

Nan & Mark will share what joys they have discovered while transforming their half-acre suburban lawn into a (mostly) native garden for bugs, bees, butterflies and other wildlife. Now a NWF Certified Wildlife Habitat and Monarch Waystation, the Plunketts' garden has enabled them to rear and release over 1,500 monarch butterflies over the past several years. In sharing the story of their garden, the Plunketts hope to motivate and inspire others to take time to stop, brush aside the bumble bee, and smell the milkweed.

Jon Carloftis – Beyond the Windowsill

Although never an indoor plant person, after my first year in a four floor walkup apartment in New York City, I began learning about cool plants that thrive inside and give much needed style and life to a dreary winter day. You will learn the top 10 easiest Low, Medium and High Light Plants and how to take them from the plastic container they were purchased in, to a beautiful display in your home.

Scott Beuerlein - Spring Sings But Fall Rocks

Late blooms, bright berries, and colorful foliage all combine to make Fall a rival to Spring for gardeners. It's a glorious and busy season that can carry enjoyment of the garden late into the year, and a time to provide for wildlife before they face the challenges of Winter. Join Scott through a romp of great plants and ideas that will have you fawning for Fall.

Pam Bennett - What's "App" with Gardening Apps

As Master Gardener Volunteers you are in the spotlight when it comes to answering plant questions. There are numerous garden apps available but which can really help? The technology is there – how can it help us do our job? This fast-paced presentation will take you through many of the apps and share the advantages and disadvantages.

Break/Trade Show and Silent Auction Opportunity 3:00 to 3:30

Breakout Sessions 3:30 – 4:30

Carol Mundy - Ohio Native Plants – Medicinally

Ongoing research peels away the layers of some of the anecdotal uses of our native plants, and substantiates many of them as beneficial medicine. We will explore a small sample of the ways native plants have been used historically as medicine and highlight some of the current research evaluating their use in treating disease.

Carol Trosset and Sandra Murphy - Establishing a Sustainable Sanctuary for Native Wildflowers

Many species of native wildflowers are at risk due to habitat loss and the spread of invasive species. They can only thrive in a woodland habitat that includes trees, other plants, and a variety of animal life. Trosset will describe the process by which her family restored an acre of woodland and established in it a great variety of native wildflowers. She will also explain the scientific value of the data her mother collected over 42 years on the life histories of these plants. In the 1990s, the Trosset Wildflower Sanctuary was donated as a preserve and became associated with the Gorman Heritage Farm. Murphy will discuss how a new sanctuary has been established as part of the Gorman Farm. She will explain the types of natural and human resources needed to sustain a wildflower sanctuary, including botanical knowledge, gardening labor, financial support, and a long-term succession plan.

Joe Boggs - Butterfly Garden Attract More Than Just Butterflies

Flowering plants attract more than just butterflies and pollinators. How are pollen and nectar key components to maximize the impact of beneficial insects?

Steve Foltz – Plant Trialing and Plant Selection

For the past 30 years Steve has been teaching and observing plants! For the past 16 years the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden has focused on the role plant trialing and plant selection plays in the success of the garden. It is amazing what you can accomplish when selecting the best plants in all categories of shade trees, ornamental trees, evergreens, shrubs, perennials, grasses, annuals and vines. This presentation will walk you through their methods of plant trialing and observations and show you what they have selected as the best of the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden for success!