



ENCHANTED GARDENS LECTURES

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HORTICULTURE & DESIGN

The Garden Tourist

Do you enjoy touring beautiful gardens? We will show you the best public gardens in the Northeast to visit for inspiration! Learn about each garden's highlights, ideal times to visit, and enjoy a visual tour of each amazing destination.

Birdscaping: Home Sweet Habitat

Create welcoming habitats for birds through thoughtful landscape choices, including native plants vital for food and nesting sites. Learn about the joys and benefits of creating beautiful layered gardens designed to bring avian performers right into your own backyard.

Pots with Pizzazz

Jazzy containers are the “jewelry” of a garden, elevating it from “good” to “great”! Learn how to brighten shady spots with pops of color, create focal points for vistas and welcoming entry gardens with stunning container groupings. From whimsical to grand, these pots with pizzazz from private and public gardens will inspire and teach you to design your own potted masterpieces!

The Magic of a Winter Garden

The garden can be a magical place—even in winter! This richly illustrated lecture provides inspiration and tips on designing your garden for winter interest, choosing the best trees, shrubs and perennials, and grouping them to create arresting vignettes.

Gardens of Cornwall and Devon

The magical gardens in Cornwall and Devon are home to some of the most exciting, rare, and beautiful plants in the British Isles. Enjoy an armchair tour of twelve historically and horticulturally important gardens of this region, from the tropical Abbey Gardens of Tresco to the mystical Lost Gardens of Heligan and the futuristic biomes of the Eden Project.

Spring Ephemerals: Our Native Woodland Wildflowers

Early bulbs and native woodland wildflowers such as Bloodroot, Jeffersonia, and Hepatica are the stars of the early spring garden. Learn about their habitats, ideal growing conditions and unique adaptations!

A Collector's Guide to Hostas

With more than 7,000 named varieties, there is a hosta to suit every taste and garden. With photos from award-winning gardens, we will show you how to design a beautiful garden based on the interplays of color, texture and placement of incredible hostas and companion plants.

Designing Shady Retreats

In this richly illustrated lecture, we explore a variety of intriguing gardens that will inspire you to create your own shady retreats! We show you design tricks and strategies to light up shady corners, highlight unusual plants that thrive in low-light conditions, and illustrate the creative use of art objects, seating and water features.

Propagating Perennials Workshop

Increase your perennial collection, replace mature plants, grow varieties that may not be offered for sale, and even produce new hybrids! Learn different propagation skills including growing from seed, cuttings, and divisions of a wide range of perennials in this combination lecture and demonstration.

Design a Sunny Perennial Border

How do you create a sunny perennial garden that will delight you with colorful blooms and flowers for cutting from spring through fall? Learn about plant layering, new and reliable perennials, companion plants and design techniques that will make your garden POP!

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About Us

Joan Butler and Jana Milbocker are avid gardeners, plant collectors, garden designers and writers. Their lectures combine horticulture and garden design to educate, inspire and delight both new and seasoned gardeners.

Joan and Jana have lectured at Flower Shows, horticultural societies, and a multitude of garden clubs and libraries in New England. They are past presidents of the Holliston Garden Club and active in the Garden Club Federation of Mass. and other horticultural societies.

Joan is a Horticulturalist at Weston Nurseries. She is a past Chairman of the Massachusetts Landscape Design Council, and is a member of Garden Consultants Council. She is an accredited Flower Show Judge and a Master Gardener.

Jana is author of *The Garden Tourist: 120 Destination Gardens and Nurseries in the Northeast*. She is also the owner of Enchanted Gardens, a boutique landscape design/construction firm in Holliston that creates welcoming, personal gardens for clients in the Boston area.

Affiliations

Holliston Garden Club (*Past presidents*)
Massachusetts Horticultural Society
Worcester Horticultural Society
The Garden Conservancy
Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts
Massachusetts Landscape Design Council
Massachusetts Judges Council
Massachusetts Garden Study Council
New England Hosta Society
American Hosta Society
Trustees of Reservations

Testimonials

*"I want to thank you for the wonderful program you gave us at Open Gate Garden Club last Wed. night. The photos were beautiful and your talk inspiring. Personally, your taste in design perfectly coincides with mine. My club was thrilled with your program, and I truly mean **thrilled**."*

—Member, Open Gate Garden Club, Chelmsford

"Enjoyed your program on Hostas at the Sharon Garden Club. Would encourage folks to attend—interesting and lots of good ideas."

—Roger Bridgeman, Sharon Garden Club

"Thank you both for your terrific presentation on "Shady Retreats" for us at the Wayland Garden Club in October. You got rave reviews from all who attended. We look forward to working with you again in future years."

—Pat Riseman, Wayland Garden Club

"Thank you so much for the delightful presentation on Spring Ephemerals. Our members were astonished to learn that there are so many more spring-flowering bulbs than just daffodils and Dutch tulips. The pictures in your slide show were exquisite, and now we can refer to your handouts when deciding which of the newly-introduced bulbs we want to plant! We truly enjoyed having you both, and we thank you for speaking to our club."

—Lorraine Devine, Framingham

"Last night was one of the best, most interesting, informative and well presented programs I have seen in quite some time."

—Member, Bridgewater Garden Club

Appearances

Boston Flower Show
Connecticut Flower & Garden Show
Maine Flower Show
Massachusetts Horticultural Society
Tower Hill Botanic Garden
Leonard J. Buck Garden
Reeves-Reed Arboretum
GCFM Horticultural Morning Landscape Design Council
Ashland Garden Club
Lancaster Garden Club
Stoneham Garden Club
Friendly Garden Club of Beverly
Holden Garden Club
Wellesley Garden Study Group
Kingston Garden Club
Groton Garden Club
Medfield Garden Club
Boxford Village Garden Club
Andover Garden Club
Osterville Garden Club
Taunton Garden Club
The Thursday Garden Club of Sudbury
Natick Garden Club
Medway Community Education
Needham Adult Education
Open Gate Garden Club, Chelmsford
Golden Chain Garden Club, Chelmsford
Community League Garden Club of Weston
Powisett Garden Club, Dover
Bridgewater Garden Club
Wayland Garden Club
Sharon Garden Club
Kalmia Garden Club, Needham
Norwood Garden Club
Simpson Park Garden Club, Framingham
Framingham Garden Club

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