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Morris County Park Commission

2011 Community Garden Conference March 3, 2011

at
The Frelinghuysen Arboretum
353 East Hanover Avenue
Morris Township, NJ 07962



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Calling All Community Gardeners

In the past five years, interest in and demand for Community Gardens has exploded. The American Community Gardening Association estimates that there are currently over 1,000,000 active community gardens. So, we thought it was high time to offer a program focusing on Community Gardens.

Whether you're an experienced or new community gardener, a Community Garden manager, coordinator, or activist trying to get a Community Garden started, you will want to attend this program.



**Thursday, March 3
9:00am to 4:30pm**

\$45. FRIENDS members
\$50. non-members

If registered before February 4

\$55. FRIENDS members
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The Frelinghuysen Arboretum
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Welcome Address

Dr. Lesley Parness, Superintendent of Horticultural Education, MCPC
Cynthia Triolo, Education Assistant, MCPC

Keynote Address

Dr. Laura Lawson

Community Gardens, Trend or Fad

Laura Lawson is Professor and Chair, Department of Landscape Architecture, Rutgers. Her research includes historical and contemporary community open space, with particular focus on community gardens. She is author of "City Bountiful: A Century of Community Gardening in America."

Breakout Sessions

Rainwater Harvesting and Sustainable Water Use in Community Gardens

Rainwater Harvesting is an ancient practice that is ideally suited to community gardens. Learn how community gardeners are taking a lead in the movement towards sustainable urban water management. Speaker Lenny Librizzi is Assistant Director at GrowNYC and co-founded the Water Resources Group in New York City.

The Five Essentials of Composting

Composting is one of the most important steps to improve your gardening experience and the garden itself. Learn about successful composting, the many uses of compost, and appropriate bin selection and placement. Speaker Gray Russell is the Environmental Coordinator for the town of Montclair and former Compost Project Manager at NYBG, where he worked with Bronx Green-Up.

A Case Study – One Town's Trials and Tribulations

Marta McDowell lives, writes and gardens in Chatham. In 2010, she facilitated the opening of the community garden in her hometown. Here she shares her

experiences. Marta teaches landscape history and preservation at NYBG and Drew University.

Attracting Beneficial Insects

Learn what plants to use to attract "good" bugs to your garden, increase its yield and diminish disease.

Speaker Dr. George Hamilton is Extension Specialist in Pest Management, Professor of Entomology and Chair Department of Entomology, Rutgers.

Integrated Pest Management for Vegetable Gardens

Learn how to utilize a variety of pest management control measures to keep pests at bay. Speaker Pete Nitzsche is County Agricultural Agent with Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Morris County. Pete is a frequent lecturer on growing small fruits and vegetables in the home garden at Master Gardener classes, and at the Rutgers Home Gardeners School.

Organizing a Community Garden

Learn the "nuts and bolts" of starting and sustaining a community garden. Speaker Jan Zientek, Senior Program Coordinator, Cooperative Extension of Essex County has established numerous community gardens across the country.

Conference Close

Rev. Lianne Finston

The Community Garden/Food Pantry Connection

Lianne is the Executive Director of Elijah's Promise, New Brunswick. Elijah's Promise uses food as a tool to alleviate hunger and build community food security- from a soup kitchen, to a culinary school, to an in house catering business, to A Better World Café, offering seasonal, sustainable fare through a pay what you can model.



Call 973.326.7603
to register



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REGISTRATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

9:00am-9:30am Registration and coffee

9:30am-10:00am Welcome Address

10:00am-11:00am Keynote Address

11:00am-11:45am Breakout Session A
(Choose 1)

- Rainwater Harvesting and Sustainable Water Use in Community Gardens
- The Five Essentials of Composting
- A Case Study-One Town's Trials and Tribulations

11:45am-12:45pm Lunch

12:45pm-1:30pm Breakout Session B
(Choose 1)

- Rainwater Harvesting and Sustainable Water Use in Community Gardens
- The Five Essentials of Composting
- A Case Study-One Town's Trials and Tribulations

1:45pm-2:30pm Breakout Session C
(Choose 1)

- IPM for Vegetable Gardens
- Organizing a Community Garden
- Attracting Beneficial Insects

2:30pm-2:45pm Coffee and cookies

2:45pm-3:30pm Breakout Session D
(Choose 1)

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3:45pm-4:30pm Conference Closing Address

You must choose your Breakouts Sessions

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