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An illustration featuring a silver spoon and a silver fork standing upright. In the foreground, there are various vegetables: a sliced tomato, a green bell pepper, a carrot, and a green cucumber. The background is a light green with a subtle pattern of white diamonds.

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Calling All Community Gardeners

Interest in and demand for Community Gardens has grown explosively. The Friends of The Frelinghuysen Arboretum and Rutgers Cooperative Extension are partnering for the tenth year in a row to bring you an impressive list of topics taught by speakers who are all experts in their fields.

**Please bring a donation for the
Interfaith Food Pantry**

Eligible for 5.0 Rutgers Master Gardener CEU's



**Saturday, March 7
8:30 am to 4:00 pm**

Snow date of Sunday, March 8
\$50 If registered before February 1
\$60 If registered on/after February 1

Register online at
arboretumfriends.org

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Keynote Address: Community + Garden: More than the Sum of Two Words by Dr. Laura Lawson

This talk frames our work as grounded in the meanings of community and gardening. Citing historical highlights and examples from gardens around the US, this talk will explore community gardens in terms of their personal, social, and cultural value, as well as the opportunities and challenges associated with the garden site itself and sustaining involvement by gardeners and community. Laura Lawson is Professor of Landscape Architecture and Dean of Academic Programs in the School for Environmental and Biological Sciences at Rutgers University. She has a B.A. in Environmental Studies from the University of California, Santa Cruz and an MLA and Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley. Her research includes historical and contemporary community open space. She is author of *City Bountiful: A Century of Community Gardening in America* and co-author of *Design as Democracy: Techniques for Collective Creativity*, and *Greening Cities, Growing Communities: Urban Community Gardens in Seattle*, as well as of numerous publications in academic journals, edited books, and popular media. Dr. Lawson was the keynote speaker at the very first Community Garden Conference 10 years ago.

Weed ID and Management in Community Gardens Peter Nitzsche, Agricultural and Resource Mgmt Agent Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Morris County

Local community gardens were surveyed to determine the most common weeds found this past growing season. Learn to identify them and tips and techniques for combating them in order to grow the best vegetables in your garden plot. Pete Nitzsche's commitment to community gardens is the reason this conference became a reality ten years ago. Pete holds a B.S. in Plant Science and an M.S. in Horticulture from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. Commercial vegetable and small fruit production and marketing are the focus of his applied Research and Extension program and he also oversees the Rutgers Master Gardener volunteer program. His work on strawberries and tomatoes led to the release of the Rutgers Scarlet strawberry and the 'Rutgers 250' tomato in 2016.

Culinary Herbs: The Apothecary in the Garden Lindsay Napolitano, Fields Without Fences

Culinary herbs and spices have traveled the world on ancient trade routes and within cultural traditions lovingly passed down through the ages. They enliven our favorite recipes and perfume our gardens in high summer. But did you know these familiar seasonings are also powerful plant medicines? Join herbalist Lindsay Napolitano to explore the healing pharmacopeia already growing in your garden and hidden in your spice cabinet. Lindsay is an herbalist, farmer, artist, and permaculture designer living and working within the fields and forests of the Delaware River Watershed. She is the co-founder of Fields Without Fences, a forest garden farm and permaculture design service. Combining a love of story, myth, metaphysics, and ecology, Lindsay weaves an inspired narrative throughout her teachings. You can usually find her outside, aiding and abetting the plants in their ceaseless quest for world domination.

Coordinators Roundtable Discussion

Grab lunch and meet up in Classroom A for a discussion of topics of your choice with a moderator to keep things on track. This session is for coordinators and managers of Community Gardens.

Early Season Vegetable Gardening

Virginia Lamb, Groundwork Education and Consulting

Learn how to take advantage of the benefits of early spring gardening. Topics include site selection, bed preparation, plant selection, season extenders, crop rotation, soil health and cover cropping. Virginia Lamb is an Environmental Educator with over 25 years' experience in soil health, composting, recycling and organic gardening. She has a BA in Environmental Science from Stockton University and an MS in Soil Science from UMass Amherst. Virginia worked as recycling coordinator for many years for Galloway Township and Monmouth County NJ. She has been a freelance educator/consultant since 2000. Virginia lives with her family in Maplewood NJ.

Succession Planting

Shaun Ananko, Director of Agriculture and Education Grow It Green Morristown

How do you keep your favorite veggies growing throughout the season? Farmer Shaun has 10 years' experience farming with Grow It Green Morristown. On their one acre Urban Farm he produces over 10,000 lbs. of produce annually using intensive and succession growing techniques. In this class, Farmer Shaun will give detailed instructions on how to succession plant your garden to grow the perfect amount for your family to harvest all season long. You will learn how to properly plant your seedlings, time the next planting date, and tend to your seedlings when they are young.

Finding and Securing Funding Sources

Samantha Rothman

Owner of Fairview Farm and Flowers and co-founder of Grow It Green Morristown, Samantha helped transform a littered vacant lot, slated for development, into The Early Street Community Garden. Now preserved and protected, the garden has space for over 100 families to grow their own produce, flowers and herbs. The garden is also a thriving community hub, complete with a public parklet, solar pavilion, ADA-compliant walking path, apiary and more! Creating this magical space required knowing how to find and secure a variety of funding sources. Join Samantha for an in-depth look at a variety of funding opportunities, as well as tips and techniques to help your community garden thrive!

Straw Bale Gardening

Rutgers Master Gardeners Steve McAuliffe, Diane Muenzen and John Powers

In response to challenging growing conditions and mobility issues, three Community Gardens (Madison, Long Valley and Morristown) demonstrated using Straw Bales as the planting medium throughout the 2019 season. Learn what it takes to get started, how much fertilizer was needed, how much water, what was planted, what grew well, what didn't and whether or not they would do it again. Learn from their experience and decide for yourself if this is something you would like to try in your own garden. Steve and Diane are the managers of their community gardens and John managed the Straw Bale project at the Morristown Community Garden. All three represent extensive community garden experience.

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REGISTRATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Community Garden _____

8:30am - 9:00am Registration and coffee

9:00am - 9:15am Welcome Address

9:15am - 10:15am **Keynote Address**

10:30am - 11:30am **Breakout Session A**

(Choose 1)

- 1. Weed Management in Community Gardens
- 2. Culinary Herbs: Apothecary in the Garden
- 3. Early Season Vegetable Gardening

11:30 am - 12:30pm

Coordinators Roundtable Discussion

Lunch (Choose 1)

- 4. Vegan
- 5. Vegetarian
- 6. Turkey

12:30pm - 1:30pm **Breakout Session B**

(Choose 1)

- 7. Weed Management in Community Gardens
- 8. Culinary Herbs: Apothecary in the Garden
- 9. Early Season Vegetable Gardening

1:45pm - 2:45pm **Breakout Session C**

(Choose 1)

- 10. Finding and Securing Funding Sources
- 11. Succession Planting
- 12. Straw Bale Gardening

3:00pm - 4:00pm **Breakout Session D**

(Choose 1)

- 13. Finding and Securing Funding Sources
- 14. Succession Planting
- 15. Straw Bale Gardening

Please choose your Breakout Sessions and Lunch.



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