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Schedule

9 a.m. Keynote Address

Native Planting Design for Residential Sites

10 a.m. Session 1

- A. Tremendous, Tantalizing Trees
- B. Poisonous Plants
- C. Designing with Hosta

11 a.m. Session 2

- A. High on Hydrangeas
- B. Host and Nectar Plants
- C. Seed Diversity

Keynote ~ 9 AM

Native Plant Design for Residential Sites Sean Rennau

The photos are just a couple of examples of Sean's work as a landscape architect. In this session he will share his expertise as well as examples of his work at locations such as the Foundry retail center, Bloomington and Illinois Art Station, Normal.

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All gardeners welcome!



Session 1 ~ 10 AM

A. Tremendous, Tantalizing Trees

Bob Streitmatter

In the presentation, we will explore all things "Tree!" The discussion will include our relationship with trees, designing with trees and, of course, some really cool trees.

B. Poisonous Plants

Genny Gibbs

Genny had fun putting this program together. She created an interesting program that combines plant history, chemistry, and even some pop culture with plants.

C. Designing with Hosta

Ella Maxwell

Hosta are so versatile in the shade garden. Explore how to them show off the garden and combine with other plants for a stunning look. They make great container accents too.

Registration Details

Register:

online – go.illinois.edu/GBD22

call – 309-547-3711

Registration fee: \$10

Registration deadline: February 18

Event will be held online via Zoom.

Session 2 ~ 11 AM

A. High on Hydrangeas

Ellen Culver

There is a hydrangea (or 20) for every garden. Ellen will explore the various types of hydrangeas and provide landscaping, growing and pruning tips.

B. Host and Nectar Plants

Patricia Melaik

If you plant "nectar" plants, you will attract butterflies, but if you plant "hosts," you will grow butterflies in your garden! This is the essence of butterfly gardening.

C. Seed Diversity

Kelly Cochran Cohlman

This presentation addresses the changing state of seed diversity in the world today including factors affecting what is available currently. How did we get here and what are the implications for the future?



The Foundry retail center in Bloomington is a great example of Sean Rennau's work in which he used native plants in his landscape design.

Meet Our Speakers

Sean Rennau is a Landscape Architect/Civil Engineer with Austin Engineering Company, Peoria, IL with a degree from University of Illinois. His expertise is a combination of design and construction. He works with architects, engineers, artists and contractors to develop structures, spaces and habitats.

Kelly Cochran Cohlman has long been fascinated by plants and has returned to school to pursue degrees in horticulture for her second career after teaching in both the US and abroad. She is currently working toward a Masters in Horticulture at Texas Tech University.

Ellen Culver is an Extension Master Gardener from McLean County. She and husband Max garden nearly an acre near Bloomington that include vegetables, succulents, perennials, and shade plants. She volunteers at the David Davis Mansion and Extension Gardening Helpline.

Genny Gibbs is a recently retired Horticulture Technician & Adjunct Faculty from Illinois Central College. Having worked & created there for 27 years, she is still attached & volunteers to get her "plant fix". Previous to ICC she worked at Peoria Park District & various garden centers.

Ella Maxwell is an Extension Master Gardener from Tazewell County and a horticulturist at Hoerr Nursery. She is also certified as both an Arborist and Nursery professional. She is a member of several plant societies and garden clubs.

Patricia Melaik is an Extension Master Gardener and Master Naturalist from Peoria County. She loves the wonders and gifts our natural world gives us freely on a daily basis. Through the EMG and EMN programs, she has had the opportunity to teach others to learn and appreciate nature and all its' beauty.

Bob Streitmatter is a registered landscape architect with a degree from U of I. After 21 years working in the private sector, he became manager at Luthy Botanical Garden, Peoria Park District in 2005. He has taught a wide range of garden classes such as English garden design, Landscape Architecture, cooking with herbs, and gardening with nature. He also has several published works.