

Passion for Gardening:
A Gardening Symposium
Saturday, March 13, 2010
Program



C. Colston Burrell:
THE SUSTAINABLE GARDEN: Magic or Myth

Everyone is talking about sustainability, but what does it really mean to landscape professionals and gardeners? Do our gardening practices have a negative impact on the environment? Can we make a difference by changing the way we approach design, planting and maintenance? These are a few of the questions to explore in terms of the hallmarks of sustainability like water harvesting, composting, fertilizing and creating habitat. This lecture highlights sustainable practices within the framework of both formal and informal gardens and their relationship to larger regional systems.

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Carol Reese:
Special Effects in the Landscape

Special Effects in the Landscape - Some landscapes have that special something - a unique bit of structure, a wildly different way of using water, a surprising take on color. How about an innovative little vegetable garden that will also be a landscape feature? Steal these ideas and adapt them to create a bit of paradise.

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**Barbara Bromley:
Q&A Local Problem Solving**

Whether it's a problem with petunias or choosing the right plant in the right place, Barbara J. Bromley, Mercer County Horticulturist, can help you solve your gardening problems. Barbara is recognized throughout the horticultural community of New Jersey as one of our best gardening diagnosticians—and she does lawns too! She teaches professional and home grounds continuing education courses, lectures for Master Gardener programs, garden clubs, and civic groups on

horticultural topics and environmental responsibility throughout New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and is a gardening reference for local television, radio and newspapers. Her specialties are turfgrass management, composting, insects, IPM practices, provides information for lawn, landscape and public health professionals, commercial pest control operators and residential clients. So bring questions, bring samples and bring concerns to the Saturday Symposium for guidance on practical, responsible gardening to help you have the best garden in your neighborhood.

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**Jerry Fritz:
Cool Combinations:
Add Drama to the Garden**

Creating magazine-worthy plant pairings isn't a big mystery: it's mostly a matter of imagination and a willingness to move things around in your garden. But it does help if you're starting with plants that have multi-season features, such as handsome foliage, long-lasting flowers, and interesting stems. Garden designer Jerry Fritz will talk about some of his favorite annuals, perennials, and shrubs and share some of his expert tips for putting them together to create exciting combinations.