

Master Gardeners of Mercer County
Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Mercer County

GARDEN SCENTS AND SENSIBILITY

A Garden Symposium

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Stuart Country Day School, Princeton, NJ 08540

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

KEN DRUSE



Ken Druse has been called a "gardening superstar." With sixteen books to his credit, frequent television appearances, regular articles for leading national newspapers and magazines, and now with his Podcast, he is one of the nation's leading voices of natural gardening. His groundbreaking book, *The Natural Garden*, initiated a design movement that continues to grow in popularity today.

An organic gardener, writer, photographer, designer, and naturalist, Ken's passion is to inspire and empower others to make gardening part of a balanced life, and to enhance their community through taking care of their piece of the earth.

In April, 2004, Ken received the Sarah Chapman Francis Medal for "Literary Achievement" from the Garden Club of America. This lifetime award was presented for Ken's entire body of work communicating about gardening and the environment.

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Ken's radio program, *Real Dirt* is about gardening...outdoors, indoors, for your home, the earth, for your soul. Spending time in nature, especially nurturing plants, gives strengthens our connection with the natural rhythms of life. In the garden, we often experience a kind of "meditation therapy"--weeding actually becomes a time to sort through the other parts of our busy lives. Ken is passionate about the garden, and understands that a sense of humor is an essential tool for coping with the vagaries of the weather and canny wild creatures who often visit our neighborhoods. He and his guests are not too embarrassed to share their follies and blunders so that you might learn from their trials and errors.

Tune in every Saturday to:

- *hear about fascinating flowers, trees, shrubs, birds and other wildlife*
- *discover earth-friendly tips for making your garden thrive*
- *learn about what's fresh and new in the kitchen garden, farmer's market and produce aisles of your local markets-- and even a recipe or two for cooking with seasonal vegetables and fruits*
- *meet special guests: nursery men and women, soil experts, naturalists, artists and craftsmen who create for and from the garden*

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TOVAH MARTIN



In her constant pursuit of all things garden-related, **Tovah Martin** gets her hands dirty both outside and in. A gardener of fanatical proportions, she has recently earned her accreditation from NOFA as an Organic Land Care professional. Her passion for all things growing and encased in glass has led to her most recent book, *The New Terrarium*, her newest publication of more than a dozen titles. The terrarium book is the newest publication of more than a dozen titles that Tovah has authored including *Tasha Tudor's Garden* (Houghton Mifflin, 1994).

You can also catch the gardening contagion and read about Tovah's successes, foibles, and travels through her articles in *Country Gardens*, *Garden Design*, *at Home* magazine, *Hobby Farm*, *Urban Farm*, *Connecticut magazine*, *Connecticut Cottages & Gardens*, *Flower magazine*, *Horticulture*, *Connecticut Gardener*, *Coastal Living*, *Old House Interiors*, *Early Homes*, *Westchester Home & Garden*, *Country Living*, *Coastal Home*, *Fresh Home* and *The Litchfield County Times* as well as many other publications. In other media, Tovah has ventured into web content writing and blogging. Her brand-spanking-new blog is www.plantwise.com and she is debuting with a daring blog series on all things having to do with bulbs for www.gardeninggonewild.com while continuing to blog for whpotterblog.net. In www.seasonalwalk.com she followed the progress of a design project by international gardening superstars Piet Oudolf and Jacqueline van der Kloet. Watch Tovah in action on television – she has appeared on the CBS “Early Show” as well

as many other broadcasts including the PBS television gardening series “Cultivating Life,” where she served as editorial producer.

In 2010 Tovah was awarded an Honorary Membership in The Garden Club of America as well as the Litchfield Garden Club.

<http://www.tovahmartin.com/>

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BARBARA J. BROMLEY



Barbara J. Bromley is the horticulturist for the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Mercer County. In 1993 she organized the Mercer County Master Gardener Program, which she continues to instruct and advise. In addition, she teaches professional and home grounds continuing education courses for Rutgers and other institutions and lectures for other Master Gardener programs, garden clubs, and civic groups on horticultural topics and environmental responsibility throughout New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Barbara has hosted the March to November WZBN cable television weekly Garden Report since 1999 and serves as a reference for print media, television, and radio. She is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Rutgers Cooperative Extension *Award for Excellence*, New Jersey Nursery and Landscape Association *Distinguished Service Award*, Girl Scouts of Delaware Raritan Women of Distinction *World of the Environment* award, Garden Club of America Horticulture Certificate of Acknowledgement, *Outstanding Service as a Professional Conservationist* from the NJ Association of Conservation Districts,

and the 2007 *George Hammell Cook Distinguished Alumni Award* from the Cook Alumni Association of Rutgers.

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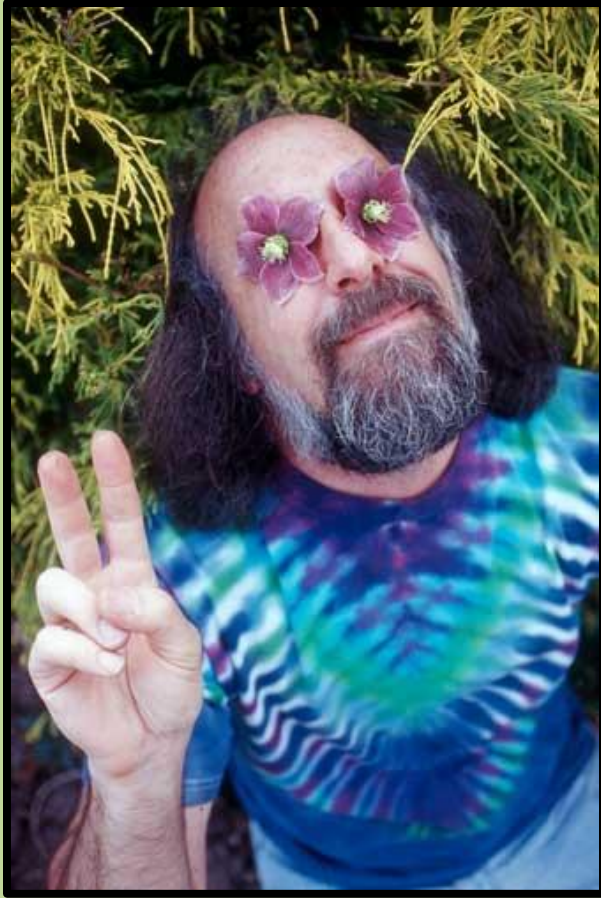
WILLIAM CULLINA



William Cullina (kul-EYE-nuh) Recently named Executive Director of one of North America's newest and most exciting public gardens, the [Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens](#) in Boothbay, Maine, Bill served as the Director of Horticulture/Plant Curator there since 2008. A well-known author and recognized authority on North American native plants, Cullina lectures on a variety of subjects to garden and professional groups and writes for popular and technical journals. His books include: *Wildflowers, Native Trees, Shrubs, and Vines, Understanding Orchids, Native Ferns, Mosses, and Grasses*, and most recently, *Understanding Perennials*, published in 2009. He is a frequent contributor to *Horticulture* magazine, Bill has appeared on Martha Stewart, Rebecca's Garden, and many other programs and has been the recipient of numerous awards. In 2012 he will be awarded the Scott Medal for lifetime achievement in horticulture. He and his wife, Melissa live with their three young children on [Southport Island](#) along the central Maine Coast. <http://williamcullina.com/about.html>

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BARRY GLICK



Growing up in Philadelphia in the 60s, **Barry Glick** would hitchhike to Longwood Gardens before he was old enough to drive. In 1972 he realized there was not enough room for him and his plants in the big city, so he bought 60 acres of a mountaintop in West Virginia where he gave birth to Sunshine Farm & Gardens, started his plant collection, and has remained there since.

His plant collection now numbers over 10,000 taxa, many unknown to cultivation. With a state of the art tissue culture laboratory, Sunshine Farm & Gardens is involved in experimental genetics on plant material; their goal is to develop new and better plants for landscape and garden. The commercial arm of the operation provides high quality, unusual plants at reasonable prices to Garden Centers, Nurseries, Landscape Professionals and Home Gardeners worldwide. Visitors are welcome to the display gardens with advance notice. The main focus of plant breeding at Sunshine Farm & Gardens is within the genus *Helleborus*. Barry has spent the last decade combing the Earth for new germplasm to enhance the bloodlines of his *Helleborus x hybridus* strains. Virtually every species within the genus is also grown. Barry maintains more than 50,000 flowering size stock plants for seed production.

In 1995 he developed a hands-on propagation workshop called "The Joy of Propagation" or "Everything That You Wanted To Know About Propagation, But Were Afraid To Ask". The 4-hour workshop was first presented at the 5th annual Millersville Native Plant Symposium at Millersville University, Millersville PA. Barry has been invited back to give the workshop repeatedly, and will present it again at the 2012 Native Plant Symposium.

In 1993, Barry helped form the North American Plant Preservation Council which lists important collections of particular genera of plants at private and public gardens in North America. Barry is also editor of the Internet's on-line magazine for serious gardeners, the Cyber-Plantsman. He maintains several other websites and has authored articles for *Fine Gardening*, *Garden Design*, *Brooklyn Botanical Garden Journal*, *New, Rare, and Elusive Plants Journal* in the UK, and many more.

<http://www.sunfarm.com/biobg.phtml>