

Master Gardener speakers and topics

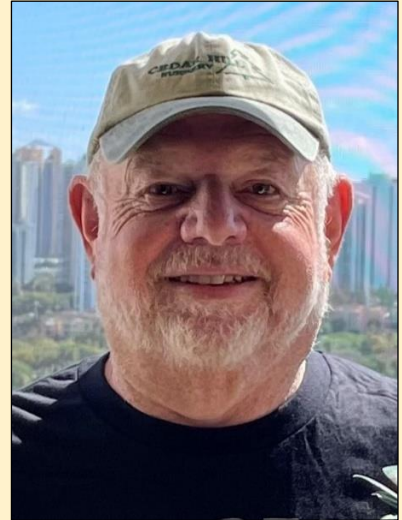
To arrange for a speaker, contact Arnie Friedman, Speakers Bureau coordinator, at 201-707-5149 or Arnie1@mindspring.com. See the list of presentations on pages 2-4. Are you a Master Gardener who's interested in speaking to an audience about gardening or horticulture? Contact Arnie, who can help you structure your presentation.



Christine Kozar is a retired middle-school teacher. Her main focus is on starting or expanding gardens. She is also available to work with young people who want to explore gardening, the environment, and/or ecosystems.



Janet Schulz spent 40 years in the industry, retiring as a wholesale manager of a local garden center. Her own garden has been listed in the Garden Conservancy's "Open Days" directory.



Arnie Friedman is a former instructor at the New York Botanical Garden and an NYBG-certified landscape designer.



Robyn Lowenthal runs a therapeutic horticulture program for developmentally disabled adults. She enjoys growing tropicals, annuals, perennials, shrubs, and vegetables and is passionate about plant propagation.



Lynne Proskow is a lifelong organic gardener, who is passionate about healthy food, healing nature through eco-restoration, and teaching the benefits of regenerative gardening practices.

Presentations as of Jan. 23, 2024

Getting Ready for Spring

Are you eager for spring to arrive? Here are the chores you should be doing now before you step into your garden. This slide show covers winter through spring chores and includes ideas to make the most of your yard, streamline your gardening habits, and keep you busy until you can actually be outside. **(CK)**

Deadheading, Dead Leafing, or Pruning: What Should I Be Doing?

Do you wonder what you should do for your plants at what time of the year? A discussion, with slides, to help pinpoint which tasks you need to do and when. Specific information will be shared for individual annuals, perennials, shrubs, and trees. **(CK)**

Adding Natives to Your Garden: Native plants are becoming more important as insect and bird populations decrease. Learn why including native plants in your landscape will help solve the crisis, how natives can improve our environment, and which plants are native to our area. **(CK)**

Making the Blues Go Away

A history of the lawn and its place in our national psyche including the negative impact that today's traditional "blue grass" lawns have on our environment. Alternatives that any homeowner can employ to create a better environment and support our wildlife. **(AF)**

The History and Method of Home Landscape Design

A survey of how landscapes and gardens developed over the centuries followed by a simple method for creating a landscape design for your own home. **(AF)**

Gardens on Tour Europe/North America

These two talks each stand alone or in a series. Each is a personal tour of large and small gardens either in Europe and England or in the United States and Canada. The images were collected in recent years from the perspective of two garden designers who are avid travelers and students of both classic and contemporary gardens. The talks cover famous classic gardens as well as some small hidden gems found off the beaten path. **(AF)**

Water in the Garden

A survey of the historic importance of water in landscapes and how many types of water features can be integrated into any landscape. The effects of storm water in the garden and how rain gardens and other techniques can be used to reduce water damage and improve the environment. **(AF)**

Stone in the Garden

A survey of the stones and paving materials used to create patios, walks, and walls in a home landscape. **(AF)**

Beginner's Bonsai

A personal journey of discovery into the world of bonsai covering the history and key terms and concepts of this ancient discipline. As a personal experience we will see the early attempts at creating ancient-looking trees in miniature and how the skills can be developed using modern-day tools and resources. The bonsai ideas and approach to plants is a lesson that goes beyond the creation and care of miniature trees in a pot with lessons that apply to fine gardening in general. **(AF)**

Gardening the Green Way

A discussion, with photos and text, of the fundamentals of vegetable gardening emphasizing environmentally friendly techniques. **(RL)**

Vegetable Gardening 101

Explore all you need to know to start growing your own vegetables. **(RL)**

Wellness in the Garden

Explore how to achieve wellness — the state when the diverse dimensions of a person's life are in balance — in the garden. **(RL)**

All About Coleus

This PowerPoint presentation covers the history of coleus, tips for growing gorgeous coleus, different types of coleus, coleus propagation, designing with coleus, and dealing with insects and diseases that affect our coleus plants. **(RL)**

Plant Propagation Workshop (allow 90 minutes)

Participants will learn to propagate from seed, stem cuttings, leaf cuttings, and air layering. We will discuss tissue propagation and grafting. Limited to 10 participants; must have a workspace with tables and easy access to water. **(RL)**

The following presentations are available during daytime hours only.

Down and Dirty - How to Do It in the Shade

Design tips; why what goes with what, and plants especially suited for the shade. Handouts included. **(JS)**

Potz 'N Around

How to be successful with whatever you choose to plant in your pots or containers. **(JS)**

Art and Design in the Small Garden

Design tips, horticultural tips, and what makes art in the garden. **(JS)**

A Collectors Point of View

How do the rare and unusual plants, as well as some old favorites, really look and perform in our gardens? Handouts included. **(JS)**

This and That in the Garden

Some design tips, some growing tips, and a few hints for your containers. **(JS)**

Hints for a Successful Garden

Planting bulbs; how to divide perennials and make cuttings; and a few design tips. **(JS)**

Preparing for Winter

Fall garden activities, tips, and ideas. **(JS)**

Deer Oh Dear

Deer behavior and how to keep your garden safe from deer. **(JS)**

Container Gardening in Small Places and Introduction to Self-Watering Containers

Do you have a small space, poor soil, or face other challenges? The benefits of container gardening could be an answer. So many options, from hanging baskets to grow bags, annuals, perennials, vegetables, and herbs including DIY self-watering containers, DIY potting mixes, peat vs. coco coir. All you need to get started. Handouts included. **(LP)**

A Natural Journey, Enjoying Herbs, Bee-ing Curious

A lifelong herbal journey growing annual and perennial herbs discovering how to use and preserve them for culinary, medicinal, and decorative purposes. Herbs are pollinator friendly, too, so be sure to make room for herbs in your garden spaces. Handouts included. **(LP)**

Crazy Composting Year-Round: Ins and Outs

Have you always wanted to compost or want to learn more? Do you love composting because it's beneficial to having a healthy garden and keeps food waste out of our landfills and benefits the soil? The speaker discusses the Bokashi method she uses indoors during the winter using a 5-gallon bucket with a lid and effective microorganisms. She will demonstrate how easy and effective this is for producing "black gold," a gardener's best friend. Handouts included. **(LP)**

Regenerative Gardening: How You Can Help Create Biodiverse Ecosystems

Using a regenerative approach, going beyond sustainable, to create healthy ecosystems that support biodiversity and help to sequester carbon in the soil. It all starts with understanding and caring for the soil. Simple things you can do to help mitigate climate change starting in your own garden. **(LP)**

Starting Seeds, Indoors and Out and Intro to Microgreens

Starting seeds will save you money over transplants and give you access to many more varieties. This talk covers potting mixes; containers; peat vs. coco coir; timing; and watering and light requirements so you can grow successful plants. Introduction to Microgreens examines these quick, easy-to-sow-and-grow superfoods, that are fun to grow. **(LP)**