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Winter Symposium and CVNLA Short Course

Treading Lightly on the Land

Presented by Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, Central Virginia Nursery and Landscape Association, and Virginia Cooperative Extension



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February 8, 9, and 10, 2012

8 am – 4 pm

Massey Conference Center Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden

An event for green business owners and their staffs, landscape architects and designers, master gardeners, and seasoned home gardeners. Earn continuing education hours, update pesticide certification (Friday), network with colleagues, and rekindle passion for your profession.

5 contact hours for professional development apply each day.



Wednesday and Thursday are registered for 5 LA/CES units each, HSW applies

\$40 per day includes coffee and lunch

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“Treading lightly on the land” requires a heavyweight commitment to learning, developing, and applying the practical knowledge, skills, and abilities that have a beneficial impact on our environment. This annual symposium for Central Virginia green industry colleagues features a rich roster of innovative thinkers—writers, designers, researchers, and practitioners—who remind us of the power of our individual and collective choices for landscape design and garden care. Through presentations and networking opportunities, gain a better understanding of how to achieve a balanced ecology in the landscape, whether in an urban, suburban, or rural setting.

Featured Speakers

Wednesday, February 8

- 9 – 10 am Nancy Ross Hugo on *Seeing Trees: Discover the Extraordinary Secrets of Everyday Trees***
Nancy Ross Hugo has been writing, lecturing, and teaching about trees, native plants, and floral design for over thirty years. With co-author Dr. Jeffrey Kirwin she published *Remarkable Trees of Virginia*, (University of Virginia Press, 2008) and now, with images by noted photographer Robert Llewellyn, she has received acclaim for her new book *Seeing Trees*, which stresses the importance of establishing legacy trees in the landscape and the value of watching trees the way one would birds--expecting surprises at every seasonal turn. Copies of *Seeing Trees* will be available for sale and signing.
- 10 – 11 am Gordon Hayward, Landscape Designer, on *Your (Client's) House, Your (Client's) Garden: A Foolproof Approach to Good Garden Design***
The idea that the house is the center of the garden is not just an aesthetic notion, but also a practical tool—with its doors, windows, materials, style, dimensions and proportions, your client's home offers no end of clues to help you develop good gardens around it. Hayward's gift as a designer is the ability to create a coherent landscape plan that seamlessly and elegantly links house to garden while dealing with the visually cumbersome problems inherent in most sites (air-conditioning units, cellar door bulkheads, electrical meter boxes, propane tanks, wellheads and others). This lecture complements Hayward's fifth book, *Your House Your Garden*, published by WW Norton, 2003 (which will be available for sale and signing).
- 11 – 11:15 am Stretch Break**
- 11:15 – 12:15 Chris Sonne, PE, Civil and Environmental Services and Chris Hale, ASLA, BioForm Landscape Architecture on *The Greening of Virginia's Capitol***
This session offers an overview of the Greening of Virginia's Capitol project objectives, the design and construction process, the successes and some of the challenges involved in working to incorporate green site practices into the landscape at Virginia's historic capitol. A Sustainable Sites Initiative pilot program and funded by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the Capitol project uses a series of innovative low impact development and green infrastructure strategies to reduce stormwater runoff, improve water quality, and enhance the user experience in the public spaces on and around Capitol Square in downtown Richmond. The project showcases the use of curb-side bioretention planters, rain gardens, native plantings, porous paving, and rainwater harvesting to achieve runoff reduction goals while providing educational opportunities for visitors to the site. With several components already in place, final completion of all phases is scheduled for mid-2012.
- 12:15 – 1:30 pm Lunch and Book Signing**
- 1:30 – 2:30 pm Jonathan Brown, Chief Planner, City of Petersburg offers *A Primer on Permaculture***
A conjunction of “permanent” and “agriculture,” Permaculture is a method of designing food systems and settlement patterns that have the characteristics and resiliency of natural ecosystems. *Urban Permaculture* is intended to focus the general principles of Permaculture into a sustainable format for cities. This presentation outlines the general principles of Permaculture within a city context and highlights specific urban Permaculture models from across the U.S. and beyond.
- 2:30 – 2:45 pm Dessert and Coffee Break**
- 2:45 – 3:45 pm Gordon Hayward, Landscape Designer, on *The Winter Garden***
When designing a garden that is interesting 12 months of the year, it's vital to consider the structural elements that are vividly exposed during the winter months. The compositional elements that form the backbone of the winter garden—from gazebos, pergolas and garden sheds to paths, hedges, stone walls, evergreens and lasting perennials such as ornamental grasses—become more prominent focal points during the “bleak mid-winter,” along with the form, line and color in twig and fruit of many deciduous trees and shrubs. When we spend so much more time in the house in winter, view-lines from doors and windows into our winter gardens become especially important, and this lecture helps us see the winter garden through a brighter lens.
- 3:45 – 4:00 pm Final Questions and Adjourn**

Thursday, February 9

- 9 – 10:15 am** **Douglas Tallamy, Professor and Chair of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology and Director of the Center for Managed Ecosystems, University of Delaware**
Networks for Life: Addressing the Biodiversity Crisis Through Landscape Connectivity
Dr. Tallamy's book, *Bringing Nature Home: How Native Plants Sustain Wildlife in Our Gardens*, is a call to action to revise our approaches to plant choices in the home landscape, so that we build more diverse habitats to attract and sustain wildlife. His book will be available for sale and signing.
- 10:15 – 10:30** **Stretch Break**
- 10:30 – 11:45** **Mike Goatley, Extension Turf Specialist and Professor, Virginia Tech**, focuses "A New Lens on Turf" to bring clarity to the positive environmental role well-managed turf grasses can play in our landscapes.
- 11:45 – 1 pm** **Lunch and Book Signing**
- 1 – 2** **Laurie Fox, Horticulture Associate, Research and Extension, Hampton Roads Agricultural Research and Extension Center, Virginia Tech**, discusses water conservation in the landscape: why we should do it, how we can do it, and the impact it has on the environment.
- 2 – 2:15** **Stretch Break**
- 2:15 – 3** **Nicola McGoff, Outreach and Education Coordinator for the Thomas Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District**, takes a closer look at minimizing, collecting, and using rainfall runoff. TJSWCD "wrote the book" on this subject and many SWCD's in Virginia use their manual to teach residents how to implement rainwater harvesting in the home landscape.
- 3:00 – 4:00** **Peggy Singlemann, Director of Horticulture at Maymont**, wraps up the day by illustrating the vital importance good plant selections have on the long-term health and sustainability of our landscapes.

Friday, February 10

Pesticide Applicator's Recertification Day

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Designed for both private and commercial pesticide applicators, this day-long program provides training that specifically meets eligibility requirements for licensure in categories 3A/Ornamentals; 3B/Turf; 8/Public Health; 10/Research and Demonstration; 60/Registered Technician; and 91/Private Ornamental Production. Attend all sessions on this day and qualify for two-year recertification. Check this website for more details as they develop on speakers and topics.

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