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TheDCH's popular 'Help for the Home Gardener' Lectures Return

Each Wednesday in February, The Delaware Center for Horticulture brings in experts from throughout the northeast to help gardeners find inspiration and advice that will make their home environments more attractive and their gardening experiences more enjoyable.

Light refreshments will be served. Lectures cost \$15 each (\$10 for members), or attend the series of five for a 20% discount: \$60 (\$40 for members). To register, visit TheDCH.org. For more information, contact Mary Kay Camaratta at (302) 658-6262, ext.100 or mcamaratta@TheDCH.org

More high resolution images and more information available upon request.

The Artful Garden

Wednesday, Feb. 1, 7 – 8 p.m.

Liz Schumacher – a Barnes Foundation horticulture alumnus and owner of Garden Accents – helps you see your garden with a fresh perspective, and provides tips on using art and plant material effectively.

Urban Trees

Wednesday, Feb. 8, 7 – 8 p.m.

Jason Grabosky of Rutgers University teaches you how to select trees for your site, to care for newly planted trees and how to maximize the environmental and aesthetic benefits of your landscape. Sponsored by Kerns Brothers Tree Service.

One Writer's Garden: Eudora Welty's Home Place

Wednesday, Feb. 15, 7 – 8 p.m.

American home gardening grew in the 1920s, when women viewed it as a means of self-improvement. Co-author Jane Roy Brown discusses the "new" Progressive-era suburban garden and the rise of garden clubs. Sponsored by the Garden Club of Wilmington.

Witch Hazels: The Prince of Winter

Wednesday, Feb. 22, 7 – 8 p.m.

Many shrubs, like Witch Hazel, have fantastic blossoms or berries that make winter sparkle. Randy Kobetich discusses this low maintenance shrub that adds a burst of bright yellow, orange or red flowers to a winter landscape, with a fragrance that makes a walk worth the chill in the air!

Deliciously Homegrown

Wednesday, Feb. 29, 7 – 8 p.m.

Harold Taylor, of the Idea Garden at Longwood Gardens, hosts an edible exploration and discusses home vegetable gardening. Learn when to sow seeds, discover what vegetables are most worth growing, and secrets to avoid pest problems. Sponsored by Delaware Seed & Garden Supply.

Speaker Bios:

Elizabeth Schumacher

Garden Accents



A failed attempt to find a garden ornament for their terraced garden three decades ago led avid gardeners Elizabeth and Ralph Schumacher into a lifelong passion and a delightful business. They finally found the piece they were looking for in a pawn shop in Mexico, and the rest is history.

Liz began studying horticulture at the Barnes Foundation four decades ago to adorn a barren hill near their home with specimen plants. That hill has developed into an award winning terraced garden and became home to numerous unique artifacts from many countries and cultures. Today, their Garden Accents showroom in West Conshohocken, Pa. boasts beautiful bronze fountains from Italy, antique lead statues from England, stone lanterns from Japan, and more.

A published garden writer, Liz lectures to garden clubs, universities, The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, and more. Her pieces have enhanced award winning exhibits at the Philadelphia Flower Show, Vassar Design House and elsewhere. In 1996, Garden Accents won the blue ribbon at the Philadelphia Flower Show and a First Prize in 1999 and 2000. Philadelphia Magazine rated Garden Accents “Best of Philly” in 1996, 1998, 2000 and 2006.

For more information about Schumacher and Garden Accents, click [here](#).

Jason Grabosky

Rutgers University

Dr. Grabosky is the John and Eleanor Kuser Faculty Scholar in Urban and Community Forestry at Rutgers University, and the chair for the USDA Forest Resource Advisory Council to the Secretary of Agriculture. He teaches courses in trees biology, arboriculture and urban forestry at Rutgers School of Environmental and Biological Sciences. Grabosky’s students call him helpful, intelligent, and “a teacher who will definitely keep you awake.”

His research explores aspects of urban canopy management and the interaction of trees and built infrastructure. In his role in The Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension programs, Dr. Grabosky extensively lectures regionally, nationally and internationally on topics of design, plant selection and urban tree management.



Jane Roy Brown

Author



Jane Roy Brown is a landscape historian, award-winning editor and travel and garden writer focusing on historic gardens and landscapes.

American Gardener has called Brown’s recent work, *One Writer’s Garden*., Eudora Welty’s *Home Place*, “a sparkling, multifaceted work rich in regional personalities, plants, and events that gardeners, with or without a telltale drawl, will relish. It is an important work of garden literature—not to mention a good read.”

With numerous articles published in the Boston Globe, Bostonia, The Christian Science Monitor, Garden Design, Grist, Harvard Magazine, Landscape Architecture, Maine Times, Preservation, Vermont Life, and other publications, Brown's editing work includes the Journal of the New England Garden History Society and various editorial roles at AMC Outdoors, the magazine of the Appalachian Mountain Club, a regional nonprofit recreation and conservation organization with more than 90,000 members.

Brown graduated from Middlebury College with a bachelor's degree in comparative religion and holds a landscape design certificate from Radcliffe Seminars (now the Landscape Institute at Arnold Arboretum). Today, she is the director of educational outreach at the Library of American Landscape History.

For more about Jane Roy Brown, click [here](#).

Randy Kobetich
Master Gardener

Kobetich, a master gardener and camellia show judge is an experienced hobby gardener with a particular interest in Witch hazels. He has over forty of this easy-to-grow colorful plant boasting frost hardy flowers in his collection. Other interests include camellia growing, hybridizing magnolia trees and using hardy tropicals to create a "Florida" look in a northern climate. He does many presentations at local garden clubs and arboretums on a wide range of topics, including Rarefind Nursery and Tyler Arboretum.



Harold Taylor



Longwood Gardens

Taylor, a graduate of the Longwood Professional Gardener Training Program, is the Section Gardener for Longwood's Idea Garden, specifically working with vegetables, herbs, fruits, and the Compost Demonstration site. Taylor was named the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture's Teacher of the Year in 2010 and remains an avid home gardener.

A native of rural Burlington County, New Jersey, Taylor's love of gardening started when he saw a neighbor's greenhouse. As a teen he began working for local greenhouses, tending the grounds at his family's church cemetery, and built a greenhouse at home. Today, Taylor thrives on the day-to-day challenges of figuring out how to produce a garden experience for Longwood guests to enjoy, explore, and learn.

For more on Harold Taylor, click [here](#).

The Delaware Center for Horticulture cultivates greener communities by inspiring appreciation and improvement of the environment through horticulture, education and conservation. TheDCH plants thousands of trees and leads regional projects to enhance Delaware's urban forests; supports dozens of community gardens, urban farms, and school gardens; organizes city park improvement projects; beautifies Delaware's roadsides with native vegetation; maintains the landscaping of many traffic medians and streetscapes; and provides educational programs for children, teens, and adults. Founded in 1977, the Center's headquarters in Wilmington's Trolley Square hosts many weddings and corporate events and includes a public demonstration garden that backs up to Brandywine Park, an art gallery, lecture hall, and a greenhouse. Members of TheDCH and nearly 800 active volunteers come from Delaware and the surrounding region. For more information, visit TheDCH.org.