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'Your Garden Nature's Way' headlines season's events at TheDCH

NEW hands-on workshop series inspired by permaculture & sustainable landscaping

The Delaware Center for Horticulture is pleased to announce an all new quarterly adult education series - [Your Garden, Nature's Way: Translating Natural Processes to Everyday Growing](#). The series is for home gardeners who want to learn natural practices that produce resilient, functional and healthy gardens that benefit both people and nature.



Each quarterly program creatively introduces home gardeners to a set of practices that bring the principles of permaculture and sustainable landscapes down to earth in a practical, accessible way, with hands-on learning and make-and take class projects. Students also get take-home assignments that help them immediately apply practices learned in class. This high quality course, led by Environmental Educator Margot Taylor, RLA and Certified Permaculture Designer and Educator Maya Baruch, is priced to be accessible to everyone.

DAYTRIPS & TOURS



A Shade Gardener's Dream July 15, 5:30 – 7 p.m.

Who said you can't get color in a shade garden? You'll see how beautiful it can be in this hillside garden amid winding paths flanked by collections of unusual and familiar shade plants and trees. Architectural elements create interesting views in this exclusive private garden tour. Location and directions provided upon registration.

Walk in the Woods September 3, 5:30 – 7 p.m.

The owner-gardeners of this garden are passionate lovers of the natural world and have created a space defined by interplay of light, shade, and color. A creek meanders through the property and patio built of local stone leads to a path that invites guests to explore their woodland, which is extensively under-planted with shrubs, perennials, and spring ephemerals. Refreshments provided. Location and directions provided upon registration.

The Meadows of Longwood Gardens September 17, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Join Longwood Gardens Land Steward Tom Brightman for a behind-the-scenes tour of Longwood's newest garden, a 21st century American meadow that features best practices in ecological garden design. We'll walk through meadow trails, enjoy fall color and texture in the native wildflower plantings, and visit the newly renovated Webb Farmhouse and Galleries. Transportation by TheDCH van, or meet us at Longwood Gardens.

CLASSES

[Plein Air in the Garden: Drawing & Painting Accurate Shapes \(4 Weeks\)](#)

July 10, 17, 24, & 31, 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

This class focuses on accurately observing and painting Nature's vast variety of shapes. From full plant and shrub shapes to the correct number of petals on an individual flower, popular art instructor and plein air painting expert, Donna Cusano, will guide students through the steps and simplifying the natural shapes in the DCH gardens, Bring your portable medium of choice, one that you are most comfortable with. Materials list provided upon registration.

SOCIAL EVENTS

[Wilmington City Gardens Contest Awards](#)

September 11, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

FREE & open to the public

The City Gardens Tour & Contest celebrates 32 years with an Awards Ceremony to recognize this year's outstanding gardens. Awards are given in each district as well as eight categories.

LECTURES

[Ask an Expert Plant Clinic & Lecture](#)

Wednesday August 27, 5:30 – 7 p.m.

TheDCH Urban Farm

1116 E 12th Street, Wilmington, DE 19802

FREE & open to the public

Bring your most puzzling plant problems to us! First, Ornamentals Integrated Pest Management Specialist, Dr. Brian Kunkel, and Extension Educator, Carrie Murphy, with assistance from Master Gardener

Volunteers, give a 20-minute presentation on ways to promote successful gardening through good plant health, and identification of both insect pests and beneficial insects in local landscapes. After the presentation, we'll provide answers to your gardening questions and help diagnose plant problems.

LOW COST TREE SALES

[Fall Bare Root Tree Sale](#)

Order deadline: September 30

Pickup dates: October 29 & 30

Bare root trees are lightweight and easy to plant because the root systems aren't surrounded by a heavy ball of soil! Many varieties of trees are available. Trees have been specially selected to thrive in this region, and are priced to sell at \$70. Visit TheDCH.org in early September for order forms, tree images and descriptions.

[Trees for City of Wilmington](#)

Order deadline: August 15

Pickup dates: September 17 – 19

These trees, at \$20 each (a \$75 value), are perfect for private yards and must be planted within city limits. The sale is made possible by the City of Wilmington Department of Public Works Urban Forestry Program and DNREC. Trees have been selected to thrive in the City, and small and large varieties are available.

Visit TheDCH.org for tree descriptions, photos and order forms, or contact Annie Acton at (302) 658-6262 x 106, or aacton@TheDCH.org

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