

Garden Club Federation of Maine
SPEAKERS' LIST/PROGRAM RESOURCES
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Author Judy Paolini: *The Inspired Garden: Twenty Four Artists Share Their Vision.*

The inspired garden slide show offers glimpses into the private landscapes of accomplished artists throughout New England, and particularly in Maine.

These gardeners draw from their deep knowledge of form, texture, color and composition to create personal spaces of great beauty and power.

Judy Paolini

960 Island Avenue

Long Island, ME 04050

207 329 6153

judyp@tpda.com

Fee: Check with speaker

John Harker

Maine Department of Agriculture

207 287-7620

“Cranberries for the Home Gardener”

Fee: Check with speaker

Hannah Holmes

31 Elsmere Ave.

South Portland, ME 04106 207 799-9171

Author of “Suburban Safari”

Fee: Minimum \$100

James Fitch

Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District

35 Maine St., Suite 3

Windham, ME 04062

207 892-4700

“Yardscaping for a Healthy Maine”

Fee: Check with speaker

Charlotte Seckler

Landscaper and Master Gardener

Casco, ME 207 653-4530

“Soil is a precious resource: soil amendments; spring feeding; use of organic fertilizers; composting; lists of shade - and sun - loving perennials and wild flowers”

Fee: Check with speaker

Mark Faunce

691 Ossipee Trail

Limington, ME 04049

207 625-3075

“Daylilies”

Fee: \$125

Bill Hansen
FPL Energy
150 Maine St.
Lewiston, ME 04240
207 877-8386
“Loons, Eagles and other Birds”
Fee: Check with speaker

John Forti
Curator of Historic Landscapes
Strawberry Banke Museum
PO Box 300
Portsmouth, NH 03802
603 433-1108
www.strawberybanke.org
Strawberry Banke events and information
www.jforti.com
to book or find out more about lectures

Helene Lewand
Owner of Blackrock Farm
Kennebunkport, ME
207 967-5783 **www.blackrockfarm.net**
“Shade Gardening and Foliage Plants” – very unusual plants.
Full service nursery. Plants, trees, shrubs, organic vegetable
gardening and visit the greenhouse.
Fee: \$100

Steve Mohr
18 Pleasant St.
Portland, ME 04101
207 871-0003
smohr@mohrseredin.com
“Art in the Garden”,- slides
Fee: \$25

Brian Wentworth
Owner/ Guide – Wentworth Greenhouses
Rollingsford, NH
603 743-4919 **wgiretail@ttlc.net**
“Tour of all Greenhouses”
Fee: No charge

Marianne Heinrich-Perry
28 Chimney Road
Readfield, ME 04355
207 685-3531
jpgmp@myfairpoint.net
A master gardener, who, together with her husband, John Perry, does a Power Point presentation of some usual and unusual Maine wildflowers with some photographic surprises. She is a published photographer and has been in juried art shows.
Fee: \$50 (negotiable)

Bob Bangs
Windswept Gardens
1709 Broadway
Bangor, ME 04401
800 974-9898

He has a beautiful slide presentation and is happy to answer questions.
Fee: \$75

Dr. Rosy Chacko
4 Rock Ridge Drive
Winslow, ME 04901
207 877-7720
chacko@midmaine.com

Botanist
Flora of South India
Biology of Tropicals in Everyday Use, and other related topics.
Fee: Check with speaker

Melda Page
3 Huckleberry Lane
Augusta, ME 04330
207 622-1646

hollyhock@adelphia.net

Member of Kennebec Valley Garden Club and Waterville Community Garden Club

- 1) Does slide shows on various aspects of perennials and other plants – traditional designs. Needs to have screen provided.
- 2) Can give a talk on how a club can establish a successful long-term garden therapy program in a nursing home or assisted living facility. Emphasize hands-on activities.

Afternoons preferred, summer evening

Daytime winter travel OK

Fee: For flowers if purchased

Jeannine LeVigne
PO Box 200
Dryden, ME 04225
207 645-2304

Member of Mt. Blue Area Garden Club.

Very knowledgeable on herbs, a myriad of uses. She brings many books and samples of herbal remedies, salves, tinctures, teas, etc. Tells how to grow, harvest, and use of them.

Fee: Check with speaker.

Molly Foster
17 Ashmere Terrace
Owls head, ME 04854
207 594-5075
smfoster@midcoast.com

Member of the Camden Garden Club

Design and Herbs, table settings, how to use herbs in manyways.

Fee: Check with speaker

Sue Keating
Sweet Pea Gardens
Surry, ME 04684
207 667-6751

sweetpea@hypernet.com
www.sweetpeagardens.com

She has a wonderful slide presentation – beautiful flowers and color. Sue covers history and development and is well organized. She has been featured in many magazines. Handouts

Fee: Check with speaker

Jeff O'Donal
O'Donal's Nursery
6 County Road
Gorham, ME 04038
207 839-4262

Wonderful speaker and can talk on all the plants in the nursery.

Fee: Check with speaker

Jeffery Quirion
16 Second Street – Apt 1
Hallowell, ME 04347
207 622-0919

Master gardener
Landscape gardener
Lectures, slides, workshops, perennial gardening
Fee: \$25

Debbie Cupo
Maine Wreath and Flowers
13 Bow Street
Freeport, ME 04032
207 865-3019
800 973-4987

Wreath making and many other topics.

Fee: \$50 per hour

Dale Pierson
Pierson Nureries, Inc.
24 Buzzel Road
Biddeford, ME 04003
207 499-2994

Landscaping – Wetlands- Plant Selection

Fee: Check with speaker

Dr. James Dill, Pest Management Specialist
University of Maine Cooperative Extension
491 College Avenue
Orono, ME 04473
207 581-3879

Integrated Pest Management (IPM), general pest management, general insect entomology.

Fee: Check with speaker

The Nature Conservatory of Maine
14 Maine Street, Suite 401
Brunswick, ME 04011
207 729-5181

Slide talks on work of The Nature Conservatory of Maine, conservatia of habitat for rare plants in Maine.
Fee: Check with Conservancy

Tim Lindsey, Manager
Bartlett Tree Experts
PO Box 6828
Scarborough, ME 04070
207 883-3340

Slide presentations, horticulture, pruning, etc. Slides and script available.
Fee: Check with speaker

Diana George Chapin, Horticulturist
The Heirloom Garden of Maine
513 North Ridge Road
Montville, ME 04941
207 342-2116

info@theheirloomgarden.com
www.theheirloomgarden.com

- 1) Early American Garden Design: Popular landscaping in Colonial and Victorian America
- 2) Colonial Herbs: Growing old-fashioned plants for meate and medicine.
- 3) Heirloom Gardening is for the Birds! (Bees and Butterflies, too!)
- 4) GMO (Genetically Modified Organism) or UFO (Unidentified Food Object)
- 5) Living in a Shaker Garden

Contact Diana for detailed info on 1) through 5).
Fee: Check with speaker

Jonathan Carter, Director
Forest Ecology Network
PO Box 2218
Augusta, ME 04338
207 628-6404

FEN@prexar.com

The threat of Plum Creek's wilderness sprawl around Moosehead Lake.

Fee: Maine groups \$200 - \$500; can be waived. Mileage: 34.5 cents per mile. Check with speaker

Kenneth E. Liberty
23 Ohio Street
Bangor, ME 04401
207 945-9726

keliberty@aol.com

Founder of Peony Society of Maine
Growing peonies, herbaceous and tree
Fee: Check with speaker

Steve Jones
Fieldstone Gardens, Inc.
55 Quaker Lane
Vassalboro, ME 04989
207 923-3836

steve@filestonegardens.com
www.fieldstonegardens.com

Lecture and garden tour. Free tour of nursery. Perennial garden maintenance, new and exciting plants for the garden.

Fee: \$35 local area

Lois Berg Stack
Professor, University of Maine Cooperative Extension
495 College Avenue
Orono, ME 04473
207 581-2949 or 800 870-7270

Native and new plants, other topics relating to trees, shrubs, perennials and annuals, non native invasive plants, garden open to the public.

Fee: Donation to Cooperative Extension
(Lois is on Sabbatical until September 2009)

Eric Welzel
Fox Hill Lilac Nursery
347 Lunt Road
Brunswick, ME 04011
207 729-1511

eric@lilacs.com
www.lilacs.com

Lilacs and how to grow them.

Fee: Check with speaker

Dianne Brown
27 Mill Lane
York, ME 03909
207 363-4616 or 207 363-1896

An English riding odyssey, the gardens, history, and architecture of England enjoyed by horseback (slides)

Fee: \$75 plus \$.25 per mile

George Sergeant
84 Harding Road
Brunswick, ME 04011
207 442-8195

Talks on My Favorite Birds; Walking Across England (coast to coast)

Fee: \$50

Michael Desplaines, Executive Director
McLaughlin Gardens
97 Maine Street
South Paris, ME 04281
207 743-8820
Preservation of the Bernard McLaughlin Gardens. Horticulture programs
Fee: Check with Director

Donglin Zahanz, Professor
University of Maine
5722 Deering Hall
Orono, ME 04469
207 581-2918
Landscape horticulture
Fee/Speaker: Contact donglin@Maine.edu

Nancy Wetzel
39 Bennett Lot Road
South Berwick, ME 03908
207 384-5277
Six lectures on Turn-of-the-Century Plantswomen:
 Thaxter
 Jewett
 Tyson
 Vaughan
 Farrand
 Furbish

One lecture in Jewett's "Pointed Firs"
Brochure available
Fee: Check with speaker

Paul Sullivan
Pianist and Composer
PO Box 156
Sedgwick, ME 04676
207 359-8432

Anna Hunt
Outreach Coordinator
The Chewonki Foundation
485 Chewonki Neck Road
Wiscasset, ME 04578
207 882-7323 ext #148
outreach@chewonki.org
Traveling Natural History Outreach Birds/Wildflowers/Wildlife
Fee: Check with speaker

Rickie Cooper
1075 Post Road
Bowdoinham, ME 04008
207 666-5643
Certified Master Bee keeper
Honeybees for fun or hobby; Planting for bees; Honey, beeswax, and other hive products.
Fee: \$35/\$50 donation to Eastern Apiculture Foundation for Honeybee Research

Nancy and Bruce Stedman
Little River Flower Farm
160 Turkey Lane
Buxton, ME 04093
207 929-3967

lrff@sacoriver.net

www.littleriverflowerfarm.com

Workshop subjects include crafting on gourds: birdhouses, bowls and vases. Making wreaths, kissing balls or garland, dry flower designs. Lectures include growing, drying, and harvesting gourds. Demos include crafting on gourds. Gives talk on designing perennial gardens. Group tours, summer tours and programs. Grows 10,000 cut flowers. Take home a bouquet and refresh yourself with organic tea.
Fee: \$100 plus mileage

Betsey-Ann Golon
Common Folk Farm
PO Box 1479
Naples, ME 04055
207 787-2764

betzgonon@yahoo.com

Classes/Workshops on Historical Herbs

Teaches classes at Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village in New Gloucester. Herb Garden Manager at Shaker Village; Director of Interns at the Shaker Village Herb Garden. Does programs for Garden Clubs and tours of the Shaker Village Herb Garden etc. Does many other programs. Herbalist/Instructor at George Washington's Mt. Vernon Gardens in Virginia.

www.commonfolkfarmherbs.com

Fee: Check with speaker

Paul A. Knaut, Jr.
237 Pine Street
Dover-Foxcroft, Me 04426
207 564-2133

Author of Maine Scenic Splendor

Lecture season March 15 – December 1

Slide presentations: Beauties of the earth and splendors of the sky: Color throughout the season from morning sunrise to moonlight. Beauties of Maine. 2,000 slides

Fee: \$50 - \$80 afternoon; \$70 - \$80 evening

Ann Gibbs
Maine Department of Agriculture
Plant Industry Division
28 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333
207 287-3891
Talks on horticulture.
Fee: Check with speaker

Joseph F. Gray, Education Chairman
221 Gates Road
Jefferson, ME 04348
207 563-3578

joecar@gwi.net

Twenty Environmental slides and lecture programs, including: Geology; Mammals; Forests; Trees and Shrubs; Wildflowers; Butterflies; Bird Feeding; Wildlife Habitats; Nest Boxes; Wildlife Plantings; Rain Forest, etc.

Program subjects developed upon request.

Fee: Check with speaker

Stephen Oliveri, Director
Pine Tree State Arboretum
153 Hospital Street
Augusta, ME 04330
207 621-0031

Pine Tree State Arboretum slide shows. Arboretum tour, guided, limited to 25.

Birds of the Arboretum slides and lecture.

Fee: \$65 – within a 30 mile radius of Augusta

Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association
PO Box 170
Unity, ME 04988
207 568-4142

Douglas M. Roth
Author: Sukiya Living – The Journal of Japanese Gardening
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