

# Special Lecture Series | American Gardening

The New York Botanical Garden presents its seventh annual Thursday morning lecture series at the Garden. Every garden begins with inspiration; you can find it in many different places. Once you've got hold of an idea (or the idea has hold of you), it's time to think about the individual plants, and how to grow them. In this series, expert gardeners and horticulturists from public and private gardens share their inspirations, favorite plants, and professional tips on how to create and maintain an inspired garden.

## Three Thursdays, Arthur and Janet Ross Lecture Hall at the Garden

January 19, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

### Steal This Idea



**R. William Thomas** is Executive Director of Chanticleer, an inspiring garden with a distinct personality and style. Located just outside Philadelphia, it is appropriately subtitled “a pleasure garden.” Its unusual plantings are a source of constant surprise and delight and its gardeners pride themselves on their innovative plant choices and designs. Explore the unique ideas that make this garden click.

### Plan Before Planting



**Tres Fromme** is Planting and Design Leader at Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, PA. In this illustrated presentation, he explores how to translate personal needs

and aesthetic wishes into tangible realities in the garden. It takes a little bit of magic to create a vibrant, compelling garden, but it is magic that can be mastered. Learn how to plan garden plantings to achieve stunning results.

**WI GAR 801 Section A**

February 16, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

### Annual Extravaganza



**Adam Schwerner** is the Director of Horticulture for the Chicago Park District. The 90 gardens of the Chicago Park District are famous for their creative use of over 700,000

annual plants, both in containers and in traditional garden beds. Lavish displays of unusual color, texture, and form are literally breathtaking. In this lecture, he shares his favorite combinations.

### New and Underused Perennials



**Stephanie Cohen** is the opinionated and humorous “Perennial Diva.” Each year we anticipate the arrival of new and unusual perennials at our local garden center. Yet,

sometimes the sheer number makes it impossible to know which ones are the real winners. Ms. Cohen shares her vast accumulation of inside information, recommending the best new perennials for your garden, from spring through fall. She has taught herbaceous plants and perennial design at Temple University for over 20 years. Her most recent book is *The Perennial Gardener's Design Primer*.

**WI GAR 801 Section B**

March 16, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

### Weedless Gardening



**Lee Reich** is the author of many books, including *Weedless Gardening* and *The Northeast Gardener's Year*. If you love to weed, don't come to this lecture. But, if you're interested in a “weedless garden,” let

Lee Reich tell you about a novel way to care for the soil that involves minimizing soil disturbance, avoiding soil compaction, maintaining a soil cover, and pinpointing watering. “Weedless gardening” takes care of the soil beneath trees and shrubs as well as in flower and vegetable gardens by emulating rather than fighting Mother Nature. Learn how to make plants healthier and weed problems diminish.

### Trees for the Home Garden



**Bill Logan** is the owner of Urban Arborists and author of *Oak: The Frame of Civilization*. Trees anchor a garden, providing year round interest and vertical structure, as well as color and a sense of

permanence. There's no reason why small gardens shouldn't enjoy the grace, shade, and protection of a few well chosen, well cared-for trees. In this lecture, Mr. Logan recommends a selection of excellent trees and illuminates the mysterious art of pruning.

**WI GAR 801 Section C**

Seating is limited, so please register early. Registration will be accepted at the door only if seating is available.

**Register for all three and receive a discount (WI GAR 801 Section D):**  
\$73 non-members, \$66 members

**Registration fee for each session:**  
\$27 non-members, \$25 members

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