

Saturday, March 20, 2021

***Be Intentional: Create Livable,
Edible, Sustainable Garden Spaces***



**Northern Neck Master Gardeners
and Virginia Cooperative Extension
welcome you to the
27th Gardening in the Northern Neck Seminar,
brought to you virtually this year**

Gardening in the Northern Neck Seminar

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8:45 **Zoom sign ins begin**

8:55 **Seminar Welcome**

Cindy Dullea, Northern Neck Extension Master Gardener

9:00 ***Nancy Lawson*—The Humane Gardener: Nurturing
Habitats for Wildlife**

Why do we call some insects "beneficial" while others are "pests"? Why do we welcome some larger animals to our garden while calling others "nuisances"? Why are some plants considered "desirable" while others are "weeds"? In this myth-busting talk, learn how common gardening methods perpetuate misperceptions about the wild species living among us. Discover practical ways to put humane gardening philosophies into action by protecting nesting sites, eliminating unintended hazards, identifying and nurturing plants that provide food and shelter, and humanely resolving conflicts with mammals and other commonly misunderstood creatures.



10:15 **Break**

10:30 ***Brie Arthur*—Foodscaping in the Northern Neck**

“Garden to Table” is the best way to describe horticulturist Brie Arthur's signature design technique of Foodscaping. She aims to reinvent the existing landscapes in suburban neighborhoods, office parks, school campuses, and retirement communities through the thoughtful inclusion of edibles alongside ornamental plants. With an education in design, an enthusiasm for gardening, and a hunger for local, organically

raised produce, Brie sees that there is potential to grow food in every cultivated space. Foodscaping is a design strategy meant to empower home growers by connecting sustainable food production to the everyday landscape. Edibles enhance landscapes by providing a unique seasonal component with a multitude of health and economic benefits. In her lively webinar, Brie will explain exactly how to create a foodscape that will be both beautiful and bountiful.



11:45 Lunch, Northern Neck Master Gardener Showcase

1:00 *Vincent A. Simeone* — Grow More with Less: Sustainable Garden Methods

With detailed, strategic timelines for both short-term and long-term gardening techniques, “Grow More with Less” lets you put your best foot forward in creating an efficient, sustainable home landscape. From composting and mulching to planting trees, author Vincent Simeone covers all the eco-friendly essentials in one straightforward handbook. Simeone makes the what, how, and why of sustainable gardening unmistakably clear: why we should plant for the long-term, how to make the best plant selections possible, how to manage invasive species, how to make the most of your lawn (regardless of its size), the importance of IPM (integrated pest management) in fighting insects and pests, how to conserve water with proper irrigation, installing rain barrels and cisterns, and more. Even when the solution is to do nothing, “Grow More with Less” enables you to confidently make the call.



2:15 Adjourn.



Virginia Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners are volunteers who work within their communities to encourage and promote environmentally sound horticulture practices through sustainable landscape management education and training. Northern Neck Master Gardeners are part of the educational outreach of the Virginia Cooperative Extension that brings the resources of Virginia's land-grant universities, Virginia Tech and Virginia State University, to the people of the Commonwealth.

Founded in 1989, Northern Neck Master Gardeners provide numerous local programs. They staff the Help Desks at Lancaster, Northumberland, and Westmoreland Cooperative Extension Offices; conduct plant clinics; present programs for schoolchildren; maintain teaching gardens; and provide horticultural therapy for senior citizens. Additionally, speakers are available for group presentations. For programs and events, check our website, nmg.org, or call the Northumberland County Cooperative Extension Office at 804-580-5694.

**Thank you for joining us.
Please plan to attend the
2022 Gardening in the Northern Neck Seminar
on Saturday, March 26, 2022.**

**Our speakers will be Colson Burrell, Bryce Lane, and
Joseph Tychonievich.**

Gardening in the Northern Neck is the Northern Neck Master Gardeners' main fundraiser. Proceeds fund the Northern Neck Master Gardeners' Scholarship and other outreach and educational activities.

The 2021 Gardening in the Northern Neck Seminar is approved for 4 hours of Continuing Education credit for Extension Master Gardeners.



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