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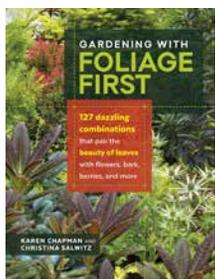
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Top Garden Books

by Karla Dalley and Barbara Skomorowski

Garden books are like the gardeners who read them—varied in style, substance and subject. For this holiday season’s review of books, we have chosen a few practical “how-to” books, one book by an author everyone is talking about, a couple of books about how to garden or live sustainably and two journals that make great gifts, either for someone on your gift list or for yourself. If some of these books sound interesting, come meet the authors. Rick Darke, Christina Salwitz and Claudia West will be at the CHS Symposium on Saturday, February 3rd at the Mark Twain House. Wholehearted thanks to the members who participated in this year’s reviews. You’ll find their names listed with the book(s) they read and reviewed. And special thanks to Karla Dalley, CHS-member, reviewer and book review editor, for researching and choosing this year’s books. Also, please note that the reviews are in no particular order. Happy reading, happy holidays and we’ll see you at the Symposium!



Gardening with Foliage First:
127 Dazzling Combinations that Pair
the Beauty of Leaves with Flowers, Bark,
Berries, and More
by Karen Chapman and Christina Salwitz
Paperback: 340 pages
Publisher: Timber Press, January 25, 2017
Reviewer: Karla Dalley

For most gardeners, foliage is an afterthought: it is something that perhaps catches the eye after the flowers have originally drawn notice. Not so in Karen Chapman and Christina Salwitz’s *Gardening with Foliage First*. Their premise is that good garden design always begins with foliage and flowers are added in later as an accent (if at all).

Their book is divided into two sections, Spring and Summer, and Fall and Winter. Within these two basic divides are designs for both sun and shade. There are also designs for containers, for annuals, succulents, dry areas and for those who garden in areas plagued by deer—so clearly this book has lots to recommend itself to New England gardeners, even though the authors are both from Washington state. The book has 127 different foliage designs, some as simple as 2 plant combinations and others a dazzling mix of 6 or 7. All are described in detail so that if the plants are hardy for us—or if you want to try the annual or succulent combinations—it

is easy to replicate them. Both botanical and common names are given for every plant.

In our climate, when flowers can often seem so fleeting, and so many of us do garden in shade, this book is a welcome resource. Not only is it a visual treat, but it offers instruction and inspiration as well.



**Garden Revolution: How our
landscapes can be a source of
environmental change**
by Larry Weaner & Thomas Christopher
Hardcover: 328 pages
Publisher: Timber Press, May 2016,
Recipient of the American Horticultural
Society 2017 Outstanding Book Award
Reviewer: Kathy Niver

Last winter I read several great garden books but this one reached me in a profound way. It’s filled with ideas, information and inspiration. And, it’s beautifully written. The passion of the authors’ love of plants and nature and their commitment to a healthy ecological landscape is infectious. In addition to learning good ecological practices, it provides an understanding of plants’ cultures and their interspecies relationships. The book teaches how
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**We wish you the best of holidays
and a safe & healthy New Year!**

The CHS Office will be closed on:
Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23
December 15 through January 1
Reopening Tuesday, January 2

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Horticultural Happenings & Announcements

Note: Happenings are listed on a space-available basis. Please include the title, location, time, date and any fee associated with the activity. Kindly format the announcement to resemble the entries below and email it to news@cthorth.org. Deadline for January issue is December 15.

Saturday, November 4, 9 am to 1 pm - Tolland, Connecticut - Hidden Acres Farm, Inc. is proud to host Widening the Welcome: The Future of Agriculture for Farmers of Color at the 224 Ecospace on 224 Farmington Avenue in Hartford. Featured speakers include Amani Olugbala (Soul Fire Farm, Grafton, NY); Karen Washington (Rise and Root Farm, Black Urban Growers, Brooklyn/Bronx, NY); Isa Muhajid (CT CORE, New Haven) and Hartford's own Patricia E. Kelly (Ebony Horsewomen, Inc., Hartford). Direct questions to Michelle Louise Bicking at ourhiddenacresfarm@gmail.com.

Saturday, November 4, noon - Connecticut Daylily Society (CDS) welcomes Dan Bachman of Valley of the Daylilies from Lebanon, Ohio to share his daylily knowledge and breathtaking blooms. Social hour with light meal begins at noon. Dan's presentation begins at 1 pm. Free! Location: Avon Senior Center, 635 West Avon Road, Avon. Info at www.ctdaylilyclub.com.

New England Daylily Society's Adele Keohan will teach the Garden Judge Workshop1 (GJW1) at 10:30 am. The workshop is open to all American Hemerocallis Society members and may be of particular interest to those who attended Workshop 2. Course fee is \$5. If auditing - \$3. Candidates should review the current handbook at the AHS Membership

Portal, www.daylilynetwork.org. If you plan to attend the Workshop, please message Adele (akgabriel22@comcast.net) by November 1st.

Thursday, November 9, noon - West Hartford Garden Club presents landscape designer and decorator, Julia Harrison of Natural Elegance Design. She will share ideas on making our homes festive and fresh for the holiday season. Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 679 Farmington Ave., West Hartford. Fee: Guest donation: \$10 for light lunch and speaker. Reservations required. Call (860) 561-0724 or visit www.westhartfordgardenclub.org for more info.

Saturday, November 18, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. - Connecticut Association of Conservation & Inland Wetlands Commissions (CACI-WC) presents its 40th Annual Conference - Preparations for a Changing Climate: Impacts on Connecticut Habitats & Populations. Pick from a host of educational sessions. More than two dozen exhibitors and 250 municipal decision-makers, researchers, consultants, advocates and land use professionals will be on hand! Bring business cards for networking. See old friends and make new ones! NEW LOCATION: Radisson Hotel Cromwell. [Click to learn more or to register.](#)

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John Lonsdale

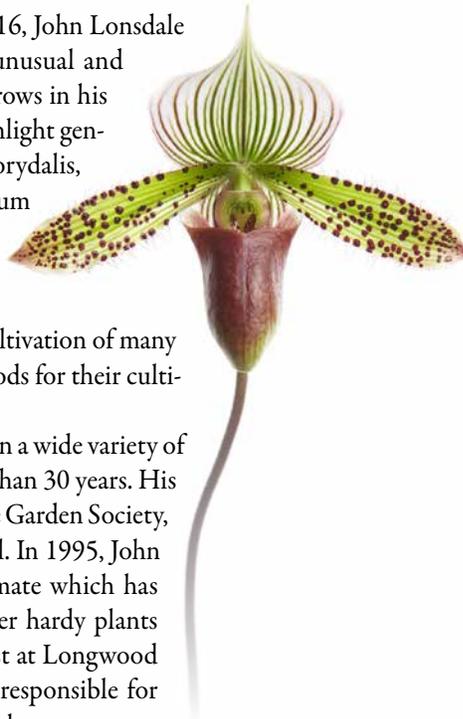
Woodland Treasures Thursday, November 16

with John Lonsdale, Research Specialist,
Longwood Gardens, Exton Penn.

On the evening of Thursday, November 16, John Lonsdale will discuss a selection of the many unusual and beautiful woodland plants which he grows in his garden in Exton, Penn. His presentation will highlight genera including Trillium, Galanthus, Cyclamen, Corydalis, Hepatica, Erythronium, Cypripedium, Epimedium and Arisaema; members of which are suitable for a variety of conditions from dry shade to vernal moist sunlit woodland edges. John is particularly interested in pushing the limits of cultivation of many of these plants, and his talk will emphasize methods for their cultivation and propagation.

Born in Sheffield, England, John has grown a wide variety of alpine and woodland plants and bulbs for more than 30 years. His contributions have been recognized by the Alpine Garden Society, granting him their prestigious Gold Merit Medal. In 1995, John and his family moved to Exton, Penn. to a climate which has proved to be wonderful for growing in-character hardy plants and bulbs. John is currently a Research Specialist at Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, Penn. where he is responsible for managing the experimental nursery and plant trials.

John has traveled extensively to study plants in habitat, especially Trillium in the southeastern U.S. He regularly contributes articles to the publications of a number of horticultural societies, lectures widely and maintains a website (www.edgewoodgardens.net) featuring over 10,000 images of plants growing in his Exton, Penn. garden



CHS Program Meeting

Meetings are open to everyone with a drop-in fee of \$10 collected at the door from non-members. For more information, visit www.cthort.org.

Date: Thursday, November 16, 2017

Time: Program starts at 7:30 p.m. but come early – 7:00 p.m. – to socialize, browse CHS library books, participate in raffle items, look at travel fliers or get your plant questions answered by our resident horticulturalist, Kevin Wilcox.

Location: Emanuel Synagogue, 160 Mohegan Dr., West Hartford



Speaker Feedback

After you attend a speaker meeting, please take a moment to tell us what you thought of the presenter. Your candid feedback helps us to arrange for speakers that will hold your interest. Take the five-question survey on our website – cthort.org. Click on the survey icon found on any page then chose the speaker you want to rate. Thank you for your feedback.



STORM ALERT!

In the event of inclement weather on the night of a CHS Program Meeting, tune into WFSB TV Channel 3, or call the CHS office at 860-529-8713 for a recorded message.

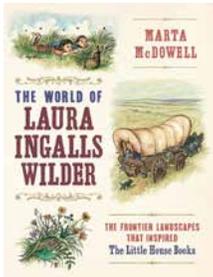
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to read nature and work with it rather than pursuing labor-intensive attempts to change it, which frequently fail. It informs about ways to have nature do the gardening for you (e.g. what will self-sow where based on type of mulch used and how plants and soil attributes can minimize weeds). The book is written in an easy-to-understand-and-apply style. It evokes a desire to be better stewards of our land

An invaluable and provocative resource for gardeners who want to collaborate with their local ecologies—and save themselves both heartbreak and backbreak.

—*New York Times Book Review*

and become “partners with nature.” There are plenty of beautiful photos causing one to ponder, “Where in my garden can I achieve this?” The last two pages sum up the book perfectly. I occasionally re-read these pages as I work on client properties as a reminder to employ specific concepts that apply to those locations. Whether you garden for wildlife habitat or just for beauty and want less work, this is the book for you.



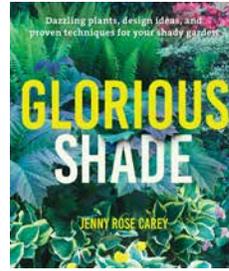
The World of Laura Ingalls Wilder: The Frontier Landscapes that Inspired the Little House Books

by *Marta McDowell*
Hardcover: 390 pages
Publisher: *Timber Press*,
September 20, 2017
Reviewer: *Clare Meade*

Many of us have childhood memories of Laura Ingalls Wilder’s iconic, coming-of-age series, *The Little House on the Prairie*. Although originally aimed at children, TV shows, plays, memorabilia, historic sites and works of literary and historical analysis have developed from the nine books.

Across the series, one strong underlying theme is the particularity of place. Each book is set in a specific location; each book is built around that particular land and the Wilder family’s response. Marta McDowell’s *The World of Laura Ingalls Wilder* is an exploration of the Wilders’ deep connection to this natural world. Following the trail of the books – from Wisconsin to the Dakotas to Missouri – McDowell writes of plants, creatures, weather, farms, and farming practices. With deeply detailed notes, facts and pictures, McDowell gives additional depth to the prairie landscape. In addition to a list of Wilder historic sites, the book includes plant lists and sources to create a Wilder-era garden. Little House aficionados will appreciate the many family pictures and information, history-minded readers will find much to learn and gardeners will enjoy a view of an original landscape.

For more about the natural world from the Little House series, visit: <http://littlehouseontheprairie.com/laura-ingalls-wilder-naturalist/>



Glorious Shade: Dazzling Plants, Design Ideas, and Proven Techniques for Your Shady Garden

by *Jenny Rose Carey*
Paperback: 324 pages
Publisher: *Timber Press*, April 19, 2017
Reviewer: *Rudy Favretti, Professor Emeritus,*
University of Connecticut

This is by far the best book on the subject of shade gardening that I have ever read. To begin with its title, “Glorious Shade,” conveys that gardening in the shade is a glorious experience, while so many other books on the subject imply that it’s a hardship. This leads you anxiously into the text.

You will enjoy the book because it is elegantly printed on glossy paper so that all of the 396 photographs are opulently sharp. All but nine of those photos are the author’s own. But don’t think that this is a coffee table picture book; the text is extensive and detailed providing the answers to questions you might have concerning gardening in the shade.

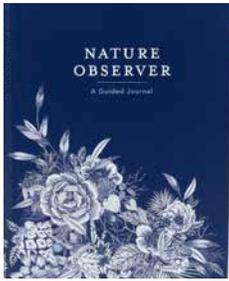
Author Jenny Rose Carey does not discuss gardening in the shade in a general manner. She deals with the types of shade: full, partial, edge of the woods, dappled, morning, afternoon, and shifting shade throughout the year, as well as that created by structures. For each of these situations, the author includes prominent side bars with up to two dozen plants that will thrive there.

As glorious as gardening in the shade may be, the author does not neglect to make the reader aware of shade gardening problems, such as dealing with tree roots, feeding the plants in such a way that the shade trees are not affected adversely, and how to garden under those trees without damaging their roots. She then discusses maintenance in general, but also for particular garden styles as moss gardens, rock gardens, xeric gardens, and a variety of other garden types you may wish to grow in the shade.

I was pleased to see that Jenny Rose Carey considered variegated plants and also showed them in her photos. Many years ago I spent a summer working with the National Trust of Great Britain in England. I commented to a friend about the abundance of variegated plants used in their gardens, and she responded with, “We have more shady days than you have in the States, and variegated plants really shine then.”

This splendid book ends with an 82-page palette of plants for shade gardens along with a picture for each plant and its description, all in addition to the side-bars throughout the book. The book is beautifully designed and indexed in detail, and it is obvious that Jenny Rose Carey, its author, is an accomplished horticulturist and has extensive shade gardens of her own.





Nature Observer: A Guided Journal

by *Maggie Enterrios*

Hardcover: 272 pages

Publisher: Timber Press, October 4, 2017

Reviewer: Karla Dalley

Bullet journals (or BuJos for those in the know) are the darling of the analog set. They offer a creative way to keep track of daily, weekly, life goals and more. Pinterest and Instagram are full of examples of how to do this.

Timber Press now offers BuJos for the gardening and nature minded among us, with creative prompts included. The first, Maggie Enterrios's *Nature Observer: A Guided Journal* was created, it says, so that people could "experience nature in new and meaningful ways—in every season." At the end of the year, the person completing the journal should have "a keepsake of your favorite adventures and places."

This journal offers prompts for observing nature in all its forms. There are suggestions for observing colors: one week we are prompted to find every color of the rainbow in nature. Another week we are asked to observe the different shades of brown in autumn. We are asked to draw spider webs in October and ice in December. Beyond visual observations, we are asked to think about flavors, and smells and scents (different things, I think).

The months are blank so the journal can be started in any season. If winter or January is not a natural beginning point, choose a warmer month, or even summer, to begin. Unlike a garden journal which would follow the more natural progression of seasons, this journal, being nature-themed, is perfectly suited for an outdoor trip. It can then be continued upon returning home—it doesn't ask that the "observer" necessarily venture anywhere more exotic than his or her backyard or a nearby nature preserve or park. The use of the words "nature preserve" may be a little confusing to some readers since it's not one we use here in Connecticut. Just think of our many fine natural recreation areas instead. It's a matter of semantics.

Together with the garden journal that follows (or on its own) this makes a fine addition to a gardener's library and will certainly sharpen his or her senses—all of them!



A Year in the Garden: A Guided Journal

by *Nina Montenegro and Sonya Montenegro*

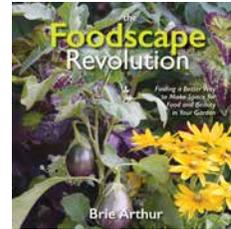
Hardcover: 272 pages

Publisher: Timber Press, October 4, 2017

Reviewer: Karla Dalley

Over the years, I have reviewed many garden journals. Some are more useful than others. What I particularly like about this journal is its creativity. The Montenegro sisters draw borders on each set of pages—which itself is visually inspiring—but the journal includes written prompts, as well as suggestions for painting, drawing or sketching. I especially liked the reminders for the gardener to sit and observe the garden over the course of a long summer day (who

would think to do that in the busy-ness of summer?) or to sketch the progress of a vine. The invitation to contemplate, which is so often lost when keeping a garden journal, is brilliant. There is a lot to think about in this journal. It would make a wonderful gift for someone—or yourself!



The Foodscape Revolution:

Finding a Better Way to Make Space for Food and Beauty in Your Garden

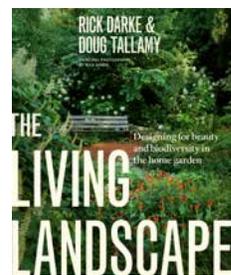
by *Brie Arthur*

Hardcover: 192 pages

Publisher: St. Lynn's Press, March 15, 2017

Reviewer: Barbara Skomorowski

Brie Arthur will truly make you believe, "if you've grown a petunia, you can grow lettuce – they're both seasonal annuals." Her photo-filled book (most taken by Brie herself) reminds you that before big-box stores and highly scrutinized developments, people grew the plants they loved to eat alongside trees and shrubs and flowers. After reading her book, Brie will have you eyeing your yard for spots to integrate vegetables into the landscape next growing season – you may even consider expanding a bed or two! An added bonus that I personally enjoyed was that she included a section on how to preserve your harvest along with recipes that use what you preserved. The only shortcoming I noticed was that because Brie lives in a warm climate, her growing recommendations and personal experiences tended to be geared to warmer zones, some of which don't transfer to New England. In spite of that minor detail, 'Foodscape Revolution' could be the catalyst that starts you down the path of 'foodscaping!'



The Living Landscape:

Designing for beauty and biodiversity in the home garden

by *Rick Darke & Doug Tallamy*

Hardcover: 352 pages

Publisher: Timber Press, 2014

Reviewer: Cheryl Marino

Darke and Tallamy are masterful at combining science and art and as a result, make this book a must read to better understand ecosystems. You'll learn why they are so important and what each of us can do to help restore ecosystems that have been destroyed by development. Layers in the natural wild landscape are explored and ecosystems are discovered as we are shown how our own yards can be used to help repair these injured environmental systems.

Although the authors encourage planting native species they don't shame us for including hybrids in our gardens as long as they satisfy an ecological function. The goal is to provide all forms of wildlife with what is needed to flourish. The book is filled with examples from both author's gardens and show how diversity can be recreated in the home landscape without compromising beauty, privacy, play areas or even your vegetable patch. 🦋

Congratulations, 2017-2018 scholarship recipients!

By Christopher Tuccio, Scholarship Committee Chair

Jacob Gardner, University of Connecticut (Gift in memory of Ludwig Hoffman)

Jacob Gardner is a senior majoring in Horticulture at UConn. He plans to earn his graduate and doctoral degrees in Horticulture with a focus on plant breeding. While in college, Jacob has gained a breadth of hands-on experience working in various capacities at UConn Blooms and as a Student Field Research Assistant.

Elizabeth McKenna, Naugatuck Valley Community College

Elizabeth is from Morris and currently works as a landscaper. Her interests in horticulture are landscape design and native perennial gardening with a focus on sustainability. She is an avid gardener and hopes to make the world a greener place after graduation.

Robert Losee, University of Connecticut (Gift in memory of Edwin (Pat) Carpenter)

Robert is in his junior year and after he receives his B.S. in Horticulture, he hopes to go into plant genetics and research. He believes there is a place in our world and society for Genetically Modified

Organisms (GMOs) and he would like to genetically engineer new variations of plants to help combat modern issues such as food shortages and pest problems.

Brian Schock, Naugatuck Valley Community College

Brian is from Milldale and currently works as a Deputy Fire Marshal in Wallingford and is a Zoo Gardener at the CT Beard-sley Zoo. He is a member of the Association for Zoological Horticulture and he plans to pursue a job in the Zoological Horticulture field after graduation. He will be completing his Horticultural Degree at NVCC this year and is very thankful for the generosity of the CHS.



From left to right: Prof. Chris Tuccio, Jacob Gardner, Brian Schock, Beth McKenna, CHS President Ken Stubenrauch

Dawn Smith, University of Connecticut (Gift in memory of David J.A. Smith)

Dawn Smith is a senior majoring in Horticulture at UConn. Her ultimate goal is to pursue a Plant Science Ph.D. but for now she is concentrating on completing her undergraduate degree and beginning a small sustainable, organic home farm. 🌱

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Here are some frequently asked questions from the AmazonSmile website. For more info about the program, visit: <https://smile.amazon.com> and click on 'About Amazon Smile.'

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CHS Travel

2018 Philadelphia Flower Show

Wonders of Water

Sunday & Monday, March 4-5, 2018

The Philadelphia Flower Show is America's largest horticultural event that attracts 250,000 guests each year. Don't go it alone, instead hop on the CHS trip on Sunday-Monday, March 4 & 5, 2018. You'll enjoy acres of gardens, thousands of displays, interactive exhibits and more than 180 shops in the Marketplace.

This year's theme of WONDERS OF WATER will explore the extraordinary, essential and life-giving beauty of water in the world.

Expect a show that showcases the different way water is used, both for gardening and for amusement. Conservation and sustainability will also be big messages in the show.

Fee: \$349 per member (double) or \$429 per member (single).
Add \$50 per person if not a CHS member.



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2017 Holidays at The Mount Washington Resort

Saturday & Sunday, December 2-3, 2017



Save the Dates!

Glorious Gardens of Washington D.C

Wednesday - Saturday, April 25-28, 2018

Details are being ironed out for a visit to the D.C area this coming spring but we can tell you about these interesting stops being planned:

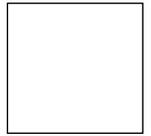
- American Horticultural Society
- Recently re-opened Dumbarton Oaks
- Hillwood Gardens
- Tudor Place
- Potomac River Dinner Cruise

Call Barbara at Friendship Tours to be put on the list to receive further details!



Dumbarton Oaks

To reserve your spot or for more information, please call Friendship Tours at (860) 243-1630 / toll-free (800) 243-1630 or visit www.friendshiptours.net and select CHS Tours.



CHS Calendar at a Glance

- Thurs., Nov. 2** – CHS Board of Directors meeting, 7:00 p.m., Rocky Hill office
- Tues., Nov. 14** – Flower Show meeting, 7:00 p.m., Rocky Hill office
- Thurs., Nov. 16** – CHS Program meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed., Dec. 15** – January Newsletter content deadline
- Sat., Feb. 3** – CHS Symposium *Striking a Balance*, Mark Twain House, Hartford, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Thurs., Feb. 22-25** – CT Flower & Garden Show *A Breath of Spring*, Hartford Convention Center

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2018 Flower Show Update: COME JOIN US!

From February 22-25, 2018 the CT Flower & Garden Show brings A BREATH OF SPRING to the Convention Center—and we're a part of the action!

HELP US PLAN: Join our committee in creating the membership display that helps us introduce show-goers to the Connecticut Horticultural Society (CHS). We need help with: membership materials promoting membership and assembling membership packets; –posters that promote & summarize our message of “Learn, Grow & Travel with CHS” Whether your skills are of the desktop type, hands on set-up, and volunteering at the show we could use your help!

VOLUNTEER AT THE SHOW: Our special role as ambassadors for the show on the Seminar floor continues in 2018. Show goers who attend seminars like to learn from speakers and are likely to become future CHS members! We host the seminar rooms and act to facilitate room logistics: closing doors as the seminar begins, introducing the speaker and letting the audience know about CHS. In exchange for our hosting you will get into the show on the day you volunteer.

- Don't worry that you are new at this show thing – we will have **training and question answering** before the Nov. Jan. & Feb. CHS Program Meetings, from 6:30-7 p.m. in the back of the auditorium.
- **Sign-up** as a Show Ambassador at the Program Meetings, by writing to chs.flowershow@gmail.com or you can call Mary Anna, CHS Office Administrator at (860) 529-8713. We are working on a way to have sign ups online—stay tuned!

MEET FELLOW MEMBER-GARDENERS: Being a part of our committee you'll meet gardeners just like you. Our fellowship over this project is a great winter time activity while we all await the next growing season.

DISCOUNT SHOW TICKETS FOR CHS MEMBERS: Buy your tickets at our meetings now thru Feb. 20 and **save over 30%** off the commercial show price. Tickets are also available during Rocky Hill office hours.



NEXT 'Flo Sho' Committee Meeting:
Tues. Nov. 14, 7 p.m. Rocky Hill office.





Connecticut Horticultural Society Symposium 2018

Striking a Balance

Saturday, February 3, 2018, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Mark Twain House, Hartford

Gardening is ever-changing. With introductions of new design styles, new plants and new methods it can all get a bit confusing:

- I want my yard to support pollinators, butterflies, and other creatures – but I also want the plants I want, even if they don't fulfill an "environmental function"
- Should I only stick to native plants? What about the non-natives that so intrigue me?
- I want to reduce my maintenance but I also want lots of gardens. Is that possible?
- Should I have perennial borders, or focus on plant communities?
- I love unusual plants and want lots of interesting foliage – can I do that and still be able to manage my gardens?



These and many more ideas will be discussed on **Saturday, February 3, 2018**, when the **Connecticut Horticultural Society** will present three experts who will DIG DEEP into contemporary thought about gardens to help you find your comfort zone amid a wide array of styles and choices.



More Symposium information on other side



YES! Save my seat for Striking a Balance!

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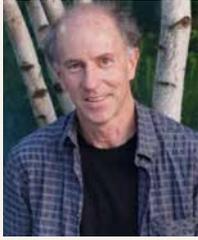
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Striking a Balance – Featured Speakers:



RICK DARKE – The Living Landscape

Gardeners today want a home landscape that nourishes and fosters wildlife. But they also want beauty, a space for the kids to play, privacy, and maybe even a vegetable patch. Sure, it's a tall order and Rick Darke can show you where to begin. Learn the strategies for making and maintaining a diverse, layered landscape—one that offers beauty on many levels, provides outdoor rooms and turf areas for children and pets, incorporates fragrance and edible plants, and provides cover, shelter and sustenance for wildlife. For a complete list of Rick's books and other fine points, visit: www.rickdarke.com



CHRISTINA SALWITZ – For the Love of Horticulture

Christina will talk about plants and combinations that WOW us. Her visually sumptuous slideshow will explore the flora, fauna and cultural artifacts that join us all in our love of horticulture. She is a "Hort-Head" of the first order, a writer of plant passions and a container gardening fashionista! Christina makes gardening about saving labor, time, and money; and above all having fun. She is the co-author of two books: "Fine Foliage" and "Foliage First" and she has recently traveled to England to photograph many famous gardens. If you follow her on Facebook, you will be constantly delighted by the gorgeous plant combinations that she creates and displays. Visit <https://personalgardencoach.wordpress.com/about/> for more info.



CLAUDIA WEST – Creating Stunning Plant Communities that Stand the Test of Time

Plants are the foundation of healthy ecosystems and they bring beauty and joy to our lives. But great plants alone don't automatically create lasting ecological benefits in our gardens. Claudia West will talk about spectacular perennials and grasses and how to use them in natural combinations that increase the ornamental, functional, and ecological value of your landscape. She has worked on all sides of the green industry—as a designer, a grower, installer, and land manager—grounding her innovative work in pragmatic solutions that address the realities of our urbanizing world. Enjoy and be inspired! Claudia is the co-author of the critically acclaimed book, "Planting in a Post-Wild World." <https://phytostudio.com/>

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After January 10:

- CHS Member: _____ @ \$85 _____ @ \$110
- Non-Member: _____ @ \$115 _____ @ \$140
- Student _____ @ \$40 _____ @ \$65

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- ▶ Return your completed registration form with your check payable to 'CHS.'
- ▶ Registration must be received by **January 10** to receive the best rate.
- ▶ Fee includes all programs and demonstrations, breakfast, lunch and coffee breaks catered by Delicacy Caterers, access to all vendors and the silent auction.

Please let us know of any special dietary or seating arrangements that you require:

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