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Shade-ology

The shady garden is a wonderful refuge where you can take a cooling break from summer's heat and enjoy the serenity of color, texture and unexpected blooms from a wide variety of plants. We'll be taking a look at unusual and less familiar plants that might make your shade garden your favorite oasis.

Building a Sunny Mixed Border

Victoria will discuss building a border from the ground up that will be a feast for your eyes during all the season. From berming to mulching and all the fabulous plants between. The mixed border will carry your garden joy into the winter too.

The Weekend Gardener

Don't let your garden dominate your free time. Diane Watt will show you how you can have a beautiful garden and still enjoying your weekend

Design Container Gardens

Container gardens are all the rage today. If you have hesitated to do your own because you're intimidated by the artistic container gardens you see in magazines, or you just don't know how to get started, this class is for you. Learn how to use basic garden design principles to create container gardens that will enhance your landscape & enjoyment through the seasons.

A Beautiful, Practical, Ornamental Vegetable Garden: The Potager

We all agree on the value of the vegetable garden to provide healthy, safe, inexpensive, and delicious food. But beautiful? The French have perfected the vegetable garden by making it a treat for the eye as well as the palate! Learn more about the history of the potager, as well as how to design your own. Go home with everything you need to know to have a beautiful potager of your own! Bon appetit!

The Decorated Garden

A beautiful garden, like a gown, is only a beginning. Now it is time to add the extra sparkle and "wow" by selecting accessories that highlight, accent and showcase your little bit of paradise. During this session you'll learn how select ornamentation and object d'art that express your style and individuality. By using the elements of design you'll be able to create vignettes, focal points and personal touches that makes a walk through your garden a truly magical experience

Japanese Garden Style – A place to ease your m

This talk will include images of Japanese gardens in Japan and the United States as well as my own garden in New Paltz.

This talk is about and will show examples of gardens that are very old and some that are new. The cost of designing and building a garden, what is involved, the materials, care and sources of materials will be covered.

Starting From Scratch

Starting a garden from scratch is both challenging and rewarding. Take this journey with me as an overgrown shrubby thicket is transformed into a beautiful partly shaded garden on the woodland's edge.

In the process we'll be looking at basic garden design, breaking ground, working with walls, paths and edging and the final planting of the garden.

The Moonlight Garden

A moonlight scented garden is a garden planned and planted to visit during the evening or late night hours. Plants that become magically scented when the sun goes down can be enjoyed in a totally different way than daytime blooming flowers. Let Diane Watt take the mystery out of this unique way of gardening.

English Cottage Garden

The phrase evokes visions of the Cotswolds, thatched roof villages and charming door yards brimming with color and fragrance. This class will trace the origins of this style and identify some of the elements and plants you can use to bring that feeling home to your cottage in the Hudson Valley.

TOOLS: Less are More How to determine which tools work best for you and how to get many uses from one tool.

Sally Spillane, host of the Garden Show on WKZE will demonstrate a variety of tools and garden helpers that can make your gardening time more seamless and productive. Tool organization and care, how to evaluate and shop for tools, getting the most out of the tools you already have, and the right tool for the job will be discussed. Bring your favorite small tool if you like, and of course, all your tool and maintenance questions.

Pruning – Trees and Shrubs

DeVerne (Vern) Rist is a “standard” at Garden Day. It wouldn't be Garden Day without Vern moving trees through the hallways. This class will give you the confidence and knowledge to keep your tree and shrubs healthy and looking good.

The Vertical Garden

When you think you've run out of space in your garden and just can't fit another plant, think again. Vines, climbers, trellises and arbors add color and drama to the garden while being economical in their garden footprint. They provide a big visual payback, offering multi-season interest. We'll explore climbing plants for all sites as well as the structures best suited to grow them on. And we'll shed a little light on the once futuristic designs of living architecture.

Make Your Garden Deer Resistant

While there is probably no plant that is “deer proof”, there are ways to make your garden deer resistant. Learn to choose plants that deer find less tasty and techniques that will help you to protect your valuable garden plants from foraging deer.

