Creating Types of Native Gardens: Rain, Plain, and Maintain

...a virtual half-day workshop for landscape professionals. Learn from industry experts about the benefits of using natives in your projects and tricks of the trade.

March 22, 2021 from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm
$35 per person - ZOOM Webinar

Register Online: ny.audubon.org/trsnativeplants

Continuing Education Credits:
NYS Certified Nursery & Landscape Professionals (CNLP)
• 3 CEUs
NY Chapter- International Society of Arboriculture (ISA)
• Credits TBA
Cornell Cooperative Extension - Master Gardener
• Credits TBA

Landscape Architecture Credits (LA):
• Credits TBA
credit hours for NYS Registered Landscape Architects under the subjects of horticulture, landscape restoration, site design, and soil analysis by approved NYSED provider Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County.

Creating a Rain Garden
Robin Simmen, Board Member– North Fork Audubon Society, Landscape Designer

Rain gardens are easy to install, low maintenance, look good year-round, and help prevent water pollution. Planted with native species, these shallow depressions soak up stormwater and support trees, shrubs, and flowers that tolerate both wet and dry conditions. Best of all, the wildlife habitat they provide restores ecological balance to our landscapes.

Concepts covered:
• Evaluating, amending, and preparing soil for rain gardens
• Calculating the right dimensions for a rain garden relative to its natural irrigation source
• Designing, planting, and maintaining rain gardens using native species

Native Garden Design and Plant Selection for Challenging Sites
Joyann Cirigliano, Habitat Specialist, President-Four Harbors Audubon

Attendees taking workshop will discover that native plant species can be used in exactly the same way as exotic species but with far greater environmental impact.

Concepts covered:
• Best practices for layout, spacing, and grouping
• How to use plants for ecosystem services and aesthetics
• Choosing plants to suit the site, instead of changing the site to suit the plants
• Gardening in three dimensions
• Working with mature trees
• Creating four season interest
• What adding water provides

Upkeep: The First Years
Tamson Yeh, Pest Management/Turf Specialist, Cornell Cooperative Extension Suffolk

Participants will learn the essentials of upkeep in the early years of their native gardens.

Concepts covered:
• Native plant integrated pest management, including fungi and other pests
• Identifying causes of die-offs
• Composting
• Avoiding fostering pest problems through your gardening habits
• Seed collecting
• Tips and tricks to keep your native plants happy, healthy, and giving the best pollinator services they possibly can

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