

# ST. LOUIS URBAN GARDENING SYMPOSIUM

SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH, 2015

BRIGHTSIDE ST. LOUIS DEMONSTRATION GARDEN



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8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Check-In / Registration

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Concurrent Workshop  
Sessions

	Neighbors Naturescaping	Plants & Gardening	Wildlife	Trees & Shrubs	Additional Offerings
<b>9:00-9:40</b>	Neighbors Naturescaping (for public spaces)	Native Annuals & Perennials	Gardening for Birds	Native Shrubs	Dealing with Urban Soils
<b>9:45-10:25</b>	No class offered	Native Grasses	Gardening for Butterflies	Native Small Trees	Rain Gardening
<b>10:30-11:10</b>	No class offered	Rain Gardening	Gardening for Pollinators	Care & Maintenance for Woody Plants	Gardening for Butterflies
<b>11:15-12:00</b>	Neighbors Naturescaping (for public spaces)	Dealing with Urban Soils	Naturescaping for Your Home	Pruning Woody Plants	Native Annuals & Perennials



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# WORKSHOPS & SPEAKERS

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**Neighbors Naturescaping (for public spaces)** - Mary Lou Green, Executive Director; Elizabeth MacKenzie, Sustainability Outreach & Education Coordinator, Brightside St. Louis

Learn how Brightside's Neighbors Naturescaping program enables community groups in St. Louis city to establish community gardens in public spaces (e.g., parks, medians, vacant lots).

**Native Annuals and Perennials** – Bill Brighoff, Missouri Master Naturalist, St. Louis Wild Ones

Learn how and why native plants are more beneficial to your landscape than exotic species. Plus learn how to enrich diversity in your garden, select plants for four seasons of color and interest and attract wildlife.

**Native Grasses** – Mark Grueber, Community Forester, Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC)

Learn about the importance of native grasses including how they protect and build soils, improve water filtration and attract wildlife.

**Rain Gardening** - Perry Eckhardt, Community Forester, Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC)

Installing a rain garden is a great way to manage storm water. Find out how you can install a rain garden and learn about native plants best suited for rainscaping.

**Dealing with Urban Soils** – Nathan Brandt, Horticulture Specialist, University of Missouri - Extension

Different plants prefer different soil conditions and knowing the nutrient content, the physical properties, pH and contaminants present in your soil is important for the health of your plants. Learn the proper way to take a soil sample and what the results of your soil test mean.

**Gardening for Birds** - Mitch Leachman, Executive Director, St. Louis Audubon Society

Find out which trees, shrubs, perennials and grasses our winged friends prefer for food and shelter and see what these plants look like growing in our Demonstration Garden.

**Gardening for Butterflies** – Ann Earley and Bob Siemer, Wild for Monarchs Committee of St. Louis Wild Ones, Missouri Master Naturalists/Missourians for Monarchs

Did you know there are specific native plants that will invite butterflies into your garden? See these plants in our Demonstration Garden and learn from experts how you can incorporate them into your garden.

**Gardening for Pollinators** – Ed Spevak, Curator of Invertebrates, Saint Louis Zoo

Beneficial insects help bring balance to a garden's ecosystem, leading to healthier and more productive plants. Learn about these amazing creatures and how you can create native habitats that will attract them.

**Naturescaping for Your Home** – Mitch Leachman, Executive Director, St. Louis Audubon Society

Learn how the St. Louis Audubon Society's *Bring Conservation Home Program* can help you improve the native plant and animal habitat of your private property.

**Native Shrubs** – Mike Walsh, Forestry Programs Manager, Forest ReLeaf of Missouri

Learn about environmentally-beneficial shrub species that are naturally adapted to our soil and weather conditions. Native shrubs are beautiful, provide many benefits to wildlife and require little maintenance once established.

**Native Small Trees** – Mike Walsh, Forestry Programs Manager, Forest ReLeaf of Missouri

This workshop will look at the best small native trees for our local environment. Find out how to choose the right tree for your planting location and learn about the overall size, fall color, spring blooms and wildlife value of Missouri's finest small trees.

**Care & Maintenance for Woody Plants** – Mark Grueber, Community Forester, MDC

Learn how to properly monitor and care for your established trees and shrubs. Some of the topics that will be discussed include mulching, watering, and corrective actions for basic tree health issues.

**Pruning Woody Plants** – Jim Mitchell, President, Arbor Logic of Missouri, Certified Arborist

Discover pruning tools and techniques to help your trees and shrubs grow strong and healthy. Learn the best time to prune and how your plants benefit from regular pruning.