

# 2026 ST. LOUIS URBAN GARDENING SYMPOSIUM

**SATURDAY, MAY 30 8:15 AM - NOON**



**Featuring talks by experts on native plants & trees, pollinators, landscape design and best practices to keep your gardens thriving!**

Reserve your spot at [Brightsidestl.org](http://Brightsidestl.org)  
or call Brightside at 314-772-4646

**Demonstration Garden at Brightside St. Louis**  
**4646 Shenandoah Ave., 63110**

**Event Charge: \$10**

Neighbors Naturescaping participants and  
volunteers may participate at no charge

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## EVENT SCHEDULE

Neighbors Naturescaping potential applicants check in <b>8:15 a.m.</b> Neighbors Naturescaping <b>8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.</b>		Check-In, Registration and “Ask the Experts” for non-Neighbors Naturescaping participants <b>8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.</b>	
9:00-9:10 a.m.	Welcome		
<b>CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS</b>			
9:10-9:55 a.m.	<b>Start Where You Are!*</b> Learning and preparing your site	<b>Four Seasons of Interest</b> Plant selection for structure beyond the bloom & wildlife benefit	<b>Working with the Soil You Have</b> Texture, compaction, drainage, roots and soil life
9:55-10:15 a.m.	Break – “Ask the Experts” and/or tour Demo Garden		
10:15-11:00 a.m.	<b>Putting Plants Together*</b> Plant selection & design	<b>Small Gardens, Big Impact</b> Pollinator-focused planting for small spaces	<b>What’s Wrong with My Plant?</b> What’s normal and what’s not?
11:00-11:15 a.m.	Break – “Ask the Experts” and/or tour Demo Garden		
11:15 a.m.- Noon	<b>A Year in the Garden*</b> How we manage the Brightside Garden	<b>Who Shows Up? Wildlife in a Naturescape</b> Pollinators, birds and predators	<b>Rethinking Mulch: Better Ground Covers</b> Mulch pros & cons, green mulch
12:00 p.m.	Thank you & Native Plant Sale		

\* Session especially helpful for newer gardeners

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