

## BACK TO THE FUTURE A Garden Symposium



### SUZANNE WAINWRIGHT EVANS

#### Biological Control Beyond Lady Bugs

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Biological control beyond ladybugs – When you ask people to name a good bug, most replay ladybugs but there are so many more beneficials out there that many gardeners do not know about. Come learn about these beneficials with voracious appetites with larger-than-life images and videos.

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**Suzanne Wainwright-Evans**, Buglady Consulting, is a horticultural entomologist specializing in integrated pest management. Suzanne has been involved in the Green Industry for more than 30 years with a primary focus on biological control and using pesticides properly. Her business, Buglady Consulting, focuses on offering independent advice and training for growers so they can have the best science-based IPM program. She has run this business for 21 years. Suzanne is a graduate of the University of Florida with degrees in both Entomology and Environmental Horticulture.

She has worked throughout North America, and internationally, consulting greenhouses, nurseries, landscapers, commercial insectaries, cannabis production, and interiorscape companies. Suzanne publishes frequently in trade magazines, teaches workshops and webinars, and lectures professionally to industry groups. Her dynamic presentations use her extensive library of photos and macro movies to discuss best-use practices for using commercially-available beneficial insects, mites, and nematodes. In addition to her “what works and what doesn’t” approach to her presentations, she includes information about new products, new directions in biocontrol research, and how to assess quality of commercial natural enemy products. She is an enthusiastic collaborator with university extension and research faculty, helping with field trials for controlling both established and invasive pests. Finally, with the legalization of cannabis in numerous states, Suzanne has become an expert in using IPM to control its pest complex. She is in the field, observing problems directly, and her advice is helping growers sort out pest advice from a bewildering amount of online material.

Suzanne lives in Pennsylvania with her husband, 1 dog, 4 cats and a mouse in a log home built in the 1820's.