

2023 BACK TO THE FUTURE A GARDEN SYMPOSIUM

Registration by Mail is required,

\$90 early registration by February 11th 2023

\$100 late registration by February 28th 2023

Checks Payable to 'RMG of MC'

Send with completed form to

Suzanne Hickman
15 Farm Road,
Ewing, NJ 08638

Registration Confirmation is by email only

Refund honored until March 1st 2023
less a \$25 processing fee

Carpooling Recommended



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Box Lunch Choices

No Substitutions

Honey baked ham on croissant, cheddar, lettuce, tomato, potato chips & chocolate chip cookie.

Tuna salad on sliced multigrain, lettuce, tomato, potato chips & chocolate chip cookie.

Vegetarian on sliced multi grain ,cucumber, green bell peppers, lettuce, tomato, olives, potato chips & chocolate chip cookie. Ranch & balsamic dressing on the side.

Chef's salad, turkey, Swiss cheddar, tomato, fresh leaf lettuce and potato chips.

Please circle your choice here too, to help on the day.

SCHEDULE OF THE DAY

Book Sales & Garden Auction in Main Foyer

8:00-9:00 Breakfast

9:00-9:15 Welcome & Opening Remarks

9:15-10:15 **Karen Chapman:**
Design Dilemmas & Savvy Solutions

10:15-10:45 Coffee Break

10:45-11:45 **Kathryn Homa:**
Out with the Old, In with the New

11:45-12:45 Lunch & Slide Presentation

12:45-1:45 **Joseph Tychonievich:**
How Genetic Engineering Works

1:45-2:15 Coffee Break

2:15-3:15 **Suzanne Wainwright Evans:**
Biological Control Beyond Ladybugs

3:15-3:30 Closing Remarks & Garden Auction Winners



Brian M. Hughes, Mercer County Executive; Dr. Brian Schilling, Director, Cooperative Extension; Chad Ripberger, County Extension Department Head.
Cooperating Agencies: Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey; U.S. Department of Agriculture; and Mercer County Board of Commissioners. Rutgers Cooperative Extension is an equal opportunity program provider and employer.

SPEAKERS

KAREN CHAPMAN

**Design Dilemmas & Savvy Solutions:
Design Intervention for Plantaholics and Rebel
Gardeners**

Karen Chapman was born in England and grew up with a trowel in her hand. After moving to the Pacific Northwest in 1996 she joined one of the leading garden nurseries as a garden plant specialist. Helping hundreds of customers create beautiful combinations of plants to enhance their outdoor living spaces was always a delight. Ten years later Karen established Le jardin et in order to provide a service that takes all the time, stress and guesswork out of the design process for you.

In the recent past she has taught container gardening at Edmonds Community College and continues to teach both container and landscape design in occasional workshops and events as well as offering a range of online learning opportunities. Karen frequently give presentations and now extends her passion for sharing great gardens by leading garden tours both in the United States and England. When not teaching garden design or talking about it Karen is usually writing about it, and her articles and designs have been featured in many national gardening publications including Fine Gardening, Country Gardens, Sunset, and Garden Design. In addition, she has co-authored two books with Christina Salwitz; the award-winning Fine Foliage (St. Lynn's Press, 2013) and the highly acclaimed Gardening with Foliage First (Timber Press, 2017). Her latest book Deer-Resistant Design (Timber Press, 2019) has received excellent reviews. Specializing in creating artistic plant combinations with a four-season foliage framework, functional outdoor living spaces and deer resistant, summer-dry designs, it gives her great pleasure to share her love of gardening with you.



KATHRYN HOMA

**Out with the Old, In with the New:
New Advances in Plant Disease Management**

Kathryn Homa is the new Program Associate, Horticulturist as well as Master Gardener advisor for the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Mercer County. However, she is not new to the horticulture scene or New Jersey. Growing up on a grain farm in Burlington County, she gained a love for agriculture and horticulture. She is a graduate of Delaware Valley College, with a degree in Ornamental Horticulture-Floriculture. While working toward her degree, Kathryn held internships at the Rutgers University EcoComplex and Burlington County Research and Demonstration Greenhouse and as a research assistant with Terracycle Fertilizer in Trenton, NJ. She also spent some time with Ocean of Know, a nonprofit educational initiative teaching inner-city children about math, science, and agriculture.

Kathryn joined the Rutgers University Plant Biology graduate program, where her master's degree work focused on evaluating fungicide efficacy and her PhD on breeding strategies for resistance to fusarium wilt of basil. A Study Director for Good Laboratory Practice pesticide studies on specialty crops Rutgers University's IR-4 Project, Kathryn later served as lead plant pathologist for the national program, and aided extension personnel and growers across the US achieve solutions for emerging plant pathogens. Kathryn enjoys working in her water garden and garden beds around her home, spending time with her border collie Roxanne and taking trips to the Jersey Shore year-round.

JOSEPH TYCHONIEVICH

**How Genetic Engineering Works:
Understanding the Science not the Controversy**

Joseph Tychonievich is a life-long lover of plants and gardening. He got his degree in horticulture from Ohio State University and went on to work for specialty rare plant nurseries in Japan and Michigan. Joseph is the author of several books including *The Comic Book Guide to Growing Food: Step-by-Step Vegetable Gardening for Everyone* and *Rock Gardening: Reimagining a Classic Style*. is a regular contributor to gardening magazines like Fine Gardening, and is the editor of the North American Rock Garden Society (NARGS) quarterly journal. He currently lives and gardens in South Bend, Indiana, with his husband, two cats, a dog, and a truly excessive number of plants.

SUZANNE

WAINWRIGHT-EVANS

Biological Control Beyond Ladybugs

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, BugladyConsulting, 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.





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SATURDAY MARCH 11TH

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PRINCETON NEW JERSEY

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Please Print Clearly

- Honey Baked Ham
- Tuna Salad
- Vegetarian
- Chef's Salad

Please circle one lunch choice.

