

2024

Cultivating Community

A

Garden Symposium

Saturday March 16th

at

**Stuart Country Day School**

**1200 Stuart Road**

**Princeton**

**New Jersey 08540**

## Terri Speight



Teresa J. Speight is a Native Washingtonian, a Mother, Grandmother, Steward of our Land, Garden Writer, Region II Director – GardenComm International, and History Lover. With ancestral sharecropping roots originating in North and South Carolina, connecting with the earth is authentic to her. Her ancestor's hands have helped build and feed her family for generations. According to Terri, to not honor this earth would disrespect her heritage.

Terri is former Head Gardener for the City of Fredericksburg, one of the Founding Farmers of the Eitt CSA, Stafford County's first Transitional Organic CSA Farm, and is currently a Garden Writer, Visionary and Estate Gardener. Expanding the vision, Teri's Cottage in the Court offers curated Garden Experiences for small groups and one-on-one Garden Coaching, specializing in earth-friendly practices.

Reconnecting average people with the soil is important. When we reconnect with the soil, nature, and our roots, we can begin to respect all that the earth provides.

Her book *Black Flora: Profiles of Inspiring Black Flower Farmers + Florists* shares the story of African American flower farmers, florists, designers and more. She has also co-authored *The Urban Garden: 101 Ways to Grow Food and Beauty in the City* with Kathy Jentz. This book combines the talents of two experienced urban and suburban gardeners with tried, tested, and easily adapted gardening concepts.

Teri also has a podcast, [cottageinthecourt](#). Please tune in to listen or subscribe via Apple Podcasts. Interesting people, discovering unique places and poetry to remind everyone to embrace the garden. Sit awhile with Teri at her Cottage in the Court.

## Gary Johnson



Gary Johnson is Professor Emeritus of Urban and Community Forestry with the University of Minnesota's Department of Forest Resources. His 45 years of academia includes the Universities of New Hampshire, Maryland, and for the past 31 years, Minnesota.

His particular areas of interest include Urban and community forestry, urban forest health, stress disorders (deicing salt damage), urbanized soils, diseases of trees and shrubs, risk assessment and management, tree preservation during construction activities, dysfunctional root systems (including stem girdling roots), and

nursery tree production.

His research and writings have largely focused on producing better root systems, minimizing construction damage to trees, preventing wind-loading damage to trees, and best planting practices. He was a consulting arborist and landscape manager for twenty years and a seasonal tree nursery worker for ten. Add up all of those years, and he is remarkably handsome for someone 140 years old.

## Jenny Rose Carey



Jenny Rose Carey is an avid hands-on gardener and professional horticulturist.

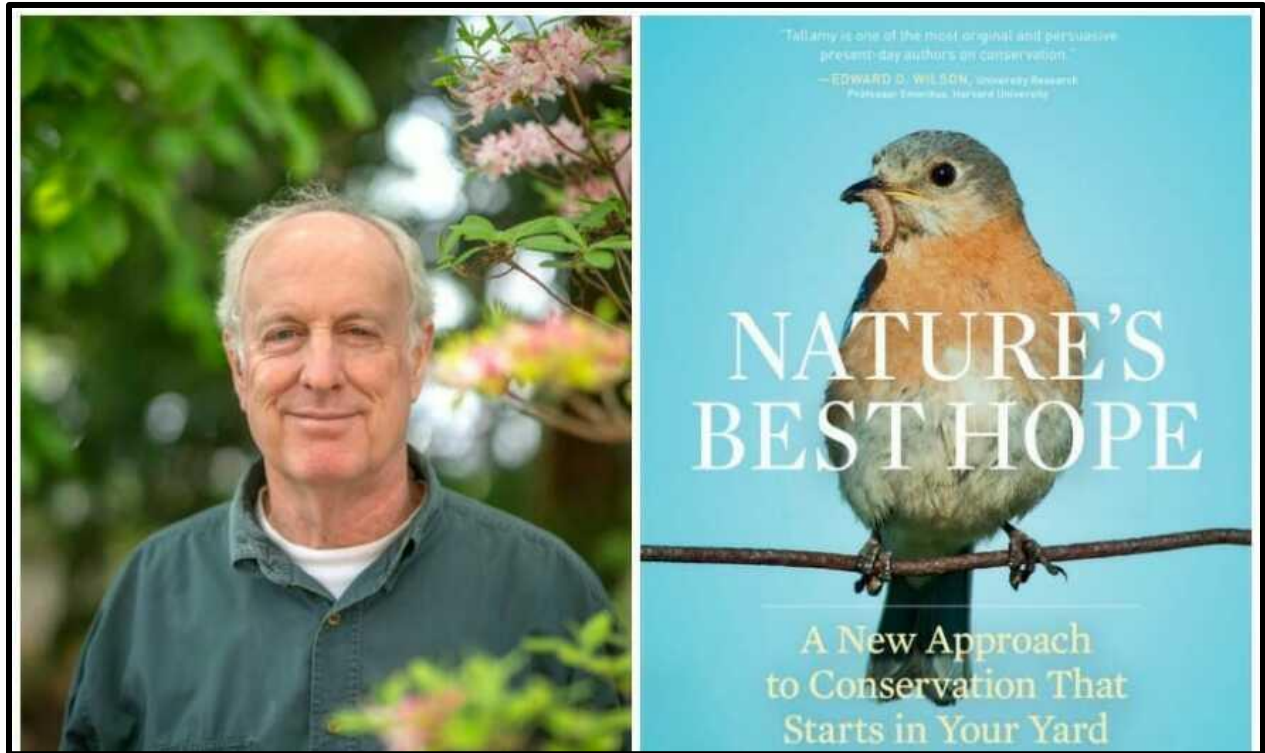
Born in England to a family of botanists and gardeners she grew up in the countryside and designed her first herb garden at age sixteen. She moved with her American husband to the Philadelphia area and has gardened there ever since.

Her degrees are in Biology, Horticulture and Education so Jenny Rose brings a strong teaching background to her writing and her presentations. Professionally, she has been Director of two public gardens:

The Ambler Arboretum of Temple University and the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's Garden at Meadowbrook Farm.

She is now devoting her time to writing, speaking, and tending her own four-and-a-half-acre garden called Northview where she has lived for over a quarter of a century. Her books, *The Ultimate Flower Gardeners Guide* and *Glorious Shade*, have won accolades and awards.

## Doug Tallamy



Douglas Tallamy is an American entomologist, ecologist and conservationist. He is a professor in the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware. He has written and co-authored several books, most notably *Bringing Nature Home*, *The Nature of Oaks*, and *Nature's Best Hope*, as well as many papers.

Tallamy advocates for home gardens and landscaping that bridge the gaps between parks and preserves in providing habitat for native species. He has spoken on the connections between plants and insects and how those relations are important to birds. Tallamy speaks nationwide about his concerns that the approach to gardening must change and has called for smaller lawns and the need to plant more native plants.

Tallamy has overseen rigorous field-studies that examine native versus introduced flora as caterpillar hosts and chickadee habitat.