

Central Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener Association

Central Shenandoah Valley Garden Symposium



“GOING NATIVE”

“Let me tell you about the birds and the bees and the flowers and the trees”

Saturday, October 19, 2019

9:00 A.M. — 4:00 P.M.

MEET OUR SPEAKERS

Doug Tallamy

Doug Tallamy is a professor in the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware, where he has authored 95 research publications and has taught insect related courses for 39 years. Chief among his research goals is to better understand the many ways insects interact with plants and how such interactions determine the diversity of animal communities. His book [Bringing Nature Home: How Native Plants Sustain Wildlife in Our Gardens](#) was published by Timber Press in 2007 and was awarded the 2008 Silver Medal by the Garden Writers' Association. [The Living Landscape](#), co-authored with Rick Darke, was published in 2014. Doug's new book 'Nature's Best Hope' will be published by Timber Press February 2020. Among his awards are the Garden Club of America Margaret Douglas Medal for Conservation and the Tom Dodd, Jr. Award of Excellence, the 2018 AHS B.Y. Morrison Communication Award and the 2019 Cynthia Westcott Scientific Writing Award.

Heather Holm

Heather is an award-winning author and nationally sought-after speaker spending much of her time passionately educating audiences about the fascinating world of native bees and the native plants that support them. Her first book, [Pollinators of Native Plants](#), was published in 2014, and her latest book, [Bees](#), published in 2017, has won six book awards including the 2018 American Horticulture Society Book Award. Heather's expertise includes the interactions between native bees and native plants, and the natural history and biology of native bees occurring in the upper Midwest and Northeast.

Kevin Conrad

For the last 15 years Kevin Conrad has been curating the Woody Landscape Germplasm Repository of the U.S. National Arboretum. This program is connected to the Agricultural Research services, National Plant Germplasm System of the United States Department of Agriculture. He has worked for the National Arboretum for 26 years in various capacities including herbarium collections manager and curator of the Asian Collections. Kevin is also the USDA liaison for the American Public Garden Association's core program the Plant Collections Network (PCN). Before joining the arboretum, he spent 6 years in various aspects of the Nursery and Landscape industry including nursery sales manager of a multimillion dollar retail store.

Ian Caton

Ian Caton is the owner/operator of Wood Thrush Native Plant Nursery, specializing in native plants of the Appalachian region including West Virginia, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and North Carolina. A focus of the nursery is the introduction of new and rare native plants which are little known or underappreciated in the nursery trade. Previously Ian was an employee of Larry Weaner Landscape Associates, a landscape firm specializing in the use and promotion of native plants in landscaping. He graduated Delaware Valley College with a BS in Ornamental Horticulture and Environmental Design. He has an extensive knowledge of native plants, natural communities, and their incorporation into the human environment. Ian's numerous professional speaking engagements include Bowman's Hill Wildflower reserve, New York Botanical Gardens, and Brooklyn Botanic Gardens.