

Friends of Villa Terrace 2018 Spring Garden Lectures

Lectures begin 7 pm on Wednesdays

This education is underwritten in memory of Barbara Strecker



Nancy Lawson, the author of *The Humane Gardener: Nurturing a Backyard Habitat for Wildlife*, a columnist for All Animals magazine, founded Humane Gardener, an outreach initiative dedicated to cultivating compassion for all creatures great and small through animal-friendly landscaping methods. Lawson's book and garden have been featured in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Oprah Magazine*, and other media outlets. After an early career in newspaper journalism, she led the creative teams behind the award-winning print and digital magazines of The Humane Society of the United States.

March 21 - The Humane Garden: Cultivating Compassion for All Creatures Why do we call some insects "beneficial" while others are "pests"? Why are some plants considered "desirable" while others are "weeds"? In this myth-busting talk, learn how common growing methods divide the natural world into false dichotomies and perpetuate misperceptions about the wild species living among us. Discover practical ways to put humane gardening philosophies into action by protecting wild nurseries of animals large and small, eliminating unintended hazards to wildlife, nurturing plants that provide food and shelter, and humanely resolving conflicts with mammals and other commonly misunderstood creatures.



Shelly Culea, of Mequon, Wisconsin has a passion for raising Monarchs from egg to release. To date, she has released more than 400 Monarchs from her butterfly nursery. Shelly gives Monarch presentations to Milwaukee area nature centers, garden clubs and schools to raise awareness of the crisis facing the Monarch butterfly. Shelly also helped organize the Monarch Information Booth for BioBlitz, a biological surveying project that helps record all living species within a designated area. She is a current member and past Garden Club president of the Women's Club of Wisconsin. Shelly is a member of the Herb Society of America, Wisconsin Unit.

April 11 - The Kingdom of the Monarch

Shelly Culea will speak about her experiences in the Monarch Butterfly Sanctuaries in the rugged and remote mountains west of Mexico City. She will tell us about her journey and show amazing photos from her trip. These awe-inspiring photos show, among other things, millions of hibernating Monarch butterflies just before they leave for their return journey to the United States. The presentation will bring the incredible story of the great migration of the Monarch butterflies to life. Shelly will also talk about the Monarch's favorite garden plants. She will explain how you can easily draw the Monarch and other pollinators into your own garden.



Melinda Myers, Nationally Known Gardening Expert, TV/Radio Host, Author, & Columnist has over 30 years of horticulture experience and has written over 20 gardening books, including *Midwest Gardener's Handbook*. She hosts the nationally-syndicated "Melinda's Garden Moment" seen on over 120 TV and radio stations throughout the U.S. She also hosts the Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series, is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms*, and has a regular column in *Wisconsin Gardening* and *The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. In 2017, Myers was inducted into the National Hall of Fame of GWA: The Association for Garden Communicators, the highest honor that can be given to a member of the Association.

May 2 - Plants for Difficult Situations Dramatically increase your landscape beauty, decrease your workload and also save money by matching the right plants to the difficult growing conditions. You'll be surprised at how many choices are available for wet, dry, and shady conditions as well as challenging soil. Melinda will also discuss plants that tolerate salt and black walnut toxicity. Plus, she'll cover planting and maintenance tips to help increase your success!

Each Lecture: \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members

All Three Lectures: \$55 for members, \$70 for non-members

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