



Grow Native  Massachusetts *presents* 

EVENINGS WITH EXPERTS: 2013

A Public Lecture Series at the Cambridge Public Library


First Wednesdays
February through June
7:00-8:30 p.m.

PLEASE JOIN US!
Events are free and
open to all.



 **February 6**
**Managing Invasives At Home
and Around Town**
Eric Olson & Josh Ellsworth,
Lecturers at Brandeis University
and Citizen Stewards


Founder of the Newton Invasive Plant Task Force, Dr. Olson has led substantial volunteer efforts to control invasive species in Newton and Waltham. He will discuss this management challenge, especially the importance of building trust with local Conservation Commissions, and the risks and pleasures of depending entirely upon volunteer labor. Josh Ellsworth will help us understand the ecology of invasives, along with specific techniques for controlling the species we most commonly encounter in Greater Boston. *Dr. Eric Olson and Josh Ellsworth both teach at Brandeis University.*

 **March 6**
**Meadowscaping in Urban
& Suburban Spaces**
Catherine Zimmerman, Author
of Urban & Suburban Meadows

Join us to learn why meadow and prairie habitats are so beneficial, both economically and environmentally. Then, consider the benefits of meadowscaping. Ms. Zimmerman is passionate about getting Americans to forgo their devotion to monocultures of pesticide-ridden lawns. She will give us a step-by-step primer on reducing lawn size and installing a beautiful meadow garden in its stead. No space is too small. Join the movement to bring back native habitat for wildlife and human life! *Ms. Zimmerman is a filmmaker, author, and founder of the Meadow Project.*

 **April 3**
**Landscape Design with
the Climate in Mind**
*Sue Reed, Author of Energy-
Wise Landscape Design*

Learn how to manage your landscape to save energy and reduce your carbon footprint—essential actions in this era of climate change. You can: reduce costs for home heating and cooling; save energy on your gardens and grounds; and choose products with lower embedded energy costs. Your property is full of opportunities to conserve, even if you're not doing a major renovation or landscape redesign. Come get inspired by new insights and ideas. *Sue Reed is a Landscape Architect who specializes in designing beautiful landscapes that are ecologically rich and energy efficient.*

 **May 1**
**Go Botany! Plant ID
for the 21st Century**
*Elizabeth Farnsworth, Senior
Research Ecologist, New England
Wild Flower Society*

Imagine identifying plants in the field with your iPad or smartphone! *Go Botany* is the new definitive on-line *Flora of New England* for just that. Elizabeth Farnsworth will introduce and demonstrate this richly illustrated interactive key to over 3,500 native and naturalized plants of our region. This tool also includes *PlantShare* for reporting discoveries, exchanging checklists, and more. This evening will equip you to ID and better understand the many plants you encounter. *Dr. Farnsworth is one of New England's great botanists and Editor-in-Chief of Rhodora.*

 **June 5**
**The Restoration of
Consecration Dell**
*Dave Barnett, President,
Mount Auburn Cemetery*

At the heart of Mount Auburn, Consecration Dell is a landscape of great beauty and a hot spot for birding. Yet not long ago, it was overrun by invasive species and suffering from erosion. With their commitment to stewardship, Cemetery staff have spent over a decade restoring this special place, establishing a thriving community of native plants and improving vital habitat for wildlife. This story is full of lessons about the significant challenges and rewards of ecological restoration. *Dr. Barnett is a respected ecologist and horticulturalist, as well as the President of the Cemetery.*

www.grownativemass.org

Thank you to the Cambridge Community Foundation, Cambridge Public Library, and to all of our members for making these programs possible.

Every garden matters ~ Every landscape counts