

Session Descriptions

- **Great Garden Expectations, Perennially Yours!**

- Gardeners always look to the next season with hopes that everything will magically combine to grow perfectly. That somehow the upcoming GARDEN 2024 will be a designer's array of color, texture, line, form, and NEW PLANTS! But let's grow this next new year differently. This talk features five steps to successful plant selection. It considers small changes in thinking that will impact perennial selection and color. Included are plant lists that guarantee gardens won't just survive but thrive.

- **Year-Round Color in the Perennial Garden**

- It would be great if perennials provided color all season but most of them don't give much wow factor or interest in the winter. Learn how to build a backbone of color for the garden that will give you interest in the winter and other months. We will discuss other plants and items that help to keep the garden "alive" in the winter as well as other seasons.

- **A Garden of Color**

- John Bartram welcomes you with the horticultural history of plant introductions from his travels across the wilderness of North America. His foundational American Native Plant List includes favorite herbaceous colorful Perennials and lifesaving Medicinals. His story starts at the very beginning of the international world of plant discovery and identification. His humor, his passion and his achievements will entertain, inspire, and awe as he shares his tricks and trades for creating the perfect garden plant combinations.

- **Wetland Plants and Their Place in the Perennial Garden**

-There is a world of wetland plants beyond the typical water lilies and lotuses that are familiar to most people. There are also a number of wet-tolerant "cousins" of flowering plants that are common in most gardens. There are important functional roles that wetland plants can play in rain gardens, moist garden soils and garden pools and ponds that provide benefits beyond their beauty. This presentation hopes to share some of the novel ways that wetland plants can be a part of almost any perennial garden.

- **Spotted Lanternfly – What does this invasive species mean for your Perennial Garden?**

-Pam discusses the latest (and not the greatest) invasive species to come into our area and how this might affect your landscape and gardens. Learn about the pest, how to identify, its significance, and how to scout for it. It won't kill your perennials, but it will definitely annoy you.

Agenda

8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Registration & Refreshments

9:00 - 10:15 a.m. Great Garden Expectations, Perennially Yours! - Kirk Brown

10:15 – 10:30 a.m. Break – Stand up and stretch!

10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Year-Round Color in the Perennial Garden - Pam Bennett

11:30 - 12:45 p.m. Lunch

12:45 – 1:45 p.m. A Garden of Color - Kirk Brown as John Bartram

1:45 – 2:45 p.m. Wetland Plants and Their Place in the Perennial Garden - Dr. Dave Smith, Ph.D.

2:45 – 3:00 p.m. Break

3:00 – 4:00 p. m. Spotted Lanternfly – What does this invasive species mean for your Perennial Garden? - Pam Bennett

4:00 – 4:15 p.m. Closing and Door Prizes

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Meet the Speakers

Dr. Dave Smith is the founder and president of Freshwater Farms of Ohio, an integrated fish farm in Champaign County that has raised rainbow trout and other aquatic species since 1983. The use of recirculating aquaculture systems (RAS) was pioneered there in renovated and solar-heated poultry buildings. From the beginning, leftover water and nutrients were used to grow melons and peppers onsite. Similar aquaponic efforts have continued where fish nutrients are used to fertilize plants and plants are used to cleanse nutrients from recycled fish water. He is a graduate of The Ohio State University, where he first studied botany and horticulture, but then switched to aquatic biology when he heard about raising fish in greenhouses. His Master of Science degree is from Louisiana State University where he did marine ecology and environmental science studies in the Center for Wetland Resources. Dr. Dave completed his Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin - Madison with a Nutritional Science major and conducted fish feed research at the UW Aquaculture Research Lab.

Dr. Dave Smith, Ph.D.



Kirk Brown

Kirk is Past President of GardenComm: Garden Communicators International. In 2021, he was inducted into their Hall of Fame. Over 30 years, he has served on committees for regional, state, and national green industry associations. He speaks across North America on wide-ranging horticultural topics as John Bartram, Frederick Law Olmsted, Henry Muhlenberg and himself as well as a host of other historic horticulturists. He lectures on horticultural history, design, business management and human resource motivational topics. For twenty years, he was Business Manager and Designer for Joanne Kostecky Garden Design. In that position, his gardens won outstanding design awards from PPA, APLD, PHS and PLNA. He served as National Outreach Coordinator for Magnolia Plantation and Gardens: America's Oldest Garden. Most recently he is a judge for America in Bloom and lecturer for many states' National Garden Club Schools.



Pam Bennett

Pam is a Professor with The Ohio State University and the co-author of the award-winning GardenPedia. She serves as the State Master Gardener Volunteer Program Director. Pam specializes in herbaceous ornamental plant trials and presents programs on annuals and perennials as well as other landscape topics locally, statewide, and nationally. Pam has lectured internationally in six countries. She is a Clark County Park District Commissioner, and a Board member of the Hartman Rock Garden and The Abilities Connection. She is the Past-President of the Friends of the Ohio Governor's Residence and Heritage Garden.