



# Spring into Gardening

Saturday April 6, 2024

9:00AM to 12:00PM

*Doors Open at 8:00AM for Registration, Vendor Sales & Refreshments*



17th  
Berkshire Garden Symposium

*at Lenox Memorial  
Middle & High School,  
197 East Street, Lenox, MA  
COST: \$40.00*

## Speakers in the Auditorium

9AM - **Starting a Vegetable Garden**  
with Ron Kujawski, Horticultural consultant, author  
and educator

10:45AM - **Ornamental Alternatives: Replacing  
Invasives with Beautiful Natives for a Healthy  
& Beneficial Home Habitat** with Christine  
Ferrero, Cornell University MG

### Day's Schedule

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| 8:00AM        | -Registration                                 |
| 9:00-10:15AM  | -First Session                                |
| 10:15-10:45AM | -Raffle Entry, Refreshments,<br>Vendor Visits |
| 10:45-Noon    | -Second Session                               |
| Noon          | -Raffle Drawing & Closing<br>Remarks          |

## Demonstrations in the Cafeteria

9AM - **Compost Happens** with Jodi Cahillane,  
WMMGA MG & Ward's Nursery & Garden Center

10:45AM - **Living Walls** with Shari Petrucci,  
WMMGA MG

### Attractions before and between Sessions

- Complimentary Beverages and Snacks
- Environmental Organization Tables
- Puzzle Sale
- Garden Raffle
- Used Gardening Book Sale
- Houseplant Sale

*Full descriptions of Topics and Registration form are on the reverse  
or learn more and register online!*

*Pre-registration by check is required by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Online registration  
deadline is NOON April 5<sup>th</sup>. Limited seating for the cafeteria classes.*

**Visit [wmmga.org](http://wmmga.org) for more information and registration form!**

Or contact Dale Scalise-Smith, 650 Robinson Rd., Hinsdale MA 01235. Tel: 315-525-4839

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## About the Location

### Directions to Lenox Memorial Middle & High School on Saturday April 6, 2024

Address is 197 East St. Lenox. Take Mass. Pike or other routes to Lenox and enter town via combined Route 7 & 20.

*From the North*, TURN LEFT onto HOUSATONIC St. FOLLOW it about 1/2 mile; take 3RD RIGHT onto EAST Street. Travel about 1/4 mile and School is on RIGHT. Enter via first driveway.

*From the South*, TURN RIGHT onto WALKER St. and travel past Miraval golf course on right about 1 mile. Take 2nd LEFT onto EAST St. Travel about 1 mile. School is on LEFT. Enter via second driveway.

**\*\*Please note: Lenox Memorial is a nut-free campus.\*\***  
**For the health of students, do not bring any products containing nuts into the school.**

## Topic Choices

9:00am

Auditorium

**Starting A Vegetable Garden** with Ron Kujawski, Horticultural consultant, author and educator. Motivated by health and economic concerns, more people are looking to grow some of their own food. This presentation will provide basic information to help individuals start a vegetable garden. Topics covered include options for type of garden, space-saving strategies, selection of vegetables, and garden maintenance.

~OR~

Cafeteria - seating limited to 25

**Compost Happens** with Jodi Cahillane, WMMGA MG and Ward's Nursery & Garden Center staff. Hear about the basic building blocks and action that make compost happen. Jodi explains composting principles with hands-on visuals and helps trouble-shoot common concerns while discussing what to add (or avoid adding), what type of bins or piles, and what to do about potential pests. Be ready to share victories as well as failures!

10:45am

Auditorium

**ORNAMENTAL ALTERNATIVES: Replacing Invasives with Beautiful Natives that can Restore a Healthy Home Habitat with Wildlife Benefits** with Christine Ferrero, Cornell University MG. States' official lists of invasive plants have drawn attention to "bad actors" in home landscapes, but some of these culprits are loved by home gardeners for their attractive flowers, shade performance or fall foliage. This program singles out trees, vines, shrubs and perennials from the official Massachusetts invasives list, and explores native alternatives for each. The goal is to reward gardeners' diligence in removing invasives by delivering bonuses with their replacements. Why not aim for superior flowers, fragrance, fruits and fall color, and gain native resilience, along with benefits for pollinators and birds?

~OR~

Cafeteria - seating limited to 25

**Living Walls** with Shari Petrucci, WMMGA MG. Have fun learning about living walls with hands on experience. Living walls decorate your outdoor space with a vertical container! They are perfect for those with limited garden space. Today we will work with Succulents.

### Registration Form - Spring into Gardening

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address, City, State and Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address - Please PRINT CLEARLY - Registration will be confirmed by email if provided.

*I have enclosed my check payable to WMMGA:*

☐ By April 1st for \$40.00

*Indicate your class choice by checking a location box for each class time:*

9:00am    ☐ Auditorium    ☐ Cafeteria

10:45am    ☐ Auditorium    ☐ Cafeteria