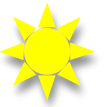


Spring Garden Lecture Series



THURSDAYS in MARCH 2012

7-8:30 p.m., Room A, Albemarle County Office Building - 5th Street, Ext.

Tickets: \$8 or \$25 for the series*

MARCH 8
Joel Salatin
The Sheer Ecstasy of Being a Lunatic Farmer



Joel's Polyface farm, featured countless times in national media, first achieved iconic status as the grass farm studied in Michael Pollan's best-selling "Omnivore's Dilemma." Through on-farm sales and buying clubs, the farm serves more than 3,000 families, as well as restaurants and retail outlets, with poultry, eggs, beef, pork, and rabbits. A third-generation alternative farmer, Joel has written nine books, four of them how-to's, encouraging others to follow his methods. Five others detail his jousts with the agribusiness establishment. He passionately defends small farms, local food systems, and the right to opt out of the convention food paradigm. His speaking reflects dirt-under-the-fingernails experience—and a mischievous sense of humor.

MARCH 15
Barbara Pleasant
Getting Started in Organic Food Gardening



For beginning vegetable gardeners and the people who love them, Barbara shares her no-fail strategies for organic food gardening in Virginia. Beyond the basics of making new beds, choosing easy-to-grow crops, and planting them at the right times, she'll also tell how to make a garden complete with low-maintenance berries, colorful flowers, and fragrant herbs—and fill each growing season with naturally vigorous plants. Barbara has been writing books and magazine articles on organic gardening for 25 years. Her newest book is "Starter Vegetable Gardens" (Storey, 2010). Issue after issue, she covers organic gardening for *Mother Earth News*.

MARCH 22
Catriona Tudor Erler
Thinking Outside the Boxwood



Catriona promises to bring fresh ideas to our landscaping projects. A freelance garden author, photographer, and speaker, has written nine garden books, many of which feature her own photography. She has also written for magazines such as *Architectural Digest*, *Southern Accents*, *The English Garden*, and *Garden Design*. Her articles have appeared in newspapers throughout the country. A Charlottesville resident, she currently writes a column for the *Smith Mountain Laker* magazine. She is a popular garden lecturer, who has spoken to many groups throughout the United States and in England. She has also been a guest expert on gardening television and radio shows.

MARCH 29
Vincent Simeone
Creating a Sustainable Landscape



An expert in woody plant identification, culture, use, and selection of superior varieties, Vincent has spoken to many groups nationally, and appeared on garden shows including Martha Stewart Living and HGTV. A lecturer and horticultural consultant, he currently teaches horticulture classes at New York Botanical Garden. For the past 18 years, he has worked at Planting Fields Arboretum State Historic Park in New York where he is the director. A former student of noted professors Allan Armitage and Michael Dirr, he now assists Armitage on international garden tours. Since 2005, he has published four books on landscape shrubs and trees, and contributed to the first-ever textbook on public garden management.



Pre-registration is strongly advised. Please detach this form and mail with check payable to: Piedmont Master Gardeners, Virginia Cooperative Extension, 460 Stagecoach Road, Charlottesville, VA 22902

Circle dates you will attend:

March 8 / \$8 March 15 / \$8 March 22 / \$8 March 29 / \$8 All four dates / \$25 Amount enclosed: _____

Name _____

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City or County / Zip Code _____

Phone (day) _____ (evening) _____ Email _____

Are you a Master Gardener? _____ Interested in becoming a Master Gardener? _____

*Each full-series subscriber will receive a free copy of the PMG gardening guide, "Grow Local."