



## Seedy Sunday this Weekend!

Greetings!

It's time to think seeds! Seedy Sunday is happening this Sunday at Natureworks from 9-4. It is a true CELEBRATION for gardeners, a time when we emerge from our winter hibernation and gather together and talk seeds. People walk through the door with giant smiles on their faces, so happy to see Natureworks open! Our racks are stocked with thousands of organic untreated seeds- veggies, flowers, herbs, microgreens... it's a seed-lover's delight! We have organic seed starting soil, trays, and everything you need to get started. Not to mention information and lists of what to start when. Sandy Merrill, CT's seed EXPERT, will be joining us to answer your questions. Don't miss this fun day. While you are at the shop, pick up a copy of our class brochure and secure a spot in one of Sandy's two seed starting workshops in our greenhouse in late March.



**We have lots and LOTS of different kinds of cosmos seeds on our racks**



I chose all the types of seed to order. These are just "some" of the zinnia varieties we have on our racks!

Diane and Amber also wanted me to mention that they have gathered lots of merchandise that they don't want to have to move or display again and have created an awesome **tag sale**. I can't bear to look at the prices, but I guess they mean business, let's get this stuff out of here because our shipping and receiving porch is so full, you can barely open the door! The NEW merchandise yet to be unpacked is headed up to the CT Flower and Garden Show which is only a few weeks away, February 22-25th. Yes, we still have discount flower show tickets for sale.



Homegrown food from Diane's garden last summer.  
#growmorefood

Last Saturday we attended a wonderful workshop put on by the CT Horticultural Society. We all learned so much. I was especially thrilled to hear Claudia West speak about designing plant communities. This is a totally new way of looking at the way we plant and manage our



'Lauren's Grape' breadseed poppies are just one of the many poppy seeds featured. Sow on cold soil in March! Sunday is your chance to stock up.

landscapes. Having studied her book, hearing her speak made it SO much clearer. I will attempt to explain this to you guys at our upcoming all day seminar **Growing a Healthy Yard**. Two of the workshops that day will deal with this- An Introduction to Plant Communities and Eek! Weeds! What do weeds have to do with designed plant communities? Everything! [Click here](#) to download the class brochure. The second it was announced, registrations started coming in. You can [register on-line](#), it's so easy.



Lorraine and I had a blast last Saturday at the CHS Conference. Sign up **SOON** for her class on Pruning Hydrangeas. It's going to fill up.

We now have lots of signed copies of Lorraine Ballato's new book **Success with Hydrangeas** in stock for Seedy Sunday. Wait until you get your hands on this! And don't forget to register early for her April 7th workshop dedicated to **Pruning Hydrangeas**. The word is out and this is going to fill up fast.



Finally, Hydrangeas demystified! We have the groundbreaking new book **Success with Hydrangeas** in stock for Seedy Sunday...

So get yourselves up and out of your winter doldrums and come into Natureworks for the seediest celebration you can imagine. It will lift your spirits and get you super psyched for spring. Sign up for classes so you know you will have

something to look forward to while you wait for the weather to break. Grab a pair of discount flower show tickets and make plans to go to the show in a couple of weeks with a fellow gardening friend...or for a special date night! That, my friends, is how we get through winter in CT. See you Sunday...

Nancy



I have witch hazel opening in a vase on my desk. What branches are you forcing this week?

P.S. There are still spots available for my July Garden Tour in England. Email me at [nancyd@naturework.com](mailto:nancyd@naturework.com) and I will send you the information.



## A Focus on Foliage



Have you ever wondered why some gardens look beautiful and others look slightly disjointed or messy? One key principle of putting

plants together is to be sure to include plants with good foliage. Leaves? Really? I want flowers! Yup, so do I but flowers come and go. The average shrub or perennial blooms for 2-3 weeks. That leaves a lot of time before and after to be filled with something. It takes a while to figure out succession of bloom. The one way to guarantee that there are no holes or gaps in your gardens is to incorporate lots of plants with colorful or "good" leaves. Some plants can get rather messy looking by late summer. Good foliage plants look good all growing season. If they are variegated, blue, golden, silver, or burgundy, they also bring another layer of color to the party.



Last Saturday I got to meet and listen to Christina Salwitz who has written the book on this subject: **Gardening with Foliage First**. We have copies of this gorgeous book in stock for Seedy Sunday. Treat yourself to a book that you can enjoy while the snow flies and that will inspire you for the upcoming growing season. We're talking gardens and especially container gardens!



'Willwood Driveway' container, sun or shade.

One good reason to include colorful foliage plants- beautiful Virginia bluebells (Mertensia) go dormant in the summer. The golden ornamental grass hides the gap and looks so pretty until hard frost.

**Natureworks is Hiring!**



[CLICK HERE](#) to view the details.

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## Great Gardening Events Happening this Winter



Below is a list of some of the fantastic garden related events happening over the next few months. Please check the specific garden club or host of each event for details and to be sure the public is invited.

### **Sunday, February 11th**

#### **Seedy Sunday [at Natureworks](#)**

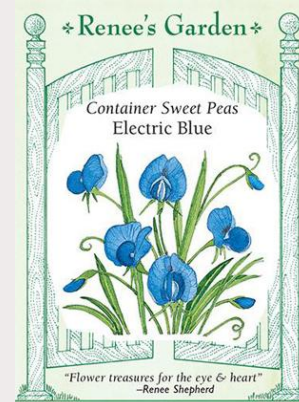
9 am - 4 pm. Shop for your seed starting supplies. Choose the seeds you'll need, the organic seed starting soil, trays, and organic fertilizer. Grow something new!

### **Tuesday, February 13th** (open to the public)

#### **[Wallingford Garden Club](#)**

lecture by Nancy DuBrule-Clemente

Topic: "Creating an Organic Ecosystem in your Back Yard."



### **Thursday through Sunday, Feb. 22-25th**

#### **[Connecticut Flower and Garden Show](#)**

Stop by the Natureworks booth, visit the gardens, and attend lectures by our

own Nancy DuBrule-Clemente and Diane St. John.

**Saturday, March 3rd Soup Symposium**

[Hardy Plant Society of New England](#) - Connecticut Chapter

Theme: "March into Spring"

**Saturday, March 10th**

Natureworks all day seminar held at Zion Episcopal Church

Grow a Healthy Yard. See

[class brochure](#) for details.

**Tuesday, March 13th**

[Cheshire Public Library](#)

lecture by Nancy DuBrule-

Clemente

Topic: "Native Pollinators to

Know and Love."



**Saturday, March 17th**

[CT Master Gardeners Symposium](#)

Theme: "Gardening Gone Native"

**Saturday, March 24th Seed Starting Workshops**

in the Natureworks greenhouse. See [class brochure](#) for information

**Saturday April 7th Pruning Classes**

held at Zion Episcopal Church. See [class brochure](#) for information

- Overcoming your Fear of Pruning - Basic Principles and Practices
- Pruning Hydrangeas with Lorraine Ballato

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**RETAIL HOURS**

Open 1 Day  
Sunday, February 11, 2018  
9 am to 4 pm

*Then we reopen on the first day of Spring.*



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