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Saturday March 9, 2019

## Have a Happy Habitat Day!

Registration Required: \$50 for an all day pass

**SIGN UP ONLINE** or call 203-484-2748



**9:00 am - 10:15 am**

### Designing a Happy Habitat

Every yard can take part in the restoration of healthy habitats which lead to healthy neighborhoods which foster healthy communities. Nancy will begin the day by explaining the big picture concepts we all should embrace- lawn reduction, sheltering evergreens and hedgerows, blended gardens of perennial edibles, herbs, vegetables, and flowering plants, the importance of water, organic land care, and more. See your yard with new eyes and explore exciting design possibilities for the upcoming growing season.

Instructor: Nancy DuBrule-Clemente

**10:30 am-11:30 am**

### How to Build a Happy Bird Habitat for You and the Birds

Turn your yard into bird friendly habitat, no matter the size. Learn which specific native plants to add to your yard to provide a year-round supply of berries. Grow your own birdseed garden with by planting perennials and annuals that form seeds the birds love to eat. Understand the specific plants you can add to provide nectar to hummingbirds all summer long. Bird friendly gardening practices will attract many species of birds to your yard, and bring delight to you and your family all season.

Instructor: Suzanne Hauselt, Natureworker and avid birder

**LUNCH BREAK 11:30-12:15** Bring a bag lunch. Coffee, tea, and water will be provided throughout the day.

**12:15-2:00 pm**

### Grow a Happy Meadow

Picture a summer day when tall grasses and flowers stand where lawnmower's gray blades once thrashed. Then imagine watching all the colorful birds, bees, and butterflies that come by for nectar, pollen, and seeds. Perhaps you've tried a meadow before and been disappointed. Don't let some myths and mysteries stand between you and a happy day. Join Connecticut's own Kathy Connolly for an inspiring talk on meadows. Kathy is a landscape designer who specializes in naturalized designs, low-impact techniques, and native plants for homeowners, municipalities, and other organizations.

Kathy is a columnist for The Day community papers in southeastern Connecticut. In 2018, she gave more than 25 talks for organizations such as New England Wildflower Society, the Connecticut Flower and Garden Show, the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, master gardeners, museums, libraries, land trusts, and garden clubs.

Instructor: Kathy Connolly

**2:15-3:15 pm**

### Blending Annual and Perennial Flowers into the Vegetable Garden

Boost the benefits of your vegetable garden by feeding beneficial insects! This workshop will teach you how to incorporate native flowers into your vegetable garden to increase pollination, reduce pests, and sustain wildlife. Create a beautiful garden that feeds you and our endangered native insects. Participants will learn which native perennials support the most wildlife on the vegetable garden border, and which annual flowers to plant with vegetables for maximum pollinator support.

Instructor: Eliza Caldwell, Natureworker and avid edible gardener

**3:15-3:30 pm Wrap-up and questions**



Saturday March 23, 2019

## Garden Maintenance and Pruning the Natureworks Way

**10:00 am – 12:00 noon**

### **Garden Maintenance throughout the Growing Season The Natureworks Way**

We are absolutely thrilled that Lisa Elder, Senior Crew Leader of one of our Natureworks gardening teams, has offered to teach an in-depth workshop on caring for your garden, organically, the Natureworks way. She will discuss watering (what is too much or too little), weeding (identifying weeds and managing them), perennial pruning, deadheading, and pinching, and pest patrol (good bug or bad bug and what can I do and still protect the earth?) Lisa is very sensitive to the environmental impacts of her work, always looking to nature for solutions. Learn professional maintenance techniques from someone who has been out in the field, 40 hours per week, managing gorgeous gardens, for many years.



*Bring an empty plastic water bottle and Lisa will teach you how to make a recycled rain gauge*

Instructor: Lisa Elder, Senior Crew Leader, Natureworks

Registration Required: \$25

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**1:00-3:00 pm**

### **Overcoming your Fear of Pruning-Basic Principles and Practices**

Don't pick up a pair of pruners or, worse yet, an electric hedge trimmer, until you have taken this class! Learn how proper pruning can make your plants healthier, longer lived, and much more floriferous. Discover which plants should be pruned in the early spring, which should be pruned in late spring/early summer, which can be pruned in the fall, and why. Learn about renewal pruning, open pruning, and other important techniques.

Instructor: Nancy DuBrule-Clemente

Registration Required: \$25

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Saturday April 6, 2019

## **GROW FOOD!**

**9:00-11:00 am**

### **Month by Month in the Food Garden**

Spend the morning with Nancy learning how to grow food month by month. You don't need a big garden! You can grow in Smart Pots, containers on the deck, even mix food in your yard through edible landscaping. Beginning with winter planning, Nancy will walk you through seed starting, cool season spring crops, hot summer plantings, and the often overlooked fall growing season. Learn tricks to extend the growing season, maximize your harvests, and of course, do it all organically.

Instructor: Nancy DuBrule-Clemente

Registration Required: \$25

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**12:00 noon – 2:00 pm**

### **Raised Bed Gardening**

We are thrilled to have Sue Lavalley, passionate gardener and Coast of Maine Organic Products representative, join us for this information-packed seminar! Learn the methods and importance of topdressing and incorporating compost into your garden beds every year, the no-till method of gardening, the importance of organic gardening practices and the Soil Food Web. Beginning with planning on paper, learn about building materials, choosing your location, figuring out the size of the beds, and how many you need. Sue will teach you how to calculate the volume of soil necessary to fill your beds, what soil works best, and why it is important to pre-warm the soil at various times of the growing season. Timing, irrigation, organic feeding, and seasonal maintenance of your beds will complete the picture.

Instructor: Sue Lavalley

Registration Required: \$25

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**Some highlights of the upcoming season— stay tuned for more...**

February 10th—Seedy Sunday, Natureworks, Northford, CT

February 21st-24th—Connecticut Flower & Garden Show, Hartford, CT

March 16th—Master Gardeners Symposium, New London, CT

March 20th—Grand Re-Opening, Our 36th year! Natureworks, Northford, CT

April 2019—Vegetable Seedlings in Stock! Natureworks, Northford, CT

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**Natureworks is proud to be offering NOFA CEUs for all  
Natureworks classes this winter!**

**One credit will be given for each hour of instruction.**

*When registering more than one person, be sure to provide the name of each student and their contact info. because we'll need to provide this information to NOFA.*

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**Directions to Zion Episcopal Church**

**Zion Episcopal Church** 326 Notch Hill Rd., North Branford, CT

The Zion Episcopal Church is located south of the intersection of Rt. 80 and Rt. 22, next to the funeral home. From Natureworks, go south on Rt. 22 until you reach Rt. 80. Take a left on Rt. 80, at the third stoplight, take a right onto Rt. 22 (Notch Hill Rd.).

From Durham and the north: The church is located just south of Rt. 80 on Route 22 East (Notch Hill Rd). It is just past the funeral home on your right.

From Branford and the south: Take Rt. 22 from Rt. 1 (Bill Miller's is on the corner). The church is on the left just before the intersection of Rt. 80.