



Podcasts

A Great Way to Keep Up with the Latest Dirt in Horticulture —Even While It's Also Getting under your Nails

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I discovered some great podcasts last spring that have managed to keep me up on the latest while I'm planting, weeding, and schlepping hoses. They informed and inspired me and I hope you find the same when you check them out. (You can also listen to all of these online at your computer—no smartphone needed!)

Gardens Illustrated

www.gardensillustrated.com/podcasts

Listen to infrequent but in-depth interviews with world-class gardeners, such as Fergus Garrett from Great Dixter, plus great discussions of flower shows that bring the events alive for you, whether or not you've had a chance to get to Chelsea.

Kim Eierman—Ecobeneficial

www.ecobeneficial.com

I just added this one to my playlist. Kim was the keynote speaker at the Native Plant Society annual meeting in New Jersey in November. Her focus is habitat and she has the most informed guests who explain the science behind the reason to plant natives in our gardens.

Margaret Roach—A Way to Garden

www.awaytogarden.com

I'd been getting Margaret's blog for years, but when I found I couldn't keep up with my emails this spring, I switched to her weekly podcasts. She's a wonderful journalist and has terrific guests from around the region and the country. For example, after a recent interview with George Coombs of Mt. Cuba Center (our first speaker at this year's March Into Spring—see enclosed brochure), I am now determined to plant more baptisia!

Ken Druse—Real Dirt

www.kendruse.typepad.com

Ken's a well-known local author. (He's speaking to HPS/MAG on January 22 at the Joanne Walkovic Memorial Lecture—see page 2.) There's a nice interview with him on Margaret's site about his new book, so you can listen to that conversation and look forward to hearing him live. On his own site, he offers interviews on interesting topics, the most recent with Charles Day of Wave Hill.

Carmen DeVito and Alice Marcus

Krieg—We Dig Plants

www.wedigplantspodcast.com

These two designers are based in Brooklyn but have a wide-ranging set of interests that connects them to fascinating experts in a variety of fields related to horticulture. Marta McDowell was on their program right after her book came out, and the conversation they had about the White House's gardens will echo what you heard at the HPS Annual Meeting.

Royal Horticultural Society—Gardening Podcast

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OK, who among us isn't an anglophile when it comes to gardening? This biweekly podcast brings in RHS horticulturists on various seasonal topics, including their flower shows. In the most recent episode, I learned that while I futilely battle woodchucks, they have their badgers. No place is perfect.