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Mid-Atlantic Group

March Into Spring XXI

A Symposium for Gardeners

Saturday, March 25, 2017



Baptisia australis

Photo ©George Coombs, Mt. Cuba Center

Academic Building, Large Auditorium
Delaware County Community College
Media, PA 19063

SPEAKERS

GEORGE COOMBS is the Research Horticulturist at Mt. Cuba Center in Hockessin, DE, where he is responsible for the native plant evaluation program, as well as for evaluating plants for introduction to the trade. To date, he has authored trial research reports on *Coreopsis* and *Heuchera*, presented at MIS 2016, and on *Baptisia* and *Monarda* to be presented at MIS 2017. Before joining Mt. Cuba Center, George worked in the nursery industry at both the wholesale and retail levels.

C.L. FORNARI, www.gardenlady.com, is resident plant geek at Hyannis Country Garden, a family-owned garden center, and the author of six books including one on common garden myths entitled *Coffee for Roses*. Her latest book, *The Cocktail Hour Garden*, is about creating evening landscapes for relaxation and entertainment. She hosts radio programs on WXTK and WRKO every Saturday. C.L.'s not-so-secret mission is to cultivate a gardening revival. C.L. has time to grow lots of interesting plants at her own garden, Poison Ivy Acres, on Cape Cod.

NEIL HENDRICKSON specializes in forestry and environmental studies. After receiving his PhD from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, he taught for several years on the faculty of natural resources at Simon Fraser University, BC, and for nearly 30 years has been a practicing certified arborist. Since 2000 Neil has been at the R.A. Bartlett Tree Research Laboratory where he conducts research, provides technical support, and gives numerous educational lectures.

STEVEN KRISTOPH has been an adjunct instructor of horticulture at Rutgers University for more than 30 years. He also owns and operates Steven Kristoph Nursery in Millstone Township, NJ, where he grows many types of ornamental trees, shrubs, and herbaceous perennials. Steve has also been a favorite vendor at our Fall Gardeners' Market in recent years. He likes to share his passion about plants with others; plant walks with him are always an adventure. Taking time to smell all the roses is important to him, and you can bet if there's an indumented rhododendron leaf close by, it's likely to get a gentle caress.

KELLY D. NORRIS is an award-winning author and plantsman from Iowa and the first director of horticulture at the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden, a newly revitalized 14-acre public garden. His curatorial work at the Botanical Garden was recognized by the Chanticleer Foundation with a 2015 Chanticleer Scholar Award that will fund two years of plant collecting across the upper Midwest in support of the garden's permanent living collections. His book *A Guide to Bearded Irises: Cultivating the Rainbow for Beginners and Enthusiasts*, from Timber Press, won the 2013 American Horticultural Society Book Award. Kelly's second Timber Press book, *Plants with Style*, was published in 2015 and features plants he guarantees will make your pulse quicken.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

**8:15 AM Check-in and Coffee Service,
Silent Auction, Vendor & Book Sales***
open and continue throughout the day.

9:00 AM Welcome: Carol Verhake, HPS President

**9:15 AM C.L. Fornari
The Cocktail Hour Garden**

We can all benefit from a garden created for the senses. Whether you sit in such a space with a cup of coffee in the morning, an iced tea in the afternoon, or a cocktail at the end of the day, the Cocktail Hour Garden will be a refuge where you can relax, recharge, and reconnect with other people and the natural world.

10:15 AM Break

**10:30 AM Neil Hendrickson
Update on Emerald Ash Borer in the
Mid-Atlantic Region**

Since its discovery in the US in 2002, experience with emerald ash borer has led to simple guidelines for managing infested trees. Treatment options vary in success and cost. Can you ID and treat the problem yourself or do you need a professional? What are suitable tree species for replacement? Some outwardly obvious choices might have their own problems.

**11:00 AM Kelly Norris
Plants with Style**

Why settle for lackluster gardens filled with dull, ho-hum plants? Create a personal style in harmony with your setting and local environment by using A-list plants to emphasize structure, seasonal standouts, and plant combinations for a richer, more fulfilling connection between you and your own patch of soil.

Noon to Lunch

1:30 PM Silent Auction ends at 1:30 PM, Vendor & Book Sales continue

12:30 PM Optional breakout session with **C.L. Fornari**
*Organic Problem Solvers - Insects,
Animals, and Fungi, Oh, My!*

**1:30 AM George Coombs
Mt. Cuba Trials, Baptisia and Monarda**

Learn about dozens of promising native perennial *Baptisia*

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SCHEDULE (continued)

and *Monarda* as George reviews Mt. Cuba's most recent results. His extensive research reveals the most suitable and healthy plants for our own gardens.

**2:00 PM Steven Kristoph
Observations from a Life Spent with
Plants**

Why do some plants continue to be standards in the green industry while others languish in obscurity in some arboretum? What new plants have taken center stage, and who are some of the people behind their success? Based on his 30-years of study of the ornamental features, culture, landscape value, and pest concerns of thousands of plants, expect lots of information, some opinions, and a 'Kristoph Story' or two.

3:00 PM Wrap Up and Upcoming HPS Events

Thank you for joining us today!

***PLANT/BOOK SALE & SILENT AUCTION**
Cash and checks only

If you need help getting purchases to your car,
please ask for the use of wagons at the cashier table.

PARKING: Once on campus, follow the access road
and HPS signs to Staff Parking Lot #2.

**DIRECTIONS TO DELAWARE COUNTY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**
Academic Building, Large Auditorium
901 S. Media Line Rd, Media PA 19063

Route 476: Exit 9 (Newtown Sq/Upper Darby) Rte 3
West (West Chester Pike) towards Newtown Sq, pass
Rte 320, turn left at 3rd light (Media Line Rd), 2
miles to college entrance on left.

I-95 North or South: Exit marked 476
(Chester/Plymouth Meeting). Follow 476 to Exit 5
(Rte 1, Lima/Springfield). Turn left on Rte 1 South
(Lima). Follow Rte 1 to Media/Rte 252 Exit. Make
right onto Rte 252, cross Springton Reservoir, and
make a right at the next light at sign for college.

From West Chester: Take Rte 3 East to Rte 252
South. Turn right on Rte 252 South and go to 3rd
light (Media Line Rd). Turn left. The college entrance
is on the right.

REGISTRATION FORM

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Name(s) (Please list by full name all persons paid for with this registration form.)

Address _____

Phone (____) _____

E-mail _____

(For Registration Confirmation)

FEE: \$75 for members of The Hardy Plant Society/Mid-Atlantic Group; \$85 for nonmembers. Fee includes morning coffee service and box lunch.

Preregistration required. Capacity limited.

____ Member Registration(s) @ \$75 \$ _____

____ Beginning 3/1/2017 @ \$85 \$ _____

____ Nonmember Registration(s) @ \$85 \$ _____

____ Beginning 3/1/2017 @ \$95 \$ _____

Total due: \$ _____

Box Lunch: Select one per registrant. Each includes sandwich of your choice, chips, pickle, and a cookie.
A selection of beverages will be provided.

____ Ham/swiss, marble rye

____ Roasted turkey/swiss, ciabatta roll

____ Vegetarian 3-cheese (swiss, provolone, cheddar), onions, peppers,
olives, multigrain bread

Register online with a credit card at www.hardyplant.org or
mail completed form and **check payable to HPS/MAG to**
Carol Dutil

2488 Hillendale Dr
Norristown, PA 19403

No refunds unless event is cancelled.

Nonmember registrants: Consider joining HPS/MAG and receive the members' registration rate. Annual membership is \$35; join online at www.hardyplant.org, or send a check with the downloadable membership form available online.