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Loudoun County Extension Master
Gardeners

12th Annual Gardening Symposium

PLANT NURTURE GROW

Gardening in Rhythm With Nature

Join us at 9 a.m. EST on Saturday, March 19, 2022, for a
full day of inspiration, information, and insight.

Featured Speakers

Marianne Willburn, Gardening columnist, speaker, and author
Keep Calm and Garden On: Gardening in the Midst of Climate Change

Ian Caton, Landscape Designer, speaker, Owner of Wood Thrush Native
Plant Nursery, Floyd, VA - *Super Tough Wildflowers*

Elyse Jurgen, owner of Waxwing EcoWorks Co., Ecological Landscape Designer,
and Educator - *Green Mulch: Using Native Plants as Groundcovers*

Greg Bradshaw, Arborist with Bartlett Tree Experts, forester
Things Your Trees Wish You Knew

**REGISTRATION OPENS ON FEBRUARY 1, 2022.
TALKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING FOR
6 MONTHS AFTER THE SYMPOSIUM.**

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The Loudoun County Extension Master Gardener Annual Symposium will be presented via Zoom webinar on Saturday, March 19, 2022. The presentations will be recorded--and available to anyone who registered--for 6 months following the symposium, until September 30. So, you may watch the symposium from anywhere on March 20 and at any time after that until September 30.



Marianne Willburn, Gardening columnist, speaker, and author
Keep Calm and Garden On: Gardening in the Midst of Climate Change

Marianne will discuss how we can best adapt to what is, right now, and make our gardens more resilient throughout the seasons. She will focus on key points we should consider when we design our gardens and provide positive, productive measures for our soils, wildlife, and plants to help ease our concerns over the unknown.

Marianne is the author of *Tropical Plants and How to Love Them*, and *Big Dreams, Small Garden*.



Ian Caton, Landscape Designer, speaker, Owner of Wood Thrush Native Plant Nursery, Floyd, VA
Super Tough Wildflowers

Ian will discuss how to garden in a way that works with difficult soils, harsh climates and other pests. This lecture is designed as an introduction to wildflowers that have proven, through experience, to be particularly reliable and tough under the most adverse conditions: drought, flooding, extreme heat, hard-pan soils, deer, and invasive species.

Ian has a BS in Horticulture and Environmental Design. He worked for Larry Weaner Landscape Associates designing and installing native landscapes.



Elyse Jurgen, owner of Waxwing EcoWorks Co., Ecological Landscape Designer, and Educator
Green Mulch: Using Native Plants as Groundcovers

Elyse will discuss the role of green mulch and how to plan your native mulch plantings to provide the best results and the appearance that you require. Elyse has spent over 15 years on very hands-on, community-based projects to promote ecologically sound practices and educate K-12 through homeowners on best practices to support wildlife conservation goals. Elyse is a certified Chesapeake Bay Landscape Professional



Greg Bradshaw, Arborist with Bartlett Tree Experts, forester
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Greg will discuss practical guidelines for tree care that he has gleaned from his work as a Northern Virginia arborist. He will cover all aspects of tree care from pruning to soil care to insect and disease management. Greg takes a holistic approach to trees and their relationship to the communities and people around them. Greg has a BS in forestry and worked for the U.S. Forest Service, and the Virginia Department of Forestry before becoming a Certified Arborist.

Online registration opens on February 1, closes on March 18, 2022. Registration cost: \$45.

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