

VCE Loudoun Master Gardeners Present Free Virtual Lecture Series



Perfect Performance for Native Plants:

Manage your native perennials through strategic maintenance

Native plants are sometimes seen as "messy" and "wild" which can dissuade gardeners from adding more native plants to their garden. Utilizing just a pair of pruners, Chelsea will teach you how horticulturalists garden in public and private gardens to maintain high standards of aesthetics while caring for and respecting native flora and fauna. We will cover the four cuts: deadheading, cutting back, the Chelsea chop, and staggering bloom times. Each mode will be explained to determine why, how, and when they are done and what plants can receive this care so you may better enjoy your native plants in your home gardens. We will also review other strategies to help you choose the best plants for your space to minimize future intervention.

Chelsea Ruiz is a horticulturist and garden writer based out of Virginia. She received her bachelor's from the University of Wisconsin Madison and trained in fine gardening at the Chicago Botanic Garden and Longwood Gardens. With a background in plant trials and research evaluation, she trialed native plants for a wholesale native plant nursery. The goal of her garden writing is to provide the facts and hard-won experience to empower gardeners to make informed decisions in their landscapes.

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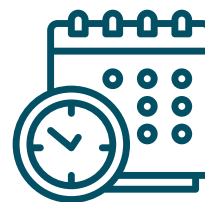
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