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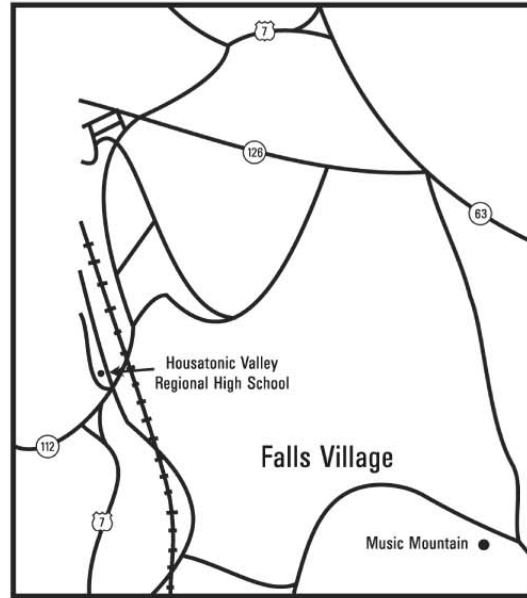


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Housatonic Valley Regional HS
Falls Village, Connecticut

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DIRECTIONS

Housatonic Valley Regional High School is located near Falls Village, CT. The driveway is located at the traffic light on Route 7 next to the bridge, just north of the intersection with Route 112.

Snow Day – Sunday, March 6, 2011.
To learn if the symposium is postponed due to inclement weather, call one of the following: (860) 355-1547, (860) 355-3429 or (860) 354-1299.

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Weantinoge Heritage Land Trust and the Town of New Milford partnered with the project in 2010. Most of the funding for 2010 was provided by a one-year grant from the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).



SCIENCE DAY

Mad Gardeners sponsors a day-long program of speakers for high school students at Housatonic Valley Regional High School. We appreciate your help in paying for this program. Donations are optional and tax-deductible. Call (860) 355-1547 if you are interested in attending this year's program on April 15.

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BIOGRAPHIES

Scott LaFleur is Horticulture Director and Curator of The New England Wildflower Society. Scott joined NEWFS, Garden in the Woods in 2006 as Senior Horticulturist. Now, as Director of Horticulture, Scott is leading the effort to revitalize the Garden and bring the use of native plants in designed settings to the forefront. This project was part of the major reinterpretation of Garden in the Woods which has created a more accessible garden for the public and increased attendance. Scott is an advocate for conservation and the use of native plants in designing gardens. He is a member of the American Public Gardens Association Board of Directors. He has appeared as a guest on *Planet Green* and has a series of web based garden videos. Scott brings to his work an intimate knowledge of the beauty, hardiness and versatility of native plants and a deep commitment to organic and ecological gardening (www.newfs.org).

Kate Venturini is a Research Associate at the University of Rhode Island College of the Environment and Life Sciences Outreach Center. Kate has recently developed the *Suburban Native Landscape Design Manual* for the RI Coastal Resources Management Council. She lectures regularly on landscape restoration. She earned a BLA in landscape architecture from URI in 2006. In 2010 Kate received her Master's of Marine Affairs from URI.

Walter Cudnohufsky is a practicing Landscape Architect and Planner and principal of WCA Associates Inc. in Ashfield, MA (www.wcala.com). His work includes all scales from garden design to civic design and master planning. He was the founder and was for twenty years the director of the Conway School of Landscape Design, a nationally recognized graduate school focusing on sustainable design since its founding in 1972 (www.csld.edu). He is an active workshop leader and lecturer regionally, as well as an avid watercolor painter and teacher (www.cudnohufsky.com).

MODERATOR — Mary Ann McGourty

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- 8:30 a.m. **REGISTRATION**
- 9:00–9:10 a.m. **INTRODUCTION**
- 9:10–10:15 a.m. **Scott LaFleur** *Under the Canopy: Shade Gardening with Native Plants*
All shade is not created equal. Even in shade gardening you need to choose the right plant for the right shade. Scott will discuss layers of the woodland garden and how to plan accordingly, looking past flowers to texture, shades of green and the interaction of light. Finally, Scott will share his favorite native plants to use in the garden.
- 10:15–10:45 a.m. **COFFEE BREAK, Exhibits**
- 10:50–11:55 a.m. **Kate Venturini** *Restoring Our Native Coastal Landscape*
Kate Venturini will discuss the native landscape design process as it relates to habitat restoration, water quality protection and resource conservation. She will share resources recently developed to support this paradigm shift away from conventional landscape management towards 'native landscape restoration' for the New England backyard. In coastal as well as other areas, development has reduced the amount of vegetation that supports habitat and water quality protection. The frequency of invasive vegetation, lawns and impervious surfaces on home landscapes has had cumulative impacts on the health of freshwater systems and estuaries nationwide. Recognizing that coastal areas are some of the most productive ecosystems in New England, a number of new initiatives in Rhode Island are striving to bring biodiversity back into the coastal zone and beyond.
- 11:55 a.m.–12:05 **Kathleen Nelson**
Update: Mad Gardeners' Mile-a-Minute Vine Control Project
- 12:05–1:15 p.m. **LUNCH** (included with registration), **Exhibits**
- 1:20–2:40 p.m. **Walter Cudnohufsky** *Enduring Garden Design Principles*
Using occasional interactive audience exchanges, this talk will acknowledge and spring from the multiple roles of gardens and garden design in the lives of individuals and the larger community. As with any skill, effective and thoughtful garden design requires a questioning mind and sustained focused attention. Ten 'common sense' and enduring design principles are to be identified and illustrated. Several will be discussed in some depth. This content is a distilled result of fifty years of teaching and landscape design practice and the ten predictable problems with most garden design. The principles are the subject of a forthcoming book. Separate from the issues of native or non-native or design style, they are to be considered universal principles.
- 2:40–3:00 p.m. **Informal Question and Answer Session**

REGISTRATION FORM

Pre-registration by **February 25th** includes lunch. Late and at-door registration is possible if space is available but may not include lunch.

Name(s): _____

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