

## BIOGRAPHIES

**Steven Whitman**, a professional planner with Jeffrey H. Taylor & Associates, focuses on community planning and sustainability issues. As a certified Permaculture teacher and an adjunct faculty member at Plymouth State University, he teaches courses on environmental planning, community planning, permaculture and sustainability. He lives on a permaculture demonstration site in Plymouth, NH, and participates in a wide range of grassroots efforts to promote sustainability.

**Ellen Sousa** is a habitat naturalist and garden coach living in Massachusetts' Worcester Hills on a small farm maintained as a National Wildlife Federation Certified Wildlife Habitat. Her book, **The Green Garden: A New England Guide to Planning, Planting, and Maintaining the Eco-friendly Habitat Garden**, will be available at the conference. Ellen teaches classes on habitat gardening and earth-friendly landscaping to organizations across New England.

**Donna Simpson** comes from a long line of Maine farmers and gardeners and has always loved growing things, from perennials to annuals to vegetables. She maintains extensive gardens in Lee and at her summer cottage at Sebec Lake in Maine, where she has planted a wide variety of ferns, wildflowers, native shrubs, and blueberries. She has been active in her lake homeowner's association to raise awareness of issues involved in lakeside planting, preservation, and water quality.

**Jo Russavage**, a professional designer, permaculturist, eco-artist and educator has her own design and consulting business and a fiber arts practice. She taught courses in New England and Australia in sustainable horticulture, permaculture, design and community arts. Jo is a Master Gardener, Natural Resource Steward and Energy Answers volunteer, and has recently developed

a landscape focus tour for the Zimmerman House property for the Currier Museum of Art. She is in the process of converting her 1/2 acre urban Manchester property into a permaculture paradise to support her creative lifestyle.

**Lee Schneller Sligh** started her gardening business, Lee Schneller Fine Gardens, in 1995 in midcoast Maine and has designed and built over 200 gardens. Her book, **The Ever-Blooming Flower Garden: A Blueprint for Continuous Color** came out in 2009 and has been a continuous bestseller in independent bookstores nationwide and on Amazon.com. Lee lived extensively in Asia and specializes in Japanese-inspired, naturalistic and continuously blooming gardens.

**Matt Tarr** is an Associate Extension Professor, Wildlife Specialist for UNH Cooperative Extension. Matt works with private and community landowners, natural resource professionals, and various volunteer groups throughout NH to help them identify, create, and maintain functioning wildlife habitats. He has a M.S. in Wildlife Ecology from UNH, and while in graduate school, was the Manager of the UNH Wildlife Research Facility in Brentwood where he studied winter supplemental feeding of deer in northern NH.

**Lauren Chase-Rowell** is an independent landscape designer for her business, Outdoor Rooms Sustainable Ecological Landscape Design Services. She taught horticulture at the Thompson School in Durham for 14 years and has degrees in Entomology, Horticultural Technology and a Masters in Education specializing in the creative arts and learning through the lens of ecology. Lauren is a NH certified landscape professional and sits on the Board of Directors of NOFA and the Granite Earth Institute.

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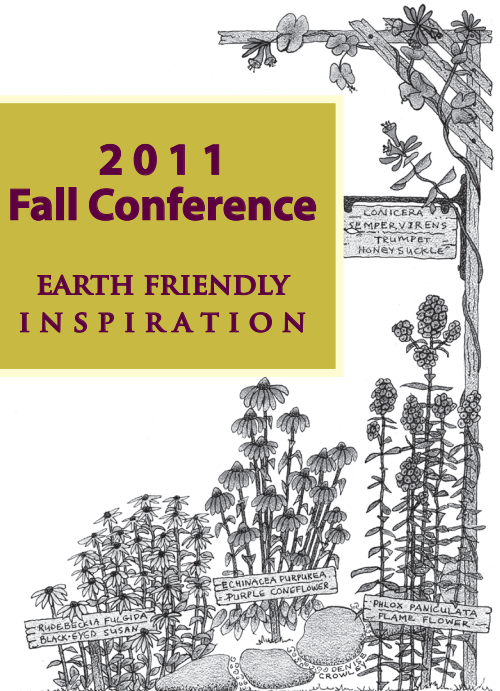
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# REGISTRATION

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Registration fee: \$35.00 per person

The non-refundable registration fee includes continental breakfast, all presentations, lunch, and raffle prizes.

ALL Guests are welcome

Please make your check payable to NHMGA and send it with this registration form by October 11, 2011 to:  
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# EARTH FRIENDLY INSPIRATION

8:15-8:45	Registration, Continental Breakfast
9:00-9:10	Welcome and Opening Remarks- Marcy Stanton
9:10-10:10	<b>PERMACULTURE</b> Steve Whitman
10:10-10:25	Break
10:25-10:45	“NATURAL RESOURCES STEWARDS RECOGNITION” Mary Tebo
10:45-11:45	<b>POLLINATOR-FRIENDLY LANDSCAPING</b> Ellen Sousa
11:45-1:00	Lunch
	Lunch Time Presentations: Enjoy one of two talks/demos from 12:15 to 12:45
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gardening for Life, Diversity in Natural Landscapes-Jo Russavage</li> <li>Fabulous Ferns for Your Gardens- Donna Simpson</li> </ul>
1:00-2:00	<b>THE EVER-BLOOMING PERENNIAL GARDEN</b> Lee Schneller-Sligh
2:00-2:15	Break
2:15 - 2:35	“MASTER GARDENERS AT WORK-RECOGNITION” Marcy Stanton
2:35 - 3:35	<b>THE STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION OF WILDLIFE HABITATS</b> Matt Tarr & Lauren Chase-Rowell
3:35-3:45	NHMGA meeting
3:45-4:00	Raffle

## PERMACULTURE

More than just a funny name or a way to design landscapes, Permaculture is a framework for working toward greater resilience at any scale. This is accomplished by using ecological principles to integrate food and energy production, structures, and community. Its aim is the creation of sustainable human settlements that are harmoniously woven into the environment and that have the diversity, stability, and resilience of natural ecosystems. This introduction will include the history of the Permaculture movement, an overview of the ethics and principles used in design, and examples from local and global Permaculture projects.

## POLLINATOR-FRIENDLY LANDSCAPING

Scientists now consider our residential backyards the “final frontier” in providing essential habitat for at-risk pollinator species that are vital to environmental health and healthy natural landscapes. Habitat naturalist and garden coach Ellen Sousa will talk about the best plants to help feed and shelter butterflies, bees, moths, and hummingbirds, and explain how to support pollinator populations in your backyard with just a few changes in your landscaping practices.

## THE EVER-BLOOMING PERENNIAL GARDEN

What gardener doesn't dream of blooms from frost to frost? Lee Schneller Sligh has used her fun and easy blueprint system to design hundreds of gardens that begin blooming in Spring and don't quit until the last days of Autumn. Now you can apply her no-fail formula to your yard. This talk, illustrated with beautiful slides of actual gardens designed using the system, explains how to achieve season-spanning spectacular color.

## THE STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION OF WILDLIFE HABITATS: The Biology behind a successful landscape

Birds, mammals, reptiles, and amphibians select habitats that provide them with the best opportunities to meet their daily and seasonal needs for food, cover, water, and breeding. However, each group of wildlife - and each species - uses different cues to determine if the habitat in an area is suitable to meet their needs. This presentation will help you understand how wildlife selects habitat, teach you how to assess existing and potential habitat conditions on a client's property, and how to use this information to design landscapes to attract and benefit a wide variety of wildlife species.

Enjoy



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Advanced Master Gardener's can earn 4 ceu's for this conference. Bring cash or checks to purchase merchandise and pay for NHMGA membership.

For questions and information or for requests for special accommodations for disabilities, call Marcy Stanton at 629-9494, ext.110 or email:marcy.stanton@unh.edu

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