

SPRING GARDENING LECTURE SERIES

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MILFORD LIBRARY

The Friends of Milford Library and the Milford Recreation Department's Benson-Crump Memorial Community Gardens Program are very pleased to announce their fourteenth season co-sponsoring three new gardening lectures this spring at the Milford Public Library on 57 New Haven Avenue in Milford. All are free, open to the public, and held in the first floor Library Program Room. Bring a friend and enjoy all three interesting lectures. For more information, please call Nancy at 203 783-3307 or Linda at 203 783-3280x8. All lectures begin at 7:00 PM.

Monday, March 16, 2015 - "Open Sesame: The Story of Seeds" with Sean Kaminsky, producer/director and award-winning documentary filmmaker. One of the world's most precious resources is at risk: SEEDS. Varieties that were lovingly saved and nurtured over hundreds of years have been lost forever. This timely and emotionally moving documentary illuminates what is at stake and what can be done to protect this important source of nearly all our food. In this film you will meet a diverse range of farmers, renegade gardeners, passionate seed savers, artists, and activists whose lives center around seeds. Director Kaminsky will lead a discussion following the film and a Seed Exchange will follow the discussion. All attendees are encouraged to bring some seeds as well as take some home!

Monday, April 27, 2015 - "How to Raise Shitake Mushrooms" with Cynthia and Stuart Rabinowitz, wetlands scientist and certified horticulturist and ecological landscape designer. In this lecture workshop you will learn all about growing shitake mushrooms on logs. You can easily do this at home on a small scale with limited space, or on a larger scale if space permits. Attendees will learn how to inoculate the logs, store them and flush the mushrooms. Cynthia and Stuart will also discuss cooking with and preserving the mushrooms, and the amazing nutritional benefits of shitakes. Take home some delicious recipes too!!!

Monday, May 11, 2015 - "Using Native Plants to Enhance Wildlife Habitats" with Peter Picone, wildlife biologist with the Connecticut DEEP and "Creating Bird Friendly Habitats in Your Garden with Katie Blake, Audubon Connecticut's Bird Friendly Communities Coordinator. This exciting joint lecture will familiarize you on what beneficial native plants supply food and cover for wildlife throughout the seasons and what steps you need to take to create a thriving and attractive environment in your garden that invites migrating songbirds to stop over and stay awhile. Awesome pictures and take home handouts.