

PowerPoint Garden Lectures by Kerry Ann Mendez

All include helpful handouts

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The Right-Size Flower Garden: Exceptional Plants and Design Solutions for Time-Pressed and Maturing Gardeners. Change happens. Job demands, kids, hectic schedules, aging bodies, and changing interests have led to gardens that are not in balance with our lifestyle. Time for some 'editing'. This inspiring lecture provides easy-to-follow right-sizing strategies, recommended no-fuss plant material, and design tips for stunning year-round gardens that will be as close to 'autopilot' as you can get....

Inspired Garden Design Lessons from Magnificent Gardens in England, Canada and the United States. Stunning gardens will be our classroom for emphasizing striking design essentials that elevate gardens from ordinary to sublime, regardless of the hardiness zone or sunlight conditions. We will consider texture, movement, color, repetition, garden accessories, focal points, vertical elements and more.

Striking, Uncommon Plants and Awe-Inspiring Design Tips. In my extensive travels I've had the incredible opportunity to stroll through some remarkable gardens representing a range of design styles and plant material. Every garden has a lesson to offer! This presentation features some fascinating plants that are not only available (I'll tell you where) and growable. I'll also share simple-to-replicate, design strategies to transform conventional gardens to astonishing!

Reach for the Sky! Captivating Climbing Vines. Creating a three-dimensional garden elevates beauty in any landscape, small or large. Discover gorgeous flowering vines – annual, woody and perennial – that carry the eye skyward. Learn the different ways that vines climb as well as the best supports to use. Inspiring design ideas will include screening eyesores, enhancing privacy and creating shade.

Not Your Same Old, Same Old! Instead of compromising for the same, overused plants that everyone else has (e.g., daylily 'Stella de Oro' and Black-Eyed Susan 'Goldsturm'), how about breaking the mold with some dazzling underused 'siblings' in the same families? This presentation showcases head-turning selections that will have the neighbors talking. And just because the plants are uncommon, doesn't mean they are hard to grow, high-maintenance, or hard to find. Be ready to be inspired and take your gardens up a notch in excitement!

Stunning Flowering Shrubs and Groundcovers for Right-Size Flower Gardens. This high-energy presentation features eye-catching, low-maintenance flowering shrubs and groundcovers that provide interest for three or more seasons. Emphasis will be on varieties that are drought-tolerant and pollinator friendly. Many new plants will be showcased and as well design tips!

Design Tips for Traffic-Stopping Curb Appeal! This eye-opening presentation will cover easy-to-implement design steps for enhancing your home's curb appeal. Included will be top-performing perennials, annuals, flowering shrubs, evergreens & ornamental trees for head-turning foundation beds.

Double Your Pleasure with Perennials Boasting Flashy Foliage AND Flowers. Discover how foliage can add incredible color to a garden without depending on flowers for a dramatic effect. And the bonus, if not the main attraction, is that foliage centered landscapes require little maintenance! This presentation features standout perennials for their wide array of foliage textures, forms, and colors. Gorgeous flowers are icing on the cake!

Garden Therapy: Tips for Reducing Stress, Improving Health and Growing Gorgeous Gardens. This eye-opening presentation will introduce you to remarkable plants and time-saving gardening products & tools that benefit your health, as well as the wellbeing of the planet, while also beautifying your gardens!

10 Valuable Tips for Thriving, Sustainable Flower Gardens. This eye-opening program includes practical design tips, maintenance and plant care practices, and plant selections that yield exceptional results, both for gardeners and the environment. Topics include soil care 101; organic fertilizers, insecticides, fungicides & herbicides; water-saving practices; design ideas for extremely low-demand landscapes, native plants and more.

Seasonal Garden Care for Gorgeous, 'Well Behaved' Gardens. Despite what may appear as a dry, tedious topic, this lecture receives rave reviews! This lively and entertaining presentation will provide time-saving secrets for a garden's routine care and upkeep including pruning, deadheading, fertilizing, mulching, cutting back the garden in fall and more. Organic sustainable methods are emphasized. This presentation will transform your approach to garden care and put precious time back in your pocket!

Heavenly Plants for Hellstrips. Landscaping in challenging sites can be an exasperating exercise. This presentation features superhero plants that thrive in dry shade; hot, sandy locations; wet areas and are low deer browse! No matter where you plant them, they make landscapes beautiful.

Small Landscapes with BIG Attitudes! Do you have a small area to garden but want BIG results? This eye-opening presentation provides clever design and accessorizing tips for maximizing and extending color in smaller landscapes. Plants boasting 3-seasons of beauty and neat habits are emphasized.

Switcheroos – Plant This, Not That! Get more bang for your buck with these amazing annuals, perennials and flowering shrubs that provide strikingly more color than the commonly planted options. Plus these underused beauties are low-maintenance and in many cases require less water. Presentation includes design tips.

Design Tips for Knockout, Easy-Care Gardens. Gorgeous, low-maintenance gardens are no accident. Learn proven design tricks for sensational gardens that will be the talk of the neighborhood. Topics include selecting great plants, incorporating focal points, vertical interest, sustainable practices, natural repellants, the how's and when's of using fertilizer, and more.

The Perennial Plant Collector's Corner. This talk is for plantaholics seeking unusual, fun, outrageous, or underused perennials that will have heads turning and onlookers mumbling "What is that?" As an avid collector, I've walked many miles in my muck boots to find some unique plants that transform ho-hum gardens into eye-popping, extraordinary ones.

Three Seasons of Outrageous Color from Perennials. Discover spectacular perennials for sun and shade that brighten your landscape spring through fall. Many newer varieties will be featured. As one perennial stops blooming, it 'passes the baton' to the next 'winner'. Helpful garden care tips and shortcuts to maximize color and reduce maintenance will also be covered.

Remarkable Perennials, Flowering Shrubs and Annuals for Non-Stop Color. This lecture features new introductions, as well as favorite stalwarts, for easy-care gardens that outperform the competition. Mixed borders provide outstanding color and interest year-round! Design tips & sustainable practices included.

Jaw-Dropping Flowering Shrubs – the New No-Fuss Glamour Plants! Do you want to add drama, winter interest and colorful flowers to your gardens while reducing maintenance time? Then include some spectacular flowering shrubs, many which also contribute dazzling foliage and are pollinator friendly.

Lots of NEW cultivars will be featured.

Hydrangeas Demystified – Great Hydrangeas and Tips for Exceptional Flowering. Unravel the mystery for having honkin' Hydrangeas that will be the envy of the neighborhood. This vast genus of shrubs is divided into five groups. Knowing the differences and how to maximize the show from each will be discussed as well as top-performing cultivars. The talk includes how to care and prune these beauties.

The Art of Shade Gardening - Seeing Your Way Out of the Dark. Shade gardening need not be frustrating. This talk will introduce enchanting perennials, flowering shrubs and annuals for spring, summer and fall color. The presentation also includes design tips and how to care for these beautiful gardens.

Outrageous Foliage Plants! Discover how foliage can add incredible color to a garden without depending on flowers for a dramatic effect. And the bonus, if not the main attraction, is that foliage centered landscapes require little maintenance! This presentation features showy perennials, shrubs and annuals prized for their wide array of foliage textures, forms, and colors.

Creating an Ever-Blooming, Low-Maintenance Garden: Garden Design 101. Learn easy to implement steps for creating ever-blooming gardens that are also less maintenance. Topics include site assessment (i.e., light, soil, backdrop, water); plant selection for continuous blooms spring through fall; design principles and techniques for beautiful, harmonious beds; arranging plants based on mature heights; creating focal points; incorporating bulbs & annuals; plus drafting a design to scale and building a plant list. THIS IS A 1.5 HOUR PROGRAM

Flashy Plants for Outstanding Fall Color. This information-packed talk will introduce you to some great perennials, from chrysanthemums and asters to alliums and anemones, as well as shrubs, annuals and bulbs that carry the fall show in your gardens. Instead of asking for a curtain call, you will be crying for an encore! The lecture also includes some timely tips for jump-starting more glorious gardens next year.