

Color in the Year-Round Northeast Garden

The Otesaga Resort Hotel

Cooperstown, NY

Saturday, September 30, 2017 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

(Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.)

The Symposium Features

- Two informative presentations by nationally-recognized and respected professionals who garden in our growing zones
- An opportunity to connect with other gardeners from around the Northeast
- Helpful handouts, door prizes, and garden gifts
- A glorious setting at the Otesaga Resort Hotel, an iconic hotel in the enchanting historic village of Cooperstown
- Book sales and signing and opportunity to meet the presenters
- A silent auction of garden-inspired artwork
- An exquisite buffet luncheon served in an elegant and refined setting
- Opportunity to purchase heirloom bulbs and garlic

The Otsego County Master Gardener Volunteers are pleased to offer the first ***Fall Symposium and Luncheon***. The event promises a gardener's educational delight in a glorious setting with two dynamic, nationally-recognized speakers. Both have been featured speakers at regional, state, and local Master Gardener Conferences throughout the Northeast. Margaret Roach and Kerry Mendez are not only highly respected gardening experts but both also garden extensively in zones similar to our own. Knowledge and experience will combine for an inspiring event!

In the morning, Margaret Roach will present ***Non-Stop Plants: A Garden for 365 Days***. Roach gardens in the Hudson Valley and her talk focuses on garden design to make gardens a visual treat throughout the year. Her talks are full of horticultural how-to and what she calls garden “woo-woo.” Roach is the author of three gardening books, her most recent being *The Backyard Parables: Lessons on Gardening and Life*. Roach has a weekly podcast and maintains a lively, up-to-date web page at A Way to Garden (awaytogarden.com)

In the afternoon, Kerry Ann Mendez will present ***A Thrifty Gardener's Guide to Luxurious Gardens***, plus loads of time-saving tips to make gardening easier and more foolproof. Mendez is known as a vibrant, highly knowledgeable speaker. In 2015 and 2016 she presented over 200 lectures to more than 20,000 gardeners in 17 states and Canada. She is the author of four gardening books, including her most recent, *The Right-Size Garden: Simplify Your Outdoor Space with Smart Design Solutions and Plant Choices*. (<https://pyours.com>)



The Otesaga Resort Hotel (www.otesaga.com), overlooking stunning Lake Otsego, is known for its gracious Old-World atmosphere, reminiscent of a more genteel era. You will be treated to a delicious and elegant lunch buffet in this beautiful lakeside setting.

Margaret Roach – Non-Stop Plants: A Garden for 365 Days

Expressions commonly heard each September like “the season’s almost over” don’t sit well with Margaret Roach. She has worked for more than 20 years to make her garden in the Hudson Valley-Berkshires area a visual treat every day of the year. Meet the plants, tools, and the philosophy that make it happen, delivered with a dose of “horticultural how-to and woo-woo.”



After 15 years at Martha Stewart Living and a decade each at Newsday and The New York Times, Margaret now writes the nationally acclaimed blog A Way to Garden.com and is author of the 2011 corporate-dropout memoir, *And I Shall Have Some Peace There*, about walking away from “success” for a quieter life lived closer to nature. She also hosts a weekly public-radio podcast.

Her newest book, *The Backyard Parables* (2013) blends garden memoir and how-to advice. You’ll love this gorgeous and intelligent book.

Kerry Ann Mendez - A Thrifty Gardener’s Guide to Luxurious Gardens



Kerry Ann Mendez is an award-winning speaker, author and garden designer. In her presentation, Kerry Ann will share some of her designer trade secrets for acquiring great plants for less, as well as design tips and smart choices that create longer blooming, more sustainable gardens that are prized by gardeners and pollinators alike. This presentation is based on her newest book coming out in February 2018.

She is the owner of *Perennially Yours*, a garden lecturing, design and consulting business located in Kennebunk, Maine. She focuses on time-saving gardening techniques, workhorse plant material, and organic practices. Kerry has been in national magazines including *Horticulture*, *Fine Gardening*, *Garden Gate*, and *Better Homes and Gardens*. In 2014 she was awarded the Gold Medal from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society. She is the author of three gardening books of which her most recent top seller is *The Right-Size Flower Garden*.

Kerry Ann has given lectures, workshops, and classes throughout the Northeast, across the United States, and in Canada.

Silent Auction - Master Gardeners will be holding a silent art auction to benefit their garden projects and their educational outreach. The artwork features nature-themed and garden-inspired work.

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