

Kerry Ann Mendez, owner of Perennially Yours, is dedicated to teaching the art of high-impact,



low-maintenance flower gardening and landscaping. As a garden consultant, designer, author and lecturer, she focuses on time-saving gardening techniques, workhorse plants and sustainable practices. She has been featured in numerous magazines including *Horticulture*, *Fine Gardening, Garden Gate* and *Better Homes and Gardens' Garden Ideas & Outdoor Living.* Mendez was a guest on HGTV and hosted Capital News 9's In the Garden television segment as well as info segments for Channel 13. Kerry Ann was awarded the 2014 Gold Medal from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, an honorary medal

presented to outstanding horticulturalists, plant innovators, and those who have made significant contributions to the enjoyment and appreciation of plants and the environment. In August 2015 she was elected as a **Region I Director for the Garden Writers Association**. As a presenter for *Horticulture* magazine's 2010 - 2016 webinar series, her webinars attracted thousands of gardeners from around the country.

Mendez is a **popular speaker and keynote at professional trade shows and green industry events** including Cultivate 2016; CanWest Horticulture Trade Show 2016; the Mid-Atlantic Horticultural Short Course Program; The Professional Landscapers School in Indiana; the West Virginia Nursery and Landscape Association's annual conference; the Perennial Plant Association's annual symposium; Pleasant View Gardens 'Grow Day' for landscapers and retail garden centers; New England GROWS; Ohio CENTS trade show; the New Hampshire Landscape Association; the Rochester (NY) Landscapers Conference; Walters Garden's Client Appreciation Day; the Montana Nursery and Landscape Association Winter Expo, the Maine Nursery and Landscaping Association and the Massachusetts Nursery and Landscape Association.

Mendez has presented at **many garden centers and nurseries** including Russell's Garden Center (Wayland, MA); Broken Arrow Nursery (Hamden, CT); Merrifield Garden Center (Fairfax, VA); Van Wiglen's Garden Center (North Branford, CT); Holdridge Garden Center (Ledyard, CT); White Flower Farm (Litchfield, CT); Faddegon's Nursery (Latham, NY); Ward's Nursery and Garden Center (Great Barrington, MA); Nielsen's Florist and Garden Center (Darien, CT); The Gardener's Center (Darien, CT); Churchill's Garden Center (Exeter, NH); Gardener's Supply Company (Burlington, VT); Behnke Nursery (Beltsville, MD); and Rolling Green Nursery (Greenland, NH). For four years Mendez worked part-time at independent garden centers as a salesperson, garden designer and consultant (Faddegon's Nursery 2012-2013; and Estabrook's Nursery 2014-2015). (OVER PLEASE) The following evaluation was provided by Adam Wheeler, Propagation and Plant Development Manager, at Broken Arrow Nursery (Hamden, CT) following a recent lecture there:



"Kerry Ann Mendez was a vibrant and standout addition to our educational programming at Broken Arrow Nursery. Her passion for great plants and dedication to the craft of gardening met high praise from the capacity crowd and blended perfectly with our unique product mix. Her helpful tips and awesome presentation left us more knowledgeable, and inspired a full cash register by day's end. We look forward to the opportunity to host Kerry Ann again in the future and highly recommend her to other nurseries and garden centers."

In 2015 and 2016 she presented over 110 lectures each year to more than 20,000 gardeners in 16 states and Canada. Mendez has been a featured speaker at botanical gardens, arboretums and horticultural societies in 16 states, including the U.S. Botanic Gardens, U.S. National Arboretum, Chicago Botanic Gardens, Longwood Gardens and many more. She has been a presenter and keynote speaker at Master Gardener conferences in 15

states, including the 2015 International Master Gardeners Conference plus dozens of flower shows including Philadelphia, Chicago, Boston, Connecticut and Rhode Island. Mendez has been the **keynote speaker at state-wide garden club conventions in Maine, New Hampshire, Maryland and Virginia**. In 2017 she will be speak for the **National Garden Clubs annual convention** in Virginia.



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Mendez has over 25 years of speaking experience and enjoys mixing humor with practical information. She has written three top-selling gardening books with a fourth book being released in February 2018. Her most recent book, The Right-Size Garden: Simplify Your Outdoor Space with Smart Design Solutions and Plant Choices, was released in February 2015. It provides time-tested solutions for busy and maturing gardeners. For more about Kerry Ann and her business Perennially