

# DURHAM GARDEN FORUM

An informal group independent of Sarah P. Duke Gardens, the forum meets once a month to enrich its members' gardening knowledge and skill. Walk-ins welcome with no pre-registration at \$10 per lecture. Memberships may be purchased at any lecture. Sponsored in partnership with N.C. Cooperative Extension: Durham County Center.

## INTRODUCTION TO HYDROPONIC GARDENING • MARCH 21

*Ashley Mattison, owner, Fifth Season Gardening Co.*

Growing plants without soil, called hydroponics, has many advantages: shorter harvest times, lower water use, no weeds to worry about and few pests. Instructor Ashley Mattison, will review the basics and show you how easy and enjoyable it can be to grow plants indoors all year long.

## PLANT PROPAGATION • APRIL 18

*Jason Holmes, curator, Doris Duke Center Gardens, Duke Gardens*

Learn tips and techniques to expand your plant collection without buying more plants. Jason will review propagating through cuttings, division and layering, and then take us into the golly-gee-whiz science of tissue culture.

## THE FOOD-SCAPE REVOLUTION • MAY 16

*Brie Arthur, horticulturist and author*

This month Brie Arthur will encourage us to “think outside the box” and learn how pairing edibles in a traditional ornamental landscape increases biodiversity and adds purpose to everyday spaces. Brie is the author of “The Foodscape Revolution.”

## SUSTAINABLE TURF STRATEGIES • JUNE 20

*Grady Miller, professor, Crop and Soil Sciences, North Carolina State University*

Turf functions in many ways in our home landscapes, preserving open space, providing pathways and creating a frame that many people enjoy. Sustainable turf strategies begin with selecting the best grass for your location and then managing the turf to reduce water and chemical use while maintaining the health of the yard and reducing organic yard waste. Grady will give us an update on a variety of sustainable practices.

## 2017 GARDENERS' FAIR: ASK THE EXPERTS • July 25

*Featuring area experts and garden suppliers. Free admission.*

TUESDAYS, 6:30-8 PM • LOCATION: DORIS DUKE CENTER

LECTURE FEE: \$10 PER MEETING FOR NON-MEMBERS.

FORUM MEMBERS FREE WITH \$25 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP, PAYABLE TO DURHAM GARDEN FORUM.

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*No registration required.*