



Northern Shenandoah Valley Master Gardener Association

Garden in the Valley Symposium

February 4, 2012

Shenandoah University – Hester Auditorium
1460 University Drive, Winchester, Virginia

Registration:

7:45 to 8:30 "Sweet Morning Fare"

8:45 Welcoming Remarks

8:45 - 9:45: New Plants for your Garden

Heather Callahan

New plant introductions to your garden.

Highlights from Proven Winners plant producers

15 min Break

10:05: First Door prize awarded. Must be present and on time to receive award.

10:00 – 11:00: "Tools and Techniques for Organic Home Orchards".

Gregory Michael Peck, Ph.D.

Balance between an organic approach to raising fruit and using responsible spraying for home orchards and fruit growers.

11:00 - 12:30: Pests in your Garden

Stanton Gill – University of Maryland Extension Service

Controlling pests in your perennial garden and invasive species to watch for in the Valley.

Lunch until 1:25: Lunch will be served in the cafeteria.

1:30 Second Door prize awarded. Must be present and on time to receive award.

1:30 - 2:30: Green Roofs- Living Green Walls

Lynn Phillips manager of Natural Art Garden Center in Toms Brook, Virginia

Learn how to create your own green roof or decorate your garden with a green wall.

2:30 - 3:45: Trees and Shrubs for Your Garden

Peter Deahl – ISA Certified Arborist and owner of Fine Pruning.

Start with the right tree and learn the proper way to keep your trees healthy with proper pruning and shaping.

3:45 Closing Remarks

Final door prizes



..... **REGISTRATION FORM**

Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Registration for MG is \$35. Registration for all other gardeners is \$40 Make checks payable to NSVMG

Mail registration to: **Lynn Hoffmann PO Box 411, Capon Springs, West Virginia 26823**

You will be notified via email of receipt of your check. If you have further questions you can email Lynn Hoffmann at gwendydog@gmail.com

Speaker Information:

Heather Callahan – Proven Winners

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Heather is a self described plant geek with widespread industry experience as a grower , retailer and broker. Her career includes time in sales with Maryland Plants, Baltimore Maryland, and W.H. Milikowski Inc., Stafford Springs, Connecticut, and as a grower/retailer with Vinny's Home & Garden, East Hartford, Connecticut, and Floral Plant Growers, Rising Sun, Maryland

About Pleasant View Gardens

Founded in 1976, Pleasant View Gardens is based in Loudon, N.H., with additional growing facilities in Pembroke, N.H. Dedicated to innovation for the horticulture industry, PVG has researched, experimented with and grown millions of plants so that only the very healthiest and hardiest assortments are available from PVG's greenhouses. A founding member of Proven Winners, PVG is a nationwide wholesale grower serving the horticultural industry. Visit PVG online at www.pwpvg.com.

Dr. Gregory Peck

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Alson H. Smith, Jr. Agricultural Research and Extension Center

Dr. Gregory Peck is a pomologist with professional experience in California, Washington, New York, and now Virginia. Following his bachelor's work in Comparative Religion at the University of Vermont in 1994, Dr. Peck earned a certificate in Ecological Horticulture at UC Santa Cruz in 1996, his Master's degree in Horticulture at Washington State University in 2004, and his Doctoral degree in Horticulture at Cornell University in 2009. Dr. Peck is currently an Assistant Professor of Horticulture and the tree-fruit specialist for Virginia Tech. Dr. Peck's research addresses the challenges of producing tree fruits sustainably and profitably within Virginia. His past research projects used systems-based approaches to compare organic, integrated fruit production (IFP), and conventional apple orchards. Currently, he is studying ways to improve crop-load management in apple trees through the application of exogenous chemicals and using computer-based models to predict ideal **application**

timing. At the Alson H. Smith, Jr. AREC, Dr. Peck is also collaborating on studies to evaluate apple rootstocks and crack-resistant sweet cherries. He has a strong interest in value-added products and niche crops, such as hard cider, native fruits, and heirloom varieties.

Stanton Gill

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Regional Specialist, Central Maryland Research and Education Center, University of Maryland Extension
Dr. Gill is an entomologist and recognized expert on horticulture pests and diseases. He is a published author of several books covering topics about invasive species of bugs and pathogens. He is a regular contributing author to horticulture newspapers and over sees the University of Maryland's weekly IPM website for commercial horticulture.

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Lynne Phillips graduated from Virginia Tech in 1995 with a degree in Agricultural and Applied Economics. She is the manager of the Natural Art Garden Center and loves to teach others about gardening and plants. Ms. Phillips is a Class A Virginia Contractor as well as ICPI certified and is a member of the Virginia Nursery and Landscape Association and OFA- Association of Horticultural Professionals.

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Co-founder of *The Pruning School* in Sterling VA. This school holds horticulture and pruning classes that are open to homeowners and professionals. All aspects of pruning and related horticultural and arboricultural subjects are taught. The Pruning School also goes to professional organizations to teach the art of biologically correct pruning to staff. He is also the founder and proprietor of *Peter Deahl, Fine Pruning, L.L.C.* Fine Pruning is a horticultural contractor that services commercial and residential clients by pruning ornamental shrubs and trees. The company also provides tree care services through ISA Certified Arborists that are supervised by Peter. Peter is also a Consulting Arborist.