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Additional Attendee Name(s) & E-Mail Address:

A true natural garden is more than a collection of native plants. Never static, its rich palette is continuously influenced by unseen processes and highly evolved interactions. In this session we will examine the unfolding patterns of our woodlands and open fields, and illustrate how landscape practitioners and property owners can cost-effectively improve the ecological value, reduce maintenance requirements, and enhance the visual impact of their designed gardens.

Meadows, Oldfields and Shrublands

John Anderson

The late and brilliant ecologist Frank E. Egler spent over 50 years studying, planting, and manipulating the open fields of his family estate in Norfolk, Connecticut. While the intricate mosaic of native meadows and shrub lands that currently exist seem to have occurred naturally, they are actually the direct result of Egler's selective manipulations of ecological processes. In this presentation, John Anderson, heir to Egler's innovative work, will use archival and contemporary images to show how this beautiful and fascinating landscape was achieved.

Woodlands

Jonathan Kays

Why does a forest of Tuliptrees turn into a Beech-Maple woodland and what happens to the ground layer of ferns and wildflowers in the process? Is a gap in the canopy an opportunity for renewal, or a dangerous and destabilizing occurrence? How do different stages of forest development affect the presence of wildlife? In this presentation, forest expert Jonathan Kays will analyze the interrelated patterns and evolving compositions that define the eastern hardwood forest.

The Evolving Garden

Larry Weaner

Want to turn that lawn into a diverse native meadow; or turn that invasive choked woodland into a multilayered composition of native shrubs, herbs and understory trees? Ease of maintenance is a must of course. Yes it can be done, but not through traditional horticultural practice. In this presentation we will show how areas large and small, formal and wild, can be more effectively designed by embracing ecological patterns and processes.

Speaker Profiles:

John Anderson has been the executive director of Aton Forest since 2001. He began working as Frank Egler's Research Associate at Aton Forest in 1981 and co-authored several papers with him. In 1992, he was named the Aton Forest Fellow, a position supported by a trust established by Dr. Egler to ensure that research and conservation activities continued at Aton Forest. He has served on the Norfolk Conservation and Inland Wetlands Agency, the town's Open Space Committee and the Norfolk GIS work group, and serves on the boards of the Connecticut Conservation Association and the Connecticut Chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation.

Jonathan Kays has been a Natural Resources Extension Specialist with the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension for twenty years. He has responsibility for development of extension programs in the areas of forest stewardship, backyard woodlot management, wildlife damage management, natural resource income opportunities, and waste management systems using forest crops. Jonathan has authored numerous publications which can be found on this website at: www.naturalresources.umd.edu.

Larry Weaner is recognized nationally for his work in integrating the ecological sciences with the creation of fine garden art. He has been president of Larry Weaner Landscape Associates since 1982 and has created gardens throughout the Eastern U.S. Larry's projects have been featured in national and international publications and he is a past board member, environmental committee chair, and landscape award winner of the Association of Professional Landscape Designers. He also developed the New Directions in the American Landscape (NDAL) educational series in 1990.

Monday, March 16
Registration: 8:30 A.M.
Conference: 9 A.M. - 4 P.M.
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CONFERENCE DAY AT A GLANCE:

8:30 A.M.
Registration and Continental Breakfast

9 A.M.
Conference Introduction
Darrin Duling
Larry Weaner

9:15 A.M.
John Anderson

10:15 A.M.
Q & A

10:30 A.M.
Jonathan Kays

11:30 A.M.
Q & A

11:45 A.M.
Lunch

1 P.M.
Larry Weaner

2:00 P.M.
Q & A

2:15 P.M.
Break

2:45 P.M.
Panel Discussion with John Anderson,
Jonathan Kays, Larry Weaner

4:00 P.M.
Conference ends



Photo: Larry Weaner

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