

## **Virtual Green Day of Horticulture, February 6, 2023**

### **10:00 a.m. A Horticultural Responsibility to Nature, presented by Matt Bright**

Matt Bright, the Conservation Manager at the Earth Sangha, will discuss how home gardeners can play a crucial role in local conservation by recreating and reconnecting habitat. Horticultural practices of decades past contributed to environmental degradation, but new research and better practices point a way forward towards a more harmonious way of managing public and private lands. Matt will explain how the Earth Sangha's work supports local conservation efforts and how individual gardeners can effectively support plant and wildlife biodiversity through conscientious garden practices.

### **11:00 a.m. From Vase to Compost Pile, presented by Ami Wilber**

Explore new ways to create floral arrangements more sustainably. In this floral demonstration, Ami Wilber will create a floral arrangement using only materials that can be composted (except for the container).

### **11:30 a.m. Pollination Appreciation, presented by Dan McGovern**

A quick appreciation and review of the mutualistic relationship between plants, insects, and us. Learn the different ways nature pollinates and how you can apply that knowledge to your own garden.

### **12:00 p.m. Native Groundcovers, presented by Drew Asbury**

Kick mulch to the curb and plant a tapestry of native plants to create a more visually appealing and ecologically valuable landscape. Learn about a variety of attractive, tough, and versatile natives that 'cover the ground' and help knit your landscape together all the while creating essential habitat for wildlife.

## **Virtual Day of Horticulture, March 6, 2023**

### **10:00 a.m. Evergreens of Hillwood, presented by Marshall Paquin**

Hey, wait a minute why are those plants still green, it's the middle of Winter? Let us take a look at the spectacular evergreen plants that make Hillwood such a wonderful place! Topics covered will be how to identify them, their location, growing requirements, history and how they can be used in landscape designs.

### **11:00 a.m. Nature on Paper, presented by Michael Rollinson**

Worms aren't only found in soil; bookworms can be found almost anywhere! This brief presentation summarizes a few favorite book titles spanning a variety of topics involving nature. A great way to find a gift for that avid reader you know or something new to add to your own bookshelf.

### **11:30 a.m. Trick or Treat: Orchids and their Pollinators, presented by Andrew Bedenbaugh**

Many orchids have evolved unique relationships with their pollinators, sometimes providing tricks and at other times providing treats to their pollinator. Join Hillwood's orchid specialist as he shares a few of these amazing adaptations in the orchid world.

### **12:00 p.m. 2023 Garden Update and Peek Ahead, presented by Jessica Bonilla**

There is always a lot going on in the horticulture department. Join Jessica Bonilla, director of horticulture, to catch up on recent progress and get a more in depth look at the upcoming projects and displays coming in 2023.