

Massachusetts Horticultural Society

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The Master Gardeners Speakers' Bureau

The Master Gardeners' Speakers Bureau is comprised of Massachusetts Horticultural Society Master Gardeners who present lectures, demonstrations, and tours of the Elm Bank Reservation in Wellesley, Massachusetts for garden clubs, schools, corporate events, and media groups. Master Gardeners are highly skilled gardeners with years of experience in horticulture and who are frequently experts in a single area of plant management or individual species of plant material.

Presentations are usually one hour in length, and may consist of a hands-on workshop or a slide or PowerPoint lecture. Master Gardener speakers are available to travel to your location. Master Gardeners also lead walking tours and lectures at the Elm Bank Reservation of an hour or longer focused on a particular interest of the sponsoring organization or area of the facility, such as the trial gardens.

It is the goal of the Master Gardeners Speakers' Bureau to meet the specific needs and interests of the sponsoring organization. We welcome inquiries about availability of speakers and talks on particular subjects. We also welcome the opportunity to custom-design a talk for your event and/or specific audience in order to make the experience informative, easy, and fun. Please find located on the reverse of this flyer a listing of some of the topics offered.

All proceeds from Master Gardener Speakers' Bureau lecture programs benefit the Master Gardeners' Continuing Education Fund. There is a fee of \$ 125.00 per speaking engagement, paid directly to the MHS Educational Department directly upon completion of the presentation. In addition, we ask a \$50.00 transportation fee to be paid directly to the speaker.*

*Please note that for events planned at Elm Bank Reservation there may be additional costs for the use of specific facilities at that location.

For further information on the Master Gardeners Speakers' Bureau, please write or call:
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Some of our most often requested topics

The History of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society in Boston

The Elm Bank Reservation: Its History and Future

The Master Gardeners Program

Container Gardening

Editing the Mature Garden

The Basics of Organic Gardening

Floral Design

Flower Arranging 101: From Market to Table

Landscape Design

Herb Gardening Topics:

 The History of Gardening with Herbs: The Medieval Garden

 Establishing a Home Herb Garden: Herb Gardening 101

 Herbal Medicine 101

 Herbs: Backyard Remedies for Gardeners

 Herbs: Your Passport to Good Health

 What Anthony and Cleopatra Knew About Herbs That You Don't - Yet

Home Greenhouses

Invasive Plants

Soil PH – What Does it Mean and How to Adjust It

Preparing the Soil for Planting the Garden

Perennial Gardens

Cutting Gardens

Pruning

Trees and Shrubs

Shade Gardening

Forcing Bulbs

Developing a Bulb Garden

Composting

Plant Propagation

Basic Botany for the Gardener