

Lectures are illustrated by PowerPoint slides and include handouts.

Container Gardening –Demonstration (available May through September only) Whether it's annuals, perennials, vegetables or tropicals, containers give you the versatility and freedom to have it all. Learn



techniques for exciting and successful pots from the bottom up as I assemble five containers during this lecture/ demonstration. (materials fee applies; finished containers become the property of the club.)

Dirt on Your Hands, Soil in the Garden -The secret behind a green thumb is often the most overlooked aspect of gardening—the soil we plant in. Few of us start with great soil, but we can all build it. By using good gardening

methods which improve rather than hurt the soil, you will learn to create a great garden from the ground up.

Going Native: Low Maintenance Trees and Shrubs --- Native trees and shrubs evolved in New England without our help. Adapted to hot, dry summers and cold winters, resistant to browsing deer and local insects, they attract birds and butterflies, and add color to your landscape. Cultivars of native plants, have changed the face of natives--expanding the color palette and options for every gardener.

Water-Smart Gardening--- New England may average 40 inches of rain a year, but it doesn't always come when you need it. Whether your problem is too much water at the wrong time or getting the most from the rain that does fall. Good gardening techniques and proper planning can make you a water smart gardener.

Please check my website BettyonGardening.com for gardening hints and photos of my garden.

Healthy Lawns, and Lawn Alternatives --- How much lawn to do you use? Do you need? What else can you plant in that space? You can care for your lawn with minimal environmental impact without breaking the bank. We examine lower maintenance alternatives to lawns. Debunking myths, rumors and lawn service industry propaganda to provide healthy environments for your family.

Attracting Birds, Bees and Butterflies to Your Yard --There's no better way to wake than to birdsong and no better insecticide than a hungry bird. Bees and butterflies add beauty and life to a garden. Some plants will lure them to your property and keep them there year round.

Gardening for a Lifetime —Gardens should never be a burden to us. What we wanted once may have changed or no longer be practical for you. You'll learn how to keep your gardens as your needs and abilities change. It's a matter of plant selection and design, and can pay dividends for decades.

Fragrant Gardens—Most of us enjoy fragrant flowers. But not all flowers are fragrant. We'll explore a wide variety of annuals, perennials, tree and shrubs that deliver on the promise of wonderful scents as well as beauty, and learn why a “rose is not always a rose to the nose.”

Vegetable Gardening – Tips for a Better Garden --- The secret to a great garden is in the planning, none more so than in the vegetable garden. If you start early and make wise choices, you can enjoy a summer's worth of vegetables from a small space. In your own vegetable garden you get to make the decisions about what to grow and how to grow them.

Gardening in the Shade – New England gardens don't always get enough light to grow everything you want, but that doesn't mean you're limited to hostas and moss. Make the right plant choices and enjoy color, texture, blooms and excitement – even in the shade.

When Do I....? – Organizing your gardening is a key to confidence and success. Whether you need ideas on prepping for gardening in the spring, dealing with the problems of summer or closing your garden in the fall, one of these programs can provide the answers.

Betty Sanders

Betty has a lifetime of gardening experience as well as classes in horticulture and landscaping from the New York Botanical Garden and the Arnold Arboretum, among other institutions.

She lectures widely, including at the, Boston Public Library, Massachusetts Horticultural Society, Tower Hill Botanic Garden, the USDA, and at numerous garden clubs, libraries and civic groups.

Betty is a National Garden Clubs instructor, and an accredited Master flower show judge. She holds Lifetime Master Gardener status with the Massachusetts Master Gardener Association



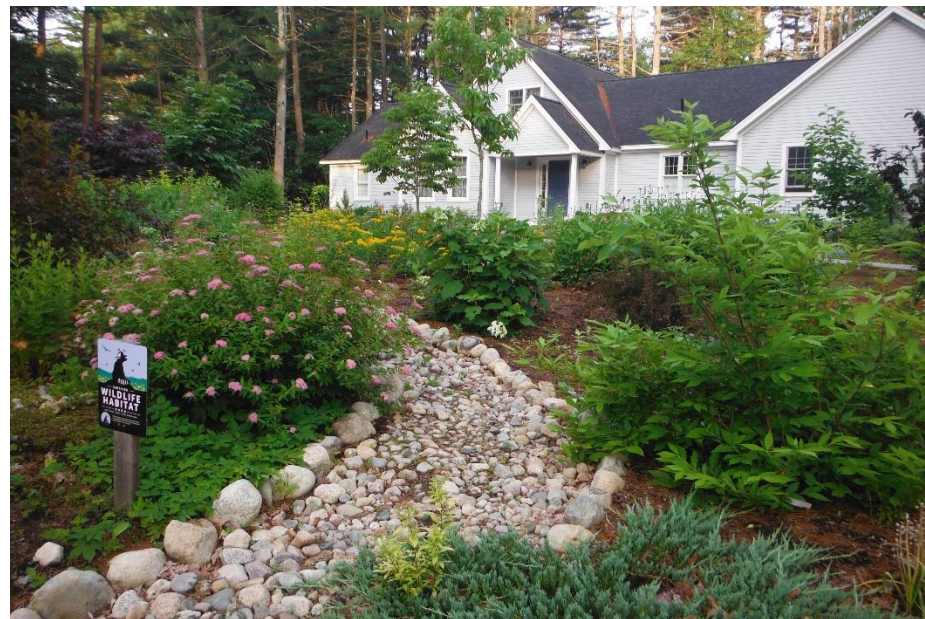
Betty previously designed and maintained a two-acre garden which was selected for the Garden Conservancy Open Days program. She has now created 95 %+ native garden at her new home.

Need a special program? If I sound like a speaker you'd like but you don't see a topic that suits your specific needs, please ask about creating a customized presentation to meet your organization's interests.

Lectures run approximately 50 minutes; demonstrations run approximately an hour, before questions.

The cost of all presentations (except the container gardening demonstration) is \$300. A mileage charge (\$50) is imposed only for presentations that are more than an hour's drive (40 miles one way) from my home in Medfield, MA.

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