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AFFILIATIONS
- Holliston Garden Club (Past presidents)
- Massachusetts Horticultural Society
- Worcester Horticultural Society
- Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts
- Great Garden Speakers
- GardenComm International
- Massachusetts Landscape Design Council
- Massachusetts Judges Council
- Massachusetts Garden Study Council
- New England & American Hosta Societies
- Massachusetts Master Gardeners
- Trustees of Reservations

BOOKS
- The Garden Tourists NEW ENGLAND: A Guide To Must-Seeing Gardens And Nurseries In The Northeast
  - A comprehensive travel guide to the best public gardens and specialty nurseries in New England. 264 pages, soft-cover, $24.95

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LOGISTICS
- Technology: Our lectures are richly illustrated one-hour PowerPoint presentations. We bring our own PC, projector and cords. You will need to supply a screen, table for projector, and a table for handouts and books.
- Fee: $330 local. Travel beyond 20 miles from Holliston, MA, subject to mileage expense of $.58/mile. Out of Boston area, negotiable. Other travel arrangements and overnight accommodations expenses to be determined. We would love to work with you, so please contact us!
The Garden Tourist
Do you enjoy touring beautiful gardens? We will show you the best public gardens in the Northeast to visit for inspiration! Learn about each garden’s highlights, ideal times to visit, and enjoy a visual tour of each amazing destination. Followed by book signing.

Satisfying Your Plant Lust
Does the thought of a new hosta, trillium, peony, or variegated ginkgo make you mad with desire? Both collectors and casual gardeners will enjoy exploring the best specialty nurseries in New England.

Artists’ Gardens in New England
Some of our most beloved painters, sculptors and authors were inspired by the gardens they created. Visit the private havens of Edith Wharton, Julian Alden Weir, Childe Hassam, Daniel Chester French, Emily Dickinson, Augustus Saint-Gaudens, Celia Thaxter and others.

Gardens of the Scottish Highlands
Scotland is home to amazing public and private gardens. Enjoy an armchair tour of 10 very different gardens in Scotland—from castles and historic estate properties to botanic gardens and intimate private edens.

Gardens of Cornwall and Devon
Cornwall and Devon are home to some of the most exciting, rare, and beautiful gardens in the British Isles. Enjoy an armchair tour of 12 historically and horticulturally important gardens of this region, from the tropical Abbey Gardens of Tresco to the mystical Lost Gardens of Heligan and the futuristic biomes of the Eden Project.

Stunning Spring Perennials
Whether you garden in sun or shade, there are many lovely spring perennials that will add colorful flowers and interesting foliage to the early season garden. Learn about our favorites and how to combine them for best effect in the garden!

Birdscaping: Home Sweet Habitat
Create welcoming habitats for birds through thoughtful landscape choices, including native plants vital for food and nesting sites. Learn about the joys and benefits of creating beautiful layered gardens designed to bring avian performers right into your own backyard.

Pots with Pizzazz
Jazzy containers are the “jewelry” of a garden, elevating it from "good" to "great"! Learn how to brighten shady spots with pops of color, create focal points for vistas and welcoming entry gardens with stunning container groupings. From whimsical to grand, these pots with pizzazz from private and public gardens will inspire and teach you to design your own potted masterpieces!

Gardens of Cornwall and Devon
The Magic of a Winter Garden
The garden can be a magical place—even in winter! This richly illustrated lecture provides inspiration and tips on designing your garden for winter interest, choosing the best trees, shrubs and perennials, and grouping them to create arresting vignettes.

Spring Ephemerals: Our Native Woodland Wildflowers
Early bulbs and native woodland wildflowers such as Bloodroot, Jeffersonia, and Hepatica are the stars of the early spring garden. Learn about their habitats, ideal growing conditions and unique adaptations!

A Collector’s Guide to Hostas
With more than 7,000 named varieties, there is a hosta to suit every taste and garden. With photos from award-winning gardens, we will show you how to design a beautiful garden based on the interplays of color, texture and placement of incredible hostas and companion plants.

Designing Shady Retreats
In this richly illustrated lecture, we explore a variety of intriguing gardens that will inspire you to create your own shady retreats! We show you design tricks and strategies to light up shady corners, highlight unusual plants that thrive in low-light conditions, and illustrate the creative use of art objects, seating and water features.

Design a Sunny Perennial Border
How do you create a sunny perennial garden that will delight you with colorful blooms and flowers for cutting from spring through fall? Learn about plant layering, new and reliable perennials, companion plants and design techniques that will make your garden POP!

Propagating Perennials Workshop
Increase your perennial collection, replace mature plants, grow varieties that may not be offered for sale, and even produce new hybrids! Learn different propagation skills including growing from seed, cuttings, and divisions of a wide range of perennials in this combination lecture and demonstration.