

Berkshire Botanical Garden - Rooted in Place

Sunday, November 13, 9:30 am – 4 pm

The Berkshire School

245 N Undermountain Road, Sheffield, MA 01257

This Fall BBG brings noted conservation biologist Tom Wessels from the Center for Whole Communities, Claudia West, co-author of *Gardening in a Post Wild World*, landscape designer and PhD. candidate, Annie White, garden writer Tom Christopher and Brad Roeller Project Manager for Altamont Estates for a one-day conference focused on a new, environmentally sensitive, vision for approaching the connection between the home garden and the surrounding landscape. Each of the speakers will contribute to the topic from their own area of expertise ranging from landscape design with natives and creating plant communities to organic land care and ecological gardening. Home gardeners and horticultural professionals will walk away from the conference with a holistic and eco-friendly approach to apply to their landscape and garden. There will be a book sale and signing on the day of the event.

9:00 – 9:25

Registration and Coffee

9:25 – 9:30

Welcome - **Mike Beck** – Director of Berkshire Botanical Garden

9:30 – 10:30

Top Native Perennial Combinations for Northeast Gardens: **Annie White**

10:30 – 10:45

Break: Book Sales

10:45 – 11:30

Self-organization and Co-evolution: How Nature Models Sustainable Systems: **Tom Wessels**

11:35 – 12:30 (BREAKOUT SESSIONS)

Outdoor walk with **Tom Wessels** max 35 Meet outside Bellas/Dixon

Ecological Garden Maintenance: **Thomas Christopher**

12:30 – 1:30 (Held in Benson Dining Commons)

Lunch

1:30 – 2:30

Native Trees and Shrubs for Landscaping in the Northeast: **Brad Roeller**

2:30 - 2:45

Break: Book Sale

2:45 - 4

Gardening in a Post Wild World: Creating Plant Communities that Stand the Test of Time: **Claudia West**