

Berkshire Botanical Garden
Rooted in Place: Ecological Gardening Symposium
Sunday, November 10, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Berkshire School – Sheffield, MA

8:00 – 9:00

Registration, Coffee and Light Refreshments

9:00 – 9:10

Welcome - **Mike Beck**, Executive Director of Berkshire Botanical Garden

9:15 – 10:45

Doug Tallamy -- **Helping Migrants Justify their Migration**

10:45 – 11:00

Break: Book Sales & Signing

11:00 – 12:15

Amy Nyman -- **Native Plants with True Grit**

12:15-1:30

Lunch in Benson Dining Commons

1:30 - 2:45

Bethany Bradley -- **Ecological gardening with climate change to prevent future invasions and assist native migrations**

2:45-3:00

Break: Book Sales & Signing

3:00-4:30

Dan Jaffe -- **How to Make Your Life Easier with Native Plants**

4:30

Closing & Final Remarks

Speaker Bios.

Bethany Bradley is an Associate Professor of Spatial Ecology & Biogeography at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and an investigator with the Northeast Climate Science Center. Her research is on how terrestrial ecosystems respond to anthropogenically driven changes, particularly interactions between invasive species, land use and climate change. She aims to improve forecasting of future changes to ecosystems, particularly risks of non-native plant invasions, using tools from biogeography and landscape ecology. Her research has implications for invasion ecology, natural resource management and biological conservation.

Photographer and author **Dan Jaffe** earned a degree in botany from the University of Maine, Orono, an advanced certificate in Native Plant Horticulture and Design from Native Plant Trust (formerly the New England Wild Flower Society), and has years of nursery management and plant sales experience. He is passionate about ecological horticulture, building both sustainability and wildlife value into every landscape, and the foraging and cultivation of wild edible plants. He is the Horticulturalist and Propagator for Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary and the staff photographer. His book *Native Plants for New England Gardens* was released spring of 2018.

Amy Nyman is a landscape designer and principal of Ruby Leaf Design as well as gardener at Tower Hill Botanic Garden managing the naturalized areas. She graduated with a Master of Arts in Ecological Landscape Design from The Conway School, worked as a horticulturist at Garden in the Woods prior to Tower Hill. Amy's design philosophy is founded on the belief that landscapes should blend beauty, function, and health, and her professional goal is to help people balance those things within their living spaces. She enjoys integrating native plants into the formal garden, offering both recognized structure and a sense of place by reconnecting sites to regionally-native plants, as well as increasing biodiversity and resilience in the landscape. She also recognizes that tough plants that work in tough places can be useful no matter where they originate, but New England native plants often offer exactly the characteristics needed for a New England site.

Doug Tallamy is a professor in the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware, where he has authored 97 research publications and has taught Insect Taxonomy, Behavioral Ecology, Humans and Nature, Insect Ecology, and other courses for 37 years. Chief among his research goals is to better understand the many ways insects interact with plants and how such interactions determine the diversity of animal communities. His book *Bringing Nature Home: How Native Plants Sustain Wildlife in Our Gardens* was published by Timber Press in 2007 and was awarded the 2008 Silver Medal by the Garden Writers' Association. *The Living Landscape*, co-authored with Rick Darke, was published in 2014. Doug is also a regular columnist for *Garden Design* magazine. Doug is a Lifetime Honorary Director of Wild Ones and has won the Garden Club of America Margaret Douglas Medal for Conservation, the Tom Dodd, Jr. Award of Excellence, and the 2018 AHS B.Y. Morrison Communication Award.