

## Speaker Thumbnails

### Establishing a Wild Life Habitat-Jeannie Geremia – August 5 2PM

Providing a welcoming habitat for wildlife.

Jeannie Geremia is The Garden Club of New Jersey Inc.'s 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, GCNJ's Wildlife Habitat Chair, National Garden Clubs, Inc. Accredited Life Flower Show Judge, and Contributing Writer for *Gardener News*. Jeannie initiated and led the successful campaign to have the Black Swallowtail Butterfly designated as the Official State Butterfly of New Jersey, and she, along with Diana Kazazis of the GCNJ, also created the "Pollinator Center" Project and signage as a vehicle to grow our pollinator population.

April Fisher Creating a Butterfly Container Garden  
Monday August 7<sup>th</sup> afternoon

Who doesn't love butterflies? If you want to have them winging into your yard, create a butterfly container garden. April Fisher, Master Gardener, will demonstrate how to entice beautiful butterflies with host and nectar flowers. Learn about the species common to our county, what they need to thrive and how you can make a difference in their survival.

April Fisher is a Master Gardener and Native Plant Society member. She is the recipient of the Master Gardener Award of Excellence for her informative lectures on gardening and floral arranging. She has also won several awards for her floral arrangements and horticultural entries here at the fair. She is a part time sales associate at Ideal Farm & Garden in Lafayette. April and her husband, David, live in Stillwater and their garden along the Paulinskill has been on the Arts & Heritage Garden Tour. Currently, April is transitioning her garden into an eco-friendly and low maintenance one so she can spend more time "smelling the roses"!

Maureen Verbeek Wednesday Aug 9<sup>th</sup> 2pm no title or bio as yet.

Birds in the Garden by Giselle Chazotte-Smisko Thursday August 10<sup>th</sup> 2PM

Birds can add color, songs, life, and free pest control to the garden. Landscaping with birds in mind can create a vibrant habitat to be enjoyed by the birds and the gardener. Suggestions on attracting songbirds and hummingbirds with a variety of plants, creating a habitat, and controlling unwanted species will be discussed. Live birds from the Avian Wildlife Center will be a part of the program.

Presenter: Giselle Chazotte-Smisko is director of the Avian Wildlife Center, a nonprofit organization dedicated to wildlife conservation. She is a licensed wildlife rehabilitator and a teacher naturalist having worked for the Morris County Park Commission, Union County Department of Parks and Recreation, and The Raptor Trust. She serves as an officer on the board of Friends of Walkkill River National Wildlife Refuge, working with the staff to conserve the

habitat and wildlife of refuge and coordinate public programs on a variety of natural history topics.

Diane & Mike Dove of Dove Environmental Education presents Clean Communities "Critter & Litter" crafts session with garden visitors and/or pollinators Theme. Saturday August 12

1 pm to 3 pm Sponsored by Sussex County Clean Communities: Pollinators

3 pm to 5 pm Sponsored by Sparta Twp. Clean Communities: Wild Garden Visitors.

The following have agreed to speak but have not provided any information on topics: