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## PGC Programs 2020 – 2021

### Infusing Your Life with Herbs

By Karen O'Brien

**September 14, 2020 at Shieling Forest Learning Center, 395 Old Street Rd, Peterborough, NH**

Using fresh herbs grown in your garden or windowsill, our own Karen O'Brien will teach us how to take simple culinary staples, such as butters, sugars, vinegars, and transform ordinary foods into something delicious with the addition of fresh herbs. Herbs can be used in natural cleaning products, as well as body and beauty products, reducing the need for toxic chemicals and harsh ingredients. We will sample an array of herb-kissed products that will enliven your life throughout the year; and set a course for your own herbal adventure by making two herbal products for you to use at home.

### Encouraging Wildlife Diversity in Designed Landscapes

By Matt Tarr

**October 5, 2020 at Harris Center for Conservation Education, 83 Kings Hwy, Hancock, NH 03449**

"An abundance of wildlife" is one of the best indicators of an ecologically well-designed landscape. By understanding how pollinators, birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians select their habitats during each season of the year, we can design landscapes that effectively attract and support a diversity of wildlife. This presentation will provide practical methods for designing ecologically complete landscapes that invite human interaction and transcend simple aesthetics through their added interest and functioning interconnected elements.

### Holiday Floral Demonstration

By Mary Potter O'Neill

**November 9, 2020 at Shieling Forest Learning Center, 395 Old Street Rd, Peterborough, NH**

Mary Potter O'Neill, creator of Billies + Tilli, is a talented floral designer from the Monadnock Region. You can see Mary's work at Bower Bird and other local stores. Billies and Tilli specializes in flowers for weddings and special events, using local and sustainably grown flowers. Mary will demonstrate floral designs for the holidays pairing her love for nature with her knowledge and interest in vintage goods and contemporary design. Mary will include 3 floral arrangements to be raffled.



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## **Design and Horticulture Workshop**

By PGC

**March 8, 2021 at Shieling Forest Learning Center, 395 Old Street Rd, Peterborough, NH**

Led by our own members, learn how to force, Quince, Forsythia, Pussy Willow, Catkins, Witchazel, Magnolia, and other branches from your gardens. Bring a vase and any branches you may have. Together we will prep branches create designs that will last in your homes. The Club will provide additional branches and flowers.

## **Hydrangeas 360: The Straight Talk on Hydrangeas for New England**

By Jenn Kettell

**April 12, 2021 at Shieling Forest Learning Center, 395 Old Street Rd, Peterborough, NH**

With endless gorgeous hydrangea cultivars flooding our nurseries, it can be challenging to choose just one (or a few!). Don't let the size and color of magnificent blooms lead you to plant hydrangeas that will not thrive in your garden. Join Jenn Kettell for a lively discussion on the what the *species* are behind the hot trade names; how to match your site conditions to those species; why knowing that you have a "lacecap" or "mophead" type is not enough; how to prune to maximize flowering which are drought-tolerant or benefit pollinators, and other essential growing tips.

## **Raised Bed Vegetable Gardens**

By Susan Hammond

**May 10, 2021 at Shieling Forest Learning Center, 395 Old Street Rd, Peterborough, NH**

Raised beds are an easy and productive way to grow vegetables (and some fruits, too!). After a quick review of the basics of growing vegetables at home, we'll explore the details of raised bed gardening, including design, materials, and construction methods. While this talk focuses on vegetables, the raised bed techniques we discuss can be adapted to many other kinds of gardens as well.