FREE LECTURE SERIES TO CREATE BEAUTIFUL & HEALTHY YARDS

Monday evenings, 7 – 9 p.m. South Shore Vocational Technical School auditorium 476 Webster St. (Route 123), Hanover, MA

PLEASE REGISTER By contacting Debbie at 781-659-8168 or e-mail debbie@nsrwa.org

April 28 7-9 p.m.

The Benefits of Plants and Landscaping:

Steven R. Tomasi, RLA, ASLA, President - A.J. Tomasi Nurseries

Clearly,well-designed landscaping adds beauty to any home. However, landscaping can provide so many more benefits, such as providing natural air conditioning and protection from wind, trapping and filtering air pollutants, screening noise and unsightly views to name just a few. Learn how to use landscaping techniques and plantings to make your yard a healthy oasis.

May 5 7-9 p.m.

Tame Your Water-Consuming Irrigation System

Ted Moriarty, CIC, CID, CLIA, Owner - Smart Watering Company

Irrigation systems abound on the South Shore, but many of us do not know how to use or maintain them properly. This can lead to water overuse which can hurt your landscaping and our environment. Irrigation systems can help conserve water when designed, maintained and used properly. Learn some simple, effective ways to take control of your irrigation system, and develop a season-long water conservation strategy.

May 12 7-9 p.m.

Growing Green – Using Fewer Pesticides by Knowledgeable Plant Selection

Deborah Swanson, Extension Educator, Plymouth County Extension

Deborah Swanson, Plymouth County Extension Horticulturist will highlight great plants that have few insect and disease problems, and yet are beautiful in the landscape. Many of these plants are native and often overlooked. Learning what they are and where to plant them will go a long way in reducing pesticides in the landscape. Many of these trees, shrubs and perennials are also drought-tolerant, once established.

May 19 7-9 p.m.

Landscape Design Ideas for Success

Chris Kennedy, Kennedy Country Gardens

Chris will offer proven solutions to your toughest gardening dilemmas. Hear suggestions that can increase the value of your property, while reducing the work to maintain a beautiful yard and gardens. Chris will tell you how to improve thorny landscaping issues in your yard, and how to match the right type of lawn and plants with your existing conditions.

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