

## URI'S BOTANICAL GARDENS

Our beautifully designed landscape features 4.5 acres of evergreen plantings, perennial and annual flowering beds, native plantings, a mini-orchard, an organic vegetable garden, and water gardens. Garden plantings were selected from the URI publication *Sustainable Trees and Shrubs for New England*. The Botanical Gardens are open to the public every day. Call us to arrange a group tour.

### WHAT ARE SUSTAINABLE PLANTS?

A sustainable plant is disease and insect-resistant and requires minimal inputs of pesticides, water, fertilizers and maintenance to remain attractive and useful in the landscape. Examples of sustainable plants include new, disease-resistant crabapples and flowering dogwoods. While many older cultivars are vulnerable to a host of diseases and require repeated chemical applications to remain healthy, these new cultivars will flourish in the landscape without pesticides, saving time and money as well as protecting the environment.

Take notes on the plants as you walk through the URI Botanical Gardens. Remember that the species and the variety may be important for disease or insect resistance. Keep in mind that a sustainable landscape requires more than just the right plant; proper landscape planning and design, healthy soil, the right plant in the right place, efficient water use and appropriate maintenance will all contribute to a sustainable, environmentally-friendly landscape.

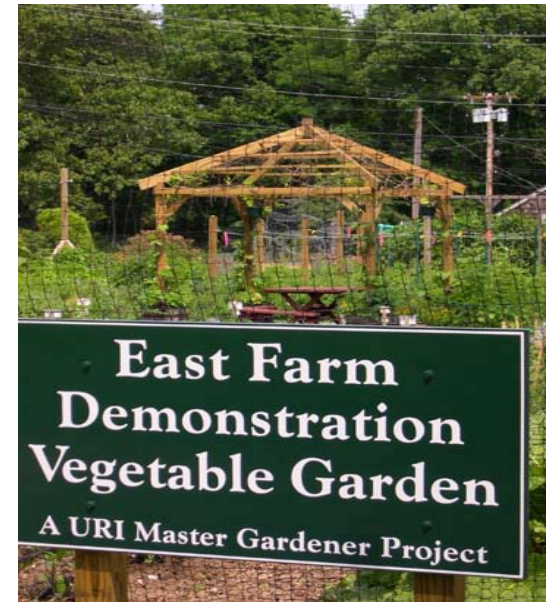
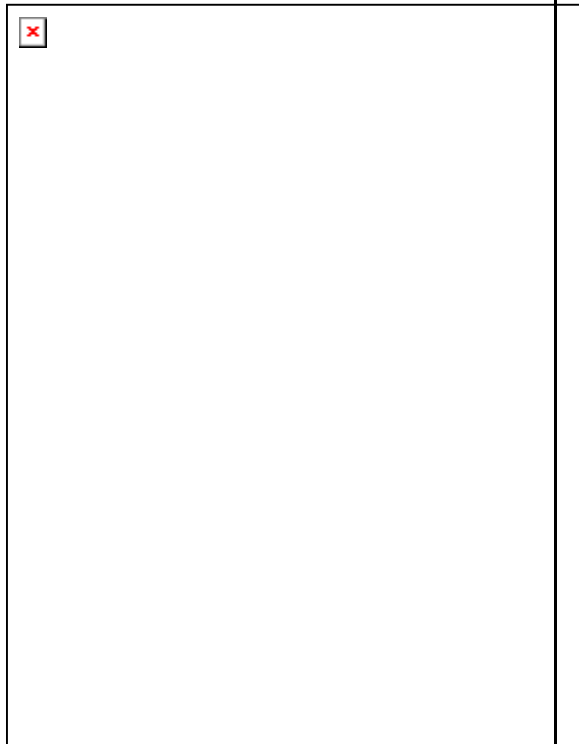
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## TWILIGHT TOURS OF THE URI BOTANICAL GARDENS

## Registration Form

Registration limited to 25 people on a first come, first served basis. A minimum of 7 is required to have the session.

Please select from the dates below:

June 10, 2008 \_\_\_\_\_  
June 17, 2008 \_\_\_\_\_  
  
July 15, 2008 \_\_\_\_\_  
July 29, 2008 \_\_\_\_\_  
  
August 5, 2008 \_\_\_\_\_  
August 19, 2008 \_\_\_\_\_

All classes take place from 6:00pm to 7:30 pm. In the event of rain, the session will be moved indoors.  
NOTE: No refunds after the day preceding the scheduled session.

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Fee: \$15 per session

Please make checks payable to URI.

Mail to: Summer Gardening School  
CELS Outreach Center  
3 East Alumni Avenue  
Kingston, RI 02881

### SESSION 1 June 10<sup>th</sup> URI Botanical Garden

#### Rosology 101 – How to Grow Great Roses

*It's easy to grow beautiful roses in your home garden once you know how. Rosology 101 explains everything you need to know including six easy-to-follow steps that take the mystery out of rose gardening. Included are plenty of tips from certified URI Master Gardener and Certified Rosarian, Mike Chute.*

### SESSION 2 June 17<sup>th</sup> URI Botanical Garden

#### Perennial Management

*Learn some sustainable techniques for efficient garden management and some design tips, too. Avoid the common problems and use ironclad perennials to minimize management headaches. Rosanne Sherry, URI State Master Gardener Coordinator*

### SESSION 3 July 15<sup>th</sup> URI Botanical Garden

#### Shade Gardens

*Think you do not have enough sunlight to grow plants? Betsey Thomson, a veteran URI Master Gardener, will tell you about shade-tolerant and shade-loving plants she grows in her own gardens. You will also learn some techniques to coax plants to grow in sub-optimal light. Then you will stroll through the URI Botanical Garden to*

*view some living examples of shade-tolerant and shade-loving plants.*

### SESSION 4 July 29<sup>th</sup> East Farm Research Facility

#### Healthy Vegetables

*Learn about healthy vegetable gardening from a panel of certified URI Master Gardeners, using the Master Gardener Demonstration gardens as a classroom.*

### SESSION 5 August 5<sup>th</sup> URI Botanical Garden

#### Detecting Invasive Plants in RI

*Elizabeth Lopes-Duguay, State Survey Coordinator (SSC) for the Div. of Agriculture Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey Program (CAPS). Learn about how the state is monitoring and detecting the presence of exotic and invasive species and preventing the infestation of these pests into the state. Find out what to do or who to contact if you find these invaders.*

### SESSION 6 August 19<sup>th</sup> URI Botanical Garden

#### Backyard Composting

*Learn about backyard composting from certified RI Master Composter & Recycler Don Holder. Discover the latest techniques to make your backyard composting easy and efficient. Also learn about the environmental benefits of composting.*