

## BIOGRAPHIES, CONT'D.

Berstler spent nearly a decade as a licensed landscape contractor in California with her award-winning and innovative residential design/build firm, Flower to the People. During that time, she co-hosted and designed a landscaping television show for Discovery Channel called *Rally Round the House*. Prior to entering the landscape industry, she worked on Wall Street as a Vice President at Prudential Global Funding and as a New Media Agent at Creative Artists Agency.

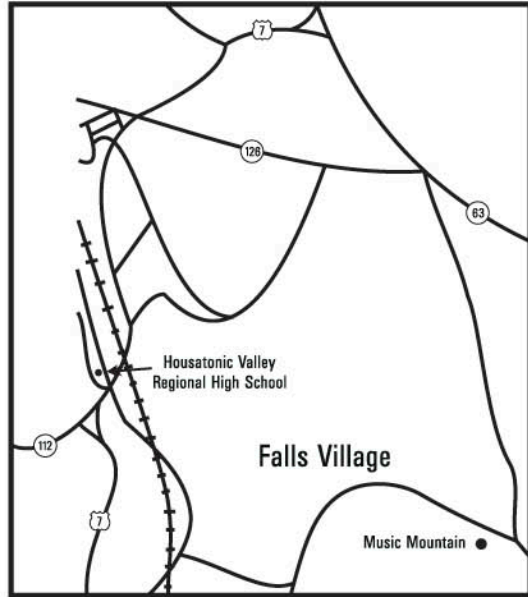
In 2014, Berstler received the APLD National Service Award for her work as Legislative/Advocacy Chair of the California Chapter. In 2016, G3 was named recipient of APLD's National Leadership in Sustainability Award. Berstler served as President of the APLD California Chapter in 2013 and as a member of the Executive Committee from 2009-2016. For more information, visit [www.GreenGardensGroup.com](http://www.GreenGardensGroup.com) and [www.Facebook.com/G3Community](http://www.Facebook.com/G3Community).

### **The Invasive Species Advisory Committee of Mad Gardeners**

has, since 2007, provided education, advice and pulled plants as part of the Mile-a-Minute Vine (MAM) Control Project in Litchfield County and adjacent areas. We no longer have a student crew, but volunteers continue to work on a number of properties, including some belonging to Weantinog Heritage Land Trust and Roxbury Land Trust. Our field work has expanded to include work on a small population of water chestnut in Lake Lillinonah and we plan to initiate other small field work projects in the future. In addition to field work, we provide outreach and education on invasive plants in general, with exhibits and talks at many area events. To volunteer for fieldwork or educational outreach, contact [knelson151@sbcglobal.net](mailto:knelson151@sbcglobal.net)

Our work is made possible by generous donations from individuals and organizations. Thank you! To donate, send a check payable to Mad Gardeners' Invasive Species Fund to Angela Dimmitt, Mad Gardeners, Inc., PO Box 146, Sherman CT 06784. Mad Gardeners, Inc., is a Section 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Learn more about the MAM control project at [www.madgardeners.com](http://www.madgardeners.com).



## DIRECTIONS

Housatonic Valley Regional High School is located near Falls Village, CT. The driveway is located at the traffic light on Route 7 next to the bridge, just north of the intersection with Route 112.

**Snow Day** – Sunday, March 5, 2017.  
To learn if the symposium is postponed due to inclement weather, call one of the following: (860) 355-1547, (860) 354-1299 or (860) 355-3429.

## SCIENCE DAY

Mad Gardeners sponsors a day-long program of speakers for high school students at Housatonic Valley Regional High School. We appreciate your help in paying for this program. Donations are optional and tax-deductible. Call (860) 355-1547 if you are interested in attending this year's program on April 7.

**For Additional Information Contact:**  
**Kathleen Nelson 860.355.1547**  
**Eileen Mulvihill 860.354.1299**



# Just Plain Gorgeous!

RESILIENT LANDSCAPES FOR  
DROUGHT OR DELUGE

**Saturday**  
**March 4, 2017**

Housatonic Valley Regional HS  
Falls Village, Connecticut

**Sponsored by**  
**MAD GARDENERS**  
**and**  
**Agricultural Education Dept. HVRHS**

**Just Plain Gorgeous!**  
RESILIENT LANDSCAPES FOR DROUGHT OR DELUGE  
**Saturday, March 4, 2017**

**Return Service Requested**

**SYMPOSIUM**  
**Mad Gardeners, Inc.**  
30 Fairchild Road  
Sharon, CT 06069

**Non-Profit**  
U S Postage  
**PAID**  
Permit No 14  
New Milford CT



# Just Plain Gorgeous!

## RESILIENT LANDSCAPES FOR DROUGHT OR DELUGE

Saturday, March 4, 2017

8:30 a.m.	<b>REGISTRATION</b>	
9:00–9:10 a.m.	<b>INTRODUCTION</b>	<b>MODERATOR—Richard Rosiello</b>
9:15–10:45 a.m.	<b>Rick Darke</b> <b><i>A Watershed in Design: The Beauty of Inspired Stewardship</i></b> Landscape design has arrived at a turning point, leaving fixed patterns behind and looking forward to living process as inspiration for dynamic modeling. Celebrating the flux of biological and cultural communities and its relationship to natural resources is the key to successful design and stewardship. Using examples of water-conserving designs based on northeastern natives, Rick Darke will illustrate an ethical approach that results in beautiful, useful and honestly sustainable private and public places.	
10:45–11:15 a.m.	<b>COFFEE BREAK, Vendors, Exhibits</b>	
11:20 a.m.–12:20	<b>Jessica Lubell</b> <b><i>Top Performing Connecticut Shrubs for the Home Landscape</i></b> Many native shrubs can be beautiful additions to our landscapes—including the readily available <i>Rhus</i> and <i>Juniperus</i> , as well as lesser-known taxa such as <i>Aronia</i> , <i>Diervilla</i> , <i>Prunus</i> , <i>Myrica</i> , <i>Corylus</i> , and <i>Spiraea</i> . Lubell will discuss her research on this subject, including controlled studies on the adaptability of native shrubs.	
12:20–1:20 p.m.	<b>BAG LUNCH</b> (included with registration), <b>Vendors, Exhibits</b>	
1:20–3:00 p.m.	<b>Pamela Berstler</b> <b><i>Managing Landscape Green Water with the Watershed Approach</i></b> Truly resilient landscapes that conserve resources, reduce pollution, invite habitat, and are just plain gorgeous require managing the Green Water Zone (root zone water and shallow ground water) for optimal soil and plant health. The Watershed Approach to landscaping treats every property as though it were a mini-watershed, building healthy living soil, treating rainwater as a resource, selecting plants for their climate appropriateness and utilizing highly efficient technologies and strategies to manage inputs, including water and nutrients. Pamela Berstler will discuss the benefits of this method and provide tips for maximizing its efficacy to help you create beautiful, sustainable gardens, contribute to carbon sequestration and help create resiliency in the face of climate change.	

### Recertification Credits Possible:

Please visit [www.madgardeners.org](http://www.madgardeners.org) for details on recertification credits and to view photographs provided by the speakers.

## REGISTRATION FORM

Pre-registration by **February 28, 2017** includes lunch. Late and at-door registration is possible if space is available but may not include lunch.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Member(s) registering X \$75 \_\_\_\_\_

Non-member(s) registering X \$85 \_\_\_\_\_

Optional \$5 Donation(s) for Science Day \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to: MAD GARDENERS

Mail To: Sharon Tingley, Registrar

Mad Gardeners

30 Fairchild Road, Sharon, CT 06069

To register after February 28: call 860-355-1547

or email: [knelson151@sbccglobal.net](mailto:knelson151@sbccglobal.net).

Please DO NOT send membership dues to the Symposium Registrar

## BIOGRAPHIES

**Rick Darke** heads RICK DARKE LLC, a Pennsylvania-based consulting firm focused on landscape ethics, contextual design, and photography. Darke's work blends art, ecology, and cultural geography in the design and management of living landscapes. Projects include parks, scenic byways, transportation corridors, corporate and collegiate campuses, conservation developments, post-industrial and historic brownfields, botanic gardens, and residential landscapes. His many books include *The Encyclopedia of Grasses for Livable Landscapes*, *The Living Landscape: Designing for Beauty and Biodiversity in the Home Garden* (co-authored with Doug Tallamy), and the upcoming *Gardens of the High Line: Elevating the Nature of Modern Landscapes* (co-authored with Piet Oudolf). For further information, visit [www.rickdarke.com](http://www.rickdarke.com)

**Dr. Jessica Lubell** is an Associate Professor of Horticulture at the University of Connecticut with 15 years of experience working with the horticulture industry. Jessica's research is focused on improving the availability of native shrubs in the nursery trade and broadening their use among landscapers and designers. She has developed methods for the propagation and container production of native shrubs so that they can be grown more easily in a nursery setting, and she works closely with growers to help them expand their production. Using controlled trials, she has demonstrated the potential of many native shrubs to be used as hardy landscape plants by documenting their durability. Lubell was a 2015 recipient of the New England Nursery Association Young Nursery Professional Award for the state of Connecticut. She enjoys using social media to promote the beauty and utility of native plant landscaping. You can follow her on Facebook and Instagram at **Native Plant Gal**.

**Pamela Berstler** is a landscape expert who co-founded and manages G3, Green Gardens Group, a California-based organization dedicated to using landscape design as a climate change solution. G3 is an EPA WaterSense recognized landscape professional certifying organization, and conducts outreach and education on the Watershed Approach to landscaping throughout the U.S., reaching more than 5,000 people annually. Before founding G3,

*continued on back*