

The Backyard Farm and Garden lectures are open to all!

March 1st (March 22nd snow date) at:

The Marshfield Senior Center,
230 Webster Street
Marshfield, MA 02050

Directions from

Boston: Take Route 3

South to Exit 12, bear right onto Route 139 East, Marshfield. Go 3.6 miles (Rite-Aid & CVS on left) into town, turn right at traffic light at

CVS onto Webster St. (Dairy Queen is after the turn).

Senior Center is 1.8 miles on your left.



Directions from the Cape: Take Route 3

North to Exit 11, Route 14 East, Duxbury. Turn right onto Route 14/Congress St. Enter the roundabout and take the 2nd exit onto Route 14. Stay on Route 14 for 0.7 miles, then keep straight to go onto Church St/Route 139 East. Continue to follow Route 139 East for 2.5 miles.

Turn left onto Webster St. Stay on Webster St. Senior Center will be 0.6 miles on your right.

Pre-registration recommended to assure seating. Go to

www.TownofMarshfield.org/lecture2014.htm

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2014 Free Lectures Series "The Backyard Farm and Garden"

Saturday, March 1st
9:30am-12:15 pm



Brought to you by:

The Marshfield Agricultural Commission

Attend up to two free lectures presented by experts on various agricultural topics scaled to the backyard.

At the
Marshfield Senior Center, 230 Webster St.

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Or call: 781 837-1433

 Marshfield Agricultural Commission Fans

Speakers for March 1, 2014

(snow date is March 22nd)



Suzanne Mahler is a horticulturalist well recognized for her local column, *Green Thumbs Up*, and as overseer of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society. She is known for thoughtful and inspirational presentations, sharing her 30 plus years experience with a wealth of information.

Presents on Gardening



Don Burroughs has about 20 years experience in keeping chickens. He leads the Group One Poultry club which meets semi-monthly for 2 hours and is the treasurer of the N.E. Bantam Club. Experience in breeding & exhibiting adds to his personal approach of no medications and lots of fresh air for the birds.

Presents on Chickens



Doug Lowry has a talent for economic, functional designs and an infectious enthusiasm when teaching others. He has a "not so serious" step-by-step approach to building innovative, user-friendly projects often with recycled items. His hands-on approach assures that "you can do it"!

Presents on Garden Projects



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Lecture Schedule & Descriptions

9:30 - 10:00 am Registration, Light Refreshments, and Vendor Booths Open for Browsing

10:00 - 11:00 am First Lecture Session, select one:

Butterfly, Bee, and Hummingbird Gardens: Learn how to develop an effective wildlife garden that will attract butterflies, hummingbirds and feed the quintessential pollinator, bees. The resulting gardens will be photo-worthy with colorful flowers and garden wildlife. Q&A period included.

Backyard Chicken Keeping: The basics to keeping chickens is covered. Whether you seek a backyard pet, desire laying hens or meat birds or you aim to have specialty/show birds, this course gives you a base from which to work. Learn about zoning, feed, equipment, space, costs, basic needs, care and management for optimal health. Q&A session follows.

Building a Greenhouse/Hoop-house: Extend your growing season in both spring and fall regardless of your garden space. Doug's class includes the needed information, basic designs and skills required to build a few different, inexpensive styles of do-it-yourself structures. Participants will gain hands-on experience, building skills and confidence. There will be plenty of opportunity for questions throughout the talk.

11:00 - 11:15 am break, vendor booths open for browsing

11:15 - 12:15 pm Second Lecture Session, select one :

Shade Gardens: Shady sites pose challenges but need not lack pizzazz! Suzanne introduces shrubs and perennials that tolerate low light while providing fabulous flowers and foliage for a peaceful shady retreat. Includes time for Q&A.

Chicken Breed Selection and Coop Design: This class will have slides covering many of the breeds selected for pets, laying hens, meat birds, specialty and exhibition including those best suited to beginners. Coop design essentials will also be covered; making your chickens happy at home affects their health, behavior, and productivity. Q&A session follows.

Drip Irrigation for Backyard Gardens: Want to make the jump to drip irrigation but still a little intimidated? This class will demystify the process, introducing all required components and information. This hands-on workshop will prepare you to design and install your own system so you're ready to save water and reduce weeds this growing season. Q&A session.