

# Late summer wildflowers





# Fall-Winter

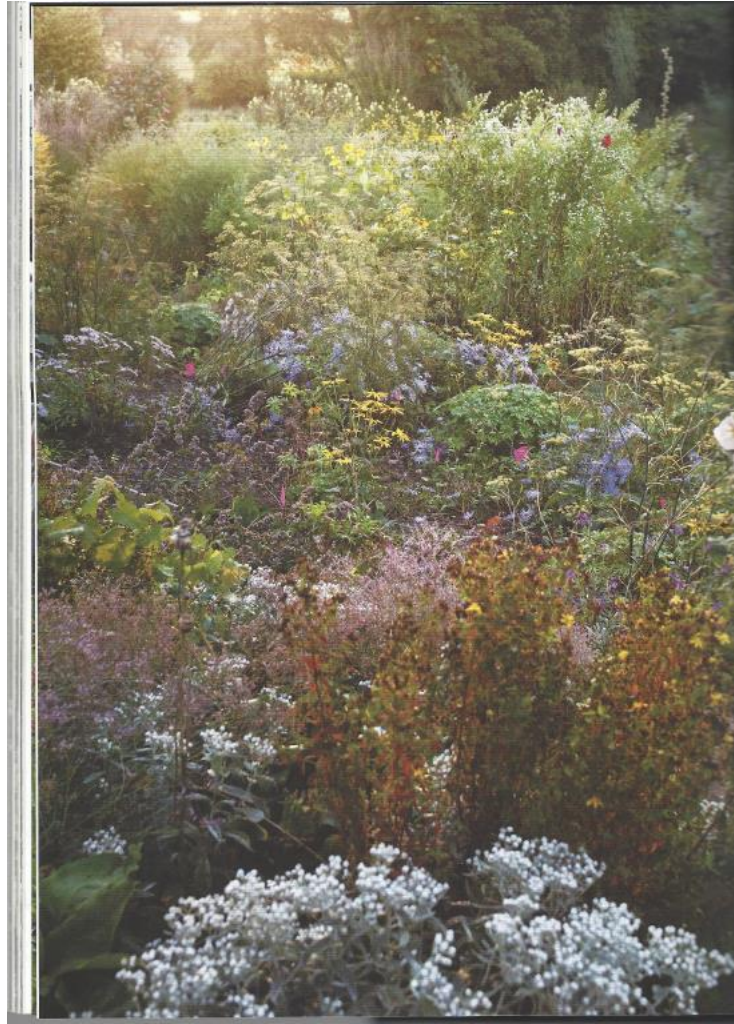




# Wildflowers, grasses, tiny lawn!



# Naturalized area





DEEP natural border (the way borders are supposed to be!)





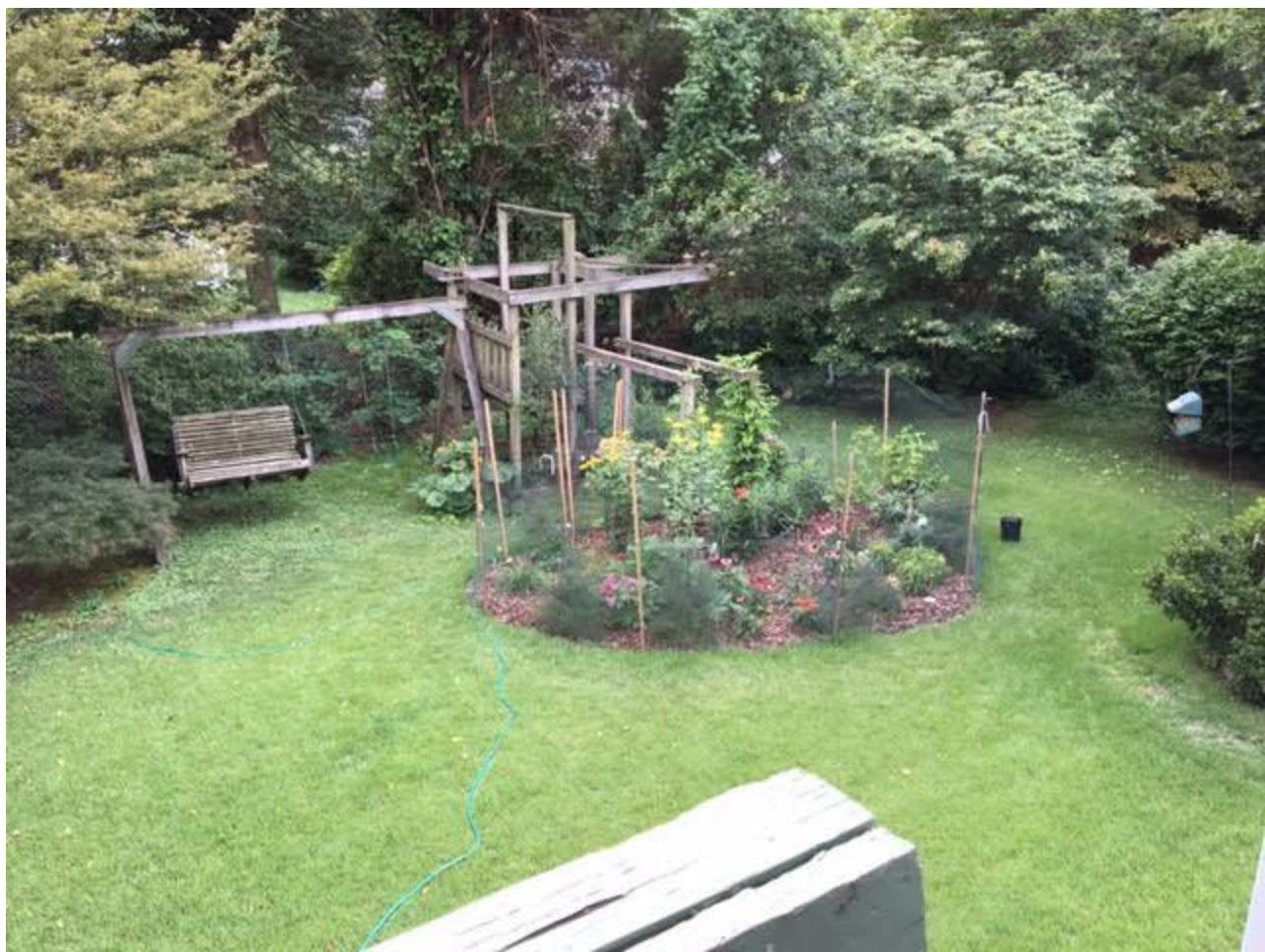
Hudson River Valley has some of the most beautiful natural places



# Flowers in my butterfly-bee-bird garden, first year









# Some reasons to plant native gardens

- 1. Maintenance – save time and \$\$\$
- 2. Conserve water
- 3. Prevent water and air pollution
- 4. Control pests without chemicals
- 5. Save pollinators from pesticides
- 6. Save water animals from pesticides and fertilizers.
- 7. Reduce noise pollution
- 8. Attract wildlife and give it food, shelter, nesting habitat
- 9. Reduce habitat loss
- 10. Refuel your innate connection with Nature
- 11. Other?

# Monarch on Milkweed (Asclepias), where it lays its eggs





# Swallowtail butterfly (mature)



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# Native tree - Sassafras leaves (mittens)





# Spicebush drupes



# Spicebush flowers





# Spicebush

(*Lindera benzoin*)



# Spicebush (mature)

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# Swallowtail butterfly larvae (feeds only on Spicebush and Sassafras)



# A standoff: who's scaring whom?





‘Wild’life that can live in the garden



## Some excellent native plants

- **(SHRUBS)**
- Spicebush
- Clethra alnifolia
- Solidago (goldenrod)
- Asclepias (for monarchs)
- Joe Pye Weed
- Aralia spinosa (attracts bluebirds)
- Winterberry
- Late bottlebrush buckeye
- Oakleaf hydrangea
- (continued)



## Some excellent native plants (cont.)

- **(TREES)**
- Prunus Serotina (native black cherry)
- Sweetbay magnolia
- Green hawthorn
- Amelanchier
- White fringetree
- Franklinia
- Smoketree
- OAKS!
- **(VINES)** Lonicera, Campsis radicans (hummingbirds)

# (Native) Oakleaf hydrangea – species form





# Muhly grass



# Equisetum 'living wall'





# Bottlebrush buckeye flowers



Native: *Cercis canadensis*  
(redbud)



# Landscape Principles

- 1. Right plant, right place
- 2. Intentional, unified; not piecemeal. Some repetition of plants
- 3. Variety of shape, sizes, textures, leaf and flower colors
- 4. Massing
- 5. Layering
- 6. 4-season interest: blooms, bark, berries, architecture
- 7. Sequential interest/color. Something standing out at any particular time.



“Natural,” but sedums aren’t native



# NAG at National Arboretum





# NAG: Non-natives looking native





# NAG: layering and massing





# NAG: mid-summer

Aster, Joe Pye weed, Sedum, River birch





# NAG: Limestone fountain on uncrowded hillside, early spring





# NAG: Massing made simple



**NAG:** Molinaria, Liriope, Hypericum calycinum (St. John's Wort), Russian sage, Astilbe, Pennisetum (Oriental fountain grass)





NAG: bordered walkway, late summer:  
Artemisia 'Silver Mound,' Hibiscus moscheutos, Yucca pendula,  
upright Calamagrostis and larger Miscanthus grasses





NAG: blurred edges, backlighting,  
Liatris, various grasses, & juniper



# Favorite perennials of the New American Garden

- *Aralia racemosa*
- *Coreopsis verticillata*
- Joe Pye Weed
- *Hibiscus moscheutos*
- *Liatris*
- *Lythrum* (not *invasive here*)
- Black-eyed Susan
- *Yucca filimentosa*
- *Deschampsia* (tufted hair grass)
- *Panicum* and *Miscanthus* grasses
- *Amelanchier* (large shrub or small tree)
- *Hypericum calycinum*

# Favorite Perennials of the New American Garden (continued)

- Artemisia '*Silver Mound*'
- Aster x frikartii
- Astilbe taquetii
- Caryopteris x clandonensis
- Daylily '*Stella d'Oro*'
- Hosta
- Hypericum (St. John's Wort – several sizes)
- Ligularia
- Lambs ears



# Containers can have impact



A deck corner has its own 'wildness' with containers & humming feeder (unseen)





# Exquisite annual hydrangea





A simple patio made colorful with just a few annuals in containers



# Old front stoop gets a facelift





Maple shaped leaves and nodding orange,  
old-fashioned flowers: a prairie look?



# A few additional favorites of mine

- Nandina domestica species form
- Mahonia bealii
- Perennial plumbago
- Perennial begonia
- **TREES** (*not exhaustive*) Franklinia, Hawthorne  
'Winter King,' River Birch, Sweetbay magnolia
- Hakone grass
- '*Nellie Stevens*' holly



# Achillea

(looks native to me!)



# Fall Japanese Maple colors

(not native but can't live without them)





Begonia grandis, Hakone grass,  
Japanese painted fern in SHADE



# Begonia grandis / lirioppe vignette





Perennial plumbago – fabulous  
groundcover w/red fall color too



# Peonies

(not native, but can't live without them!)





# Lily-of-the-valley

The heavenly fragrance goes with me to the bridge table



Oh--and the lilacs go to the table with me, too





# CRAPEMYRTLE '*Chickasaw*'

only grows to 1-3 feet high!



**Name:** 'Chickasaw'

**Flower Color:** light pinkish lavender

**Bark Color:** light gray

**Height:** 1'–3'

**Growth Habit:** miniature, compact shrub

**Species:** Hybrid

“Natural” or “native”





# Wildflowers – prairie effect



# More natural walkway Front of house!





# Natural woodland floor – but designed



If they spread into the lawn area their orderly garden would look even more natural





# BE CREATIVE! Boulder art



My dream: wildlife and whimsy  
in the same garden.

Put YOUR wild ideas in YOUR garden





# National Wildlife Foundation's “Certified Wildlife Habitat” Garden

- **Contains:**
- - sustainable habitat
- - water source(s)
- - nesting boxes
- - FOOD of various kinds, for various creatures
- - cover for wildlife to escape view
- - places to raise young
- - sustainable, natural planting & maintenance practices