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Gardening Symposium

Saturday, April 20, 2013
Ferguson Center for the Arts
Music & Theatre Hall

Presented by:
Christopher Newport University's
LifeLong Learning Society
and Grounds Department

Schedule of Events — Natural Gardening

3 Fabulous Keynote Speakers!

7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Plant sales

7:30-8:45 a.m. Registration

8:45 a.m. Welcome, announcements and door prizes

9-9:45 a.m. Plant Propagation — **Bob Goodhart**

10:15-11:15 a.m. Enjoying Ferns in Your
Landscape — **Jim Orband**

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Natural Companions
in the Garden — **Ken Druse**

12:30-1:30 p.m. Lunch

1:45-3 p.m. Afternoon workshops

Workshops

9-9:45 a.m.

#1 Plant Propagation

Plant propagation is the process of multiplying the numbers of a species, perpetuating a species or maintaining the youthfulness of a plant. During this overview presentation, learn about the process of creating new annual and perennial plants from a variety of sources such as seed, cuttings, layering and division while increasing your gardening enjoyment and success. An optional hands-on workshop (preregistration required) is offered after lunch.

Bob Goodhart is a lifelong gardener who has failed retirement three times. He retired from the Army with 25 years of service, his landscape business in 1996 and Christopher Newport as landscape adviser in 2007. He “sort of” retired in Lancaster, Penn., where he volunteers in a heritage seed program at the Landis Valley Farm Museum, manages several small gardens in the community, designs children’s gardens, conducts programs for public elementary schools and continues to give horticulture presentations.

10:15-11:15 a.m.

#2 Enjoying Ferns in Your Landscape

The Greater Hampton Roads area is a great location to grow ferns in your landscape. There are many native, non-native, evergreen, deciduous, short, tall, deep green ferns — all wonderful design features that contribute to a landscape. They can serve as focal points in the landscape as well as provide filler among other woody ornamentals. Learn how these versatile and handsome plants can be designed into your landscape for your enjoyment.

Jim Orband, Senior Extension Agent Emeritus, Virginia Cooperative Extension is a graduate of Virginia Tech with bachelor’s and master’s degrees in horticulture. He is a monthly guest on WHRO’s “hearsay” with Cathy Lewis.

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

#3 Natural Companions in the Garden

Discover perfect plant pairings using diverse species that look great together and bloom at the same time. Ken Druse will make suggestions on how to organize by theme within seasons while considering color, fragrance, foliage, grasses, edible flowers and much more.

Ken Druse is the author of many books including his latest, *Natural Companions: The Garden Lover’s Guide to Plant Combinations*; *The Natural Garden*; *The Natural Shade Garden*; *The Natural Habitat Garden*; *The Collector’s Garden*; *Making More Plants: The Science, Art and Joy of Propagation*, *The Passion for Gardening: Inspiration for a Lifetime*; and *Planthropology: The Myths, Mysteries and Miracles of My Garden Favorites*. In 2004 the Garden Club of America awarded Ken the Sarah Chapman Francis medal for lifetime literary achievement. He also hosts a weekly podcast, “Ken Druse Real Dirt” — available at kendruse.com.

1:45-3 p.m.

#4 Plant Propagation Basics

(preregistration required; limited to 35 participants)

Workshop attendees will take home seeds and plants they will plant.

List of tools and materials attendees should bring:

- Pen
- Notebook
- Gardening gloves
- Sharp pocket knife
- Trowel

Bob Goodhart

1:45-3 p.m.

#5 The Science of Gardening

Using demonstrations and laboratory experiments (just like in high school) Joel Bunn will show how knowing the science of gardening can make us better horticulturists. He will incorporate botany, earth science, entomology, mycology (fungus) and microbiology in ways that will increase your understanding of how nature works to produce prosperous and beautiful landscapes.

Joel Bunn worked for the USDA, Virginia Department of Forestry, Southern States Coop. and Colonial Williamsburg as the landscape IPM and arboriculture supervisor. He was the 4-H agent in York County, Va., before going back to school to earn a teaching certificate. He is presently teaching at Magna Vista High School in Henry County, Va.

