

GardenAtoZ.org Webinars, Season Two Schedule

Date**	#	Topic**		To view recording
5/1/21	59	Photography in the Garden	Pro horticultural photographer Steven Nikkila's simple steps for capturing your own garden on film. It's also an enchanting photo tour of beautiful gardens. Framing your shot, setting up "before and after" shots, planning a dramatic sequence to show seasonal or year-to-year differences, using light and shadow to your advantage, and correcting for less-than-perfect light or subject matter are all discussed.	This webinar's recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe to join us for all new webinars and for access to all webinars already recorded!
5/8/21	60	Choosing and Placing Plants in the Landscape	Tips to get you off and running in spring: How to select plants that will fulfill your dream, and ideas for placing them in the yard. There are tips in all plant categories: trees, shrubs, vines, groundcovers, perennials, annual flowers and veggies.	Recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe for access!
5/15/21	61	Focal Points: True gems in landscape or garden	Here's a chance to step back and look at your yard with fresh eyes. You may be surprised to learn that all you need there is focus, whether you already have a great collections or a clean slate. We show you where to draw attention in a yard or garden, why, and how.	Recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe for access!
5/22/21	62	Don't Know the Plant 'til You've Killed it: Learning from losses	Problems occur even in the best landscapes: Diseases infect, insects infest, hungry animals invade and environmental conditions from weather to parties can cause big changes in plant health or appearance. Take stock this spring and benefit from this crash course on plant-doctoring from the practical perspective of the professional gardener.	Recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe for access!
5/29/21	63	Making the Most of Fertilizers	Beautiful gardens begin at ground level with good, fertile soil - something you can have by understanding basics of soils and fertilizers. Learn your soil type, its good qualities and challenges and how soil type affects fertilizer use. Look at when to test the soil, how to use results and fertilizers wisely.	Recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe for access!

6/5/21	64	Bio-Logical Pest Management	Interested in greener ways to control insects, disease and other pests in a garden? Join us to learn about non-chemical approaches in agriculture and horticulture and how to adapt these tactics to a specific problems in your garden.	Recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe for access!
6/12/21	65	Growing from Cuttings	Every gardener has a favorite plant. Often, it's a unique, hard-to-find or even heirloom variety. Love to have more of it, but reluctant to dig and divide? Learn about growing plants from cuttings to make more of almost any perennial, houseplant, shrub or tree.	Recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe for access!
6/19/21	66	Vegetable Gardening: Pest patrol	A right-now look at what's bugging your edibles garden and what you can do about it.	Recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe for access!
6/26/21	67	Cut Flowers from Your Garden*	Want to bring more flowers indoors, enjoy them in a vase or give a bouquet to a friend? You can do it all! Here's how to gather and treat cut flowers to last.	Recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe for access!
7/3/21	68	Pruning: Spring bloomers	You've heard the rule, "if it blooms in spring, prune it right after bloom." That's now! How?! We cover what might need pruning now and how to proceed.	Recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe for access!
7/10/21	69	Pollinator-friendly Garden*	Bees and other pollinators are essential workers that need our help to pull out of a decline. Here's what to plant and the kinds of lay-out that attract and provide for pollinators and other beneficial insects. Special guest experts join us today: Paul Kozak, apiarist for the Province of Ontario, and Michele Armstrong, bee keeping mentor for the Southeast Michigan Beekeepers Association.	Recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe for access!

7/17/21	70	Primping Perennials*: Keep them younger, fuller, blooming on cue	What really counts in the mid-summer perennial garden are gardener's tricks for tweaking the plants. Join us to learn practical techniques that add up to a really long show: staking, deadheading, cutting back and other fine tuning that improves the plants' overall appearance while extending, delaying or coaxing bloom. Q&A segments today include guest expert Renata Reibitz, former Horticulturist of Michigan State University perennial Demonsrtaton Gardens.	Recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe for access!
7/24/21	71	Water Gardens: Diving deeper for summer fun*	Do you have a water garden or are you thinking of adding one? Here's how to get the very most of a water garden in summer. We're joined today by the water garden expert we hold above all others, Scott Bates, owner of pond-specialty nursery Grass Roots.	Recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe for access!
7/31/21	72	Design Tips: Using garden art	Sculpture, mobiles, bird baths, plaques and other non-plant items add spice to a garden. Whether it's a monumental work or an intimate detail, garden art is best when it's integrated within the overall design. Make the most of your own accent pieces with these tips for choosing, placing and caring for them.	Recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe for access!
8/7/21	73	Color Cures for the August Blahs*	Many gardens lack color in August. How to cure these "August Blahs?" Here are some practical solutions. With guest experts Pierre and Cheryl Bennerup of Sunny Border Nursery.	Recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe for access!
8/14/21	74	Pruning: Foundation Plants	Late summer is the best time to trim shrubs you like to keep small or tightly shaped. That's why we aimed this pruning tutorial at managing the shrubs and trees most often planted along a building foundation	Recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe for access!
8/21/21	75	Shade Part 3: More plants for shady gardens*	Shade stumps some gardeners but not us. There are so many great plants for shade that we can pick up here where Webinars 32 & 34 left off to show you more plants with no repeats.	Recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe for access!

8/28/21	76	Garden Artistry: Sketching from your garden*	Are you interested in capturing on paper the beauty you've created in your garden? Visual Arts Instructor Kerry Yaklin joins us to coach you in the basics of landscape drawing.	Recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe for access!
9/4/21	77	Pruning: Young trees and tree-like shrubs	A tree may be nurtured to become a majestic giant or it may be kept small. A shrub may be allowed to go its merry, natural way or be trained as a stand-in for a small tree. It's your choice, and this session covers the how-to.	Recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe for access!
9/11/21	78	Clay Soil: Challenge met!	Gardening on clay offers unique opportunities. It also takes special knowledge and techniques to realize the potential. We explain what clay has to offer, how to work it to reap the rewards without breaking your back, and what to plant in it so your garden will be the envy of all your sandy, loamy gardening friends.	Recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe for access!
9/18/21	79	Year-round Landscapes*	Making a landscape that's interesting all year round is partly a matter of what you plant and partly how you arrange the plantings. In this presentation we introduce you to some stellar plants for all seasons with suggestions for landscape arrangements that make the most of what those plants have to offer. We are joined today by Dr. Tony Reznicek, who in his career as curator of the University of Michigan herbarium and officer of the American Rock Garden Society has learned and grown enough fabulous plants to make every day of the garden year interesting.	Recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe for access!
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10/2/21	80	Fall Planting to Save Time and Money	Learn why plants and gardens started in fall out-perform spring plantings. Save time and money with these tips on soil preparation, plant selection and planting.	Recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe for access!
10/9/21	81	Usual Plants, Unusually Used*	Many gardeners expend much time and effort to find and grow unusual things. We can spare your wallet and your green thumb yet let you keep a position on that cutting-edge. We show you how to grow your common plants in unconventional ways.	Recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe for access!
10/16/21	82	Fabulous Fall Color	Fall color can be an eight week finale to the growing season and the highlight of a four-season landscape. Every northeastern North American and Great lakes landscape can have great color in fall and be the envy of people from other regions and continents. Here are ways to feature this color in your landscape and manage your plantings through the year for more and better color.	Recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe for access!
10/23/21	83	Construction Damage to the Landscape: Prevention and remedies	It's exciting to add a room, build a new garage, reconfigure a house, or change a driveway, walk or patio. You probably weren't counting on losing your trees and permanently disfiguring your landscape in the process, but that's often the result. Learn how to plan construction projects to identify what can be saved in a landscape, protect it and help it recover when the crews and equipment have gone.	Recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe for access!
10/30/21	84	Grasses in the Perennial Garden*	Ornamental grasses catch our eye, especially in fall. Which are good for your garden and your needs? Get to know great grasses for ornament, cutting, drying, feeding the birds, or replacing your lawn.	Recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe for access!

11/6/21	85	Trashing the Landscape: Beautiful recycling	You can incorporate recycled materials, found items and even yard waste as you create a top-notch landscape. Here are ideas involving everything from soil preparation to fencing, gates, paths, artwork, containers and the plants themselves. Put these ideas to work to make your landscape unique as well as more economical and environmentally friendly.	Recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe for access!
11/13/21	86	Holiday Decorations from Your Garden	How to create decorations for your door, table or hearth from evergreens, persistent stems and pods collected in your own garden. Along the way we'll provide conversation starters for your winter get-togethers - the folklore that underlies traditional holiday plants and greens.	Recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe for access!
11/20/21	87	Basic Indoor Gardening*	Recommendations for plants, pots, soils, lights, arrangements and care of species to engage the indoor gardener.	Recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe for access!
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12/4/21	88	Plants in the News	Are you tuned in to plants as you peruse the news? Here is an entertaining look at plants that made news this year.	Recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe for access!
12/11/21	89	Gardens in Literature*	English professor Dr. Sonja Nikkla takes the lead today to reveal, remind and regale us with the gardens that have colored literature through the ages.	Recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe for access!
12/18/21	90	Traveling Gardener, England	Tour some English gardens great and small.	Recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe for access!

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1/1/22		No webinar today		Recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe for access!
1/8/22	91	Visualizing Changes to a Garden or Landscape	It isn't lack of ideas that cause gardeners to put needed landscape and garden plans "on hold." Rather, it's a reluctance to commit when we are unsure how the change will play out on that stage we see out our windows. Here is our process for visualizing change, a way to see into the future of your garden or landscape.	Recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe for access!
1/15/22	92	52 Weeks of Color	Take a beautiful visual trip through the year, meeting the plants that shine in each week. Great ideas for what to add to your garden or landscape.	Recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe for access!
1/22/22	93	Beginning Green: Eco-conscious gardening	When we love to garden we grow to love the whole natural world. Today is all about environmentally friendly practices and materials for both the beginning gardener and for everyone, every spring. There are ideas here for eco-conscious approaches to bed prep, plant choices, planting and tending.	Recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe for access!
1/29/22	94	Pathways: Improving the garden journey	Paths are important bones of the landscape, drawing lines that can be beautiful, unifying and practical. Do your paths measure up? Here's how to lay out and furnish pathways in your landscape to take every eye, everyone and everything where it must go.	Recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe for access!

2/5/22	95	Fabulous Foliage*	We delight in dew-fresh, jewel-tone flowers but we should also note how pale they would be without rich foliage in blue, maroon, gold, white and every imaginable green. Here are ways to predict and capitalize on foliage in your landscape combinations for all four seasons.	Recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe for access!
2/12/22	96	Getting More Mileage from Your Garden, Chapter 2	Gardeners love their gardens but could they enjoy them more? We say yes, that there are always more layers of wonder and delight waiting for the gardener who digs a bit deeper with trowel, notebook, index and internet. Here is Chapter 2 of the folklore, science and magic we've unearthed from a garden. Note: Familiarity with Chapter One - on our youtube channel - is not a prerequisite to enjoying today's webinar.	Recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe for access!
2/19/22	97	Native and Natural Groundcovers	Covering ground is key to reducing work and making a landscape work for you. Plants that blanket the soil with color and texture can also smother weeds and complement shrubbery and trees to create beautiful scenery. The best plants to cover your ground are native or can naturalize on your property. Here is a comprehensive look at how to choose and use those groundcovers to best advantage.	Recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe for access!
2/26/22	98	Traveling Gardener, Smokey Mts	Travel with Steven through the glories of the Great Smokies.	Recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe for access!
3/5/22	99	Growing from Seed*	Locked in every seed is an exciting world, complete with life support systems for the fantastic creature that will come out of it. Learn about everything in a seed and the secrets to unlocking it. We are very pleased to have an expert co-host today, Karen Bovio, owner and grower at Specialty Growers.	Recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe for access!

3/12/22	100	Invasive Plants: The situation, the plants and you	Today we look into these questions: What is an invasive plant? Why are they a problem worthy of attention by the U.S. government, plant growers and grassroots movements all over the country? Which invasive plants should you be aware of in your region, and what can you do about them?	Recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe for access!
3/19/22		No webinar today		Recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe for access!
3/26/22	101	Pruning: Overgrown plants	Now is a perfect time to tackle overgrown plants. Lots of pruning guidance for everything from monstrous junipers to tangled topiary.	Recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe for access!
4/2/22	102	Getting the Garden Ready for Spring 2022	Once again we run through our garden start-up process but let your questions guide the flow. Bring your most pressing questions so we can help you in time for spring rush.	Recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe for access!
4/9/22	103	Naturalizing With Shrubs	Use the right shrubs and Nature can work for you to make a landscape easier to care for and more beautiful, year-round. Here is a guide to making the right choices and smartest placement of these long-lasting woody plants, with an introduction to dozens of possibilities.	Recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe for access!
4/16/22	104	Mixed Borders	A garden doesn't have to be restricted to annual or perennial flowers. It can consist of perennials, annuals, bulbs and trees and shrubs. Here's a look at how to design and tend a beautiful "mixed border"	Recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe for access!
4/23/22	105	Long Interest Perennials*	Recommending perennials that provide interesting flower, form, and foliage for longer than most species during a growing season. Includes cultural information for each to be sure it achieves its potential in your garden.	Recording will be stored in Subscribers' Private Library. Subscribe for access!

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How to Select
Plants

Plant Selection Master Steven Nikkila demonstrates the art of
choosing the best from any group of garden center plants.

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*With Guest Expert co-host

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