

# 'The Growing Connection'

Presents: The 'Grass Roots' Garden Speaker Series 2019

Sponsored by the Silver Springs Edible Garden Group &  
The Botanical Gardens of Silver Springs



## INFORMATIVE GARDENING-THEMED TALKS

Presented by Gardening Professionals within our City



**MARCH 20, 2019**

### 'It Takes a Village to Raise a Chive'

**Presenter: Chelsie Anderson**

Chelsie is the owner/operator of 'Chelsie's Garden Soil-utions' in Calgary. She is a regular contributor to CBC Radio's 'The Homestretch'.

Chelsie's talk will shine a light on the 4 groups of critters – decomposers, microbes, pollinators and predator bugs – that are truly responsible for growing the food in our gardens.

During this entertaining talk you will find out who does what and how you can employ them in your own garden.

**APRIL 10, 2019**

### 'Plant Guilding for the Urban Garden & Food Forest'

**Presenter: Carmen Lamoureux**

Owner & founder of Calgary's 'Urban Farm School'. Carmen is dedicated to helping emerging gardeners

Dynamic accumulators. Sentinels. Nitrogen-fixers. These characters are AWESOME! Each plays a part in supporting the growth & production of plants.

Together with other plants they create a bio-diverse polyculture called a 'guild'. We will explore how to create the plant guilds that work best for your site & our Calgary climate.

**MAY 15, 2019**

### 'Integrated Pest Management'

**Presenter: Michael G. Dallaire**

Michael is employed by the University of Calgary in a grounds-keeping position. He previously worked for Greengate Garden Centres.

Michael will speak about the six elements of the integrated pest management approach, with particular emphasis on prevention & treatment of common pests.

He will discuss how to select the right option for a particular situation. This will be an interactive presentation where you will have an opportunity to

**JUNE 19, 2019**

### 'The 'Right Way' to Prune Trees and Shrubs'

**Presenter: Jean-Mathieu Daoust**

Jean-Mathieu found his passion for plant life & arboriculture at a young age. He is a certified arborist with 'Tree Frog Tree Care' (Division of 'Bartlett Tree Experts').

A general overview on tree care from root to shoot, including management of young & mature trees.

Basic pruning, tree biology, watering, fertilizing, pest control, tree plants, species selection & placement will all be covered. There will be a hands-on outdoor portion to this talk, so dress accordingly.

**LOCATION:** Silver Springs Community Centre 5720 Silver Ridge Drive NW

Talks start at 7:00 pm | Tickets: \$15 at the door

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