

# Spring into the Garden

## An Exciting Day of Practical Gardening Ideas and Inspiration

### Tony Avent (keynote speaker)

#### Session 1—Landscaping in Drifts of One—Residential Design for Plant Collectors

#### Session 2—Perennials: What's New and Exciting, Overlooked

Tony Avent planted his first greenhouse at the age of 8. While at North Carolina State University, he studied with the great plantsman, J.C. Raulston, who reinforced his love for finding new plants. Tony's horticultural activities included curating the shade garden at the Raulston Arboretum from 1985 to 1994. He began Plant Delights Nursery in Raleigh, N.C., in 1988 and is renowned as a breeder and introducer of rare and exotic plants. He has turned his expertise to several plant types, including hostas, aroids, hellebores, cyclamen and epimediums. He has participated in more than 66 plant expeditions in the United States, Mexico, China, Korea, Argentina, Holland, Thailand, South Vietnam, Taiwan and Crete. Tony is a prolific author and speaker. Visit [www.plant-delights.com](http://www.plant-delights.com).

### Kerry Ann Mendez—Shade Gardening with an Emphasis on 'Cool and Outrageous' Foliage

Kerry Ann Mendez, owner of Perennially Yours in Ballston Spa, N.Y., is

a garden consultant, designer, writer, teacher and lecturer who focuses on time-saving gardening techniques, workhorse plants and organic practices. A "passionate perennialist," she enjoys mixing humor with practical information. Kerry Ann is the garden columnist for Life@Home magazine and author of "The Ultimate Flower Gardener's Top Ten Lists" (Lone Oak Press, 2010) and "Top Ten Lists for Beautiful Shade Gardens" (Troy Book Makers, 2011). In 2010, she participated in a press event hosted by Adrian Bloom, owner of Blooms of Bressingham nursery in England. Visit [www.pyours.com](http://www.pyours.com).

### Nan Sinton—Romancing the Site (finding the hidden gardens in your own backyard)

Nan Sinton of South Dartmouth, Mass., is a landscape designer, horticultural educator and garden travel consultant who plans and leads garden tours worldwide for the Landscape Institute at the Boston Architectural College. She is president of the landscape design firm Sinton & Michener Associates and designs gardens throughout the United States and Europe. A former director of programs for Harvard University's Arnold Arboretum and outreach director for Horticulture

**Date:** Saturday, Feb. 4, 2012

**Location:** Portland High/Middle School, 95 High St.  
Portland, CT 06480

**Fee:** \$65 per CHS member,  
postmarked before Dec. 15  
\$75 per nonmember,  
postmarked before Dec. 15  
After Dec. 15, add \$5 per ticket

#### Program and Times

Registration check-in  
8:15 – 8:55 a.m.

Lunch  
1:00 – 2:25 p.m.

Speakers  
9:00 a.m. – 3:20 p.m.

Garden vendors  
8:15 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

magazine, Nan has been honored with a gold medal by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society for her work in horticultural education. 🌿

*Between sessions, visit garden vendors and ask Connecticut Master Gardeners your questions. Garden-related materials, including books written by the speakers, will be available for purchase. Your registration fee includes a bistro lunch and coffee breaks.*

## Yes! I want to Spring into the Garden Saturday, Feb. 4, 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please list additional attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

A confirmation with directions will be mailed. Your registration fee includes attendance at this one-day symposium, bistro lunch, coffee breaks and access to garden vendors.

**Fee:** CHS member  
\_\_\_\_\_ x \$65 (before Dec. 15)  
\_\_\_\_\_ x \$70 (after Dec. 15)

Nonmember  
\_\_\_\_\_ x \$75 (before Dec. 15)  
\_\_\_\_\_ x \$80 (after Dec. 15)

**Total \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch Choice

Ham  Turkey

Tuna Salad  Vegetarian

**Return your registration form and check payable to CHS to:**

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Registrations must be received by Jan. 26, 2012