



League Friday
Forums

League of Women Voters of Needham Friday Forum Environmentally Friendly Lawn Alternatives

Friday, September 15, 2017

9:15 a.m. Refreshments

9:30 a.m. Presentation

Needham Public Library

According to NASA, in the United States more surface area is covered by lawn than by any other single irrigated crop. Lawns require irrigation, fertilizer, and pesticides to thrive in our climate.

- What are alternatives to traditional lawns?
- How can you make your yard both beautiful and environmentally friendly?
- How do you create and maintain a yard with native plantings?

Speaker



Mark Richardson is New England Wild Flower Society's Botanic Garden Director, overseeing the Society's Garden in the Woods and its native plant nursery operation, Nasami Farm. Mark studied ornamental horticulture at University of Rhode Island while helping to run a mid-sized ornamental plant nursery before finding his true passion in public horticulture. He led undergraduate programs at Longwood Gardens, where he overhauled the curriculum of the Professional Gardener Program, and oversaw adult education at Brookside Gardens. He holds a master's degree from the University of Delaware's Longwood Graduate Program.

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A question and answer period will follow.
The event is free and open to the public.