



# School Gardens: Beyond Education

## Mass Hort's Third Annual School Gardens Conference

February 23, 2017 · 9 am - 4 pm · The Gardens at Elm Bank  
900 Washington Street, Wellesley, MA 02482

**Register Online Today!**

8:30-9:00 Registration, networking and morning refreshments provided by Starbucks

9:00-9:15 Introductory Comments: Mass Hort President, Katherine Macdonald and Director of Education, John Forti

9:15-10:00 Keynote Address: Garden-Based Learning: What Difference Does It Make?  
Jane Hirsch, Founder and Executive Director of CitySprouts  
& Author, *Ripe for Change: Garden-Based Learning in Schools*

10:10-11:00 Breakout Sessions:



Creating Outdoor Learning Spaces for Diverse Learners  
Victoria Hackett, Founder of OutdoorClassrooms.com

Reaching Out to Form a School Garden Community  
Melissa Pace, Garden Educator and Mentor

Writing in the Garden: Using the School Garden as a Springboard for Non-fiction Writing  
Judith Sumner, Botanist, Author and School Garden Mentor

11:10-12:00 Breakout Sessions:

Art, Math, Science & Native Pollinators!  
Shay Chess and Jack Leng, CitySprouts Garden Coordinators

Cultivating Relationships for Successful Gardens  
Val Snowdon, Education Program Manager at Mill City Grows

Perennial Herbs and Vegetables for Four Seasons & Five Senses  
John Forti, Director of Horticulture and Education at Mass Hort

Tricks of the Trade: Garden Education 2.0  
Hope Guardenier, Executive Director of School Sprouts Educational Gardens



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12:00-1:00	Lunch provided by Chipotle Mexican Grill
1:00-1:30	Garden Ecology Deep Dive: Pollinators, Nectar Plants, Honey Production & Bee Preservation Noah Wilson-Rich, Chief Scientific Officer of Best Bees Company & Author, <i>The Bee: A Natural History</i>
1:40-2:30	Breakout Sessions:  Building the Classroom Garden Sonja Johanson and Gretel Anspach, Massachusetts Master Gardener Association  Creating Therapeutic Teaching Gardens for Contemplation and Peaceful Retreat Hannah Traggis, Seed to Table Educator at Mass Hort  Tapping the Potential of Place-Based Education: Maple Sugaring on Your Site and in the Community Christine Schell, Coordinator of School Programs at Natick Community Organic Farm  Teaching Seeing: Decoding Ecological Questioning Through Visual Literacy Kate Egnaczak, Interdisciplinary Artist and Educator
2:40-3:30	Breakout Sessions:  Composting 101 Jim Tiberii, Member of The Green Team  Teaching Sustainability and Social Justice in a School Garden Jon Belber, Education Director, and Janice McPhillips, Outreach Coordinator at Holly Hill Farm  Therapy in the Garden Lorraine Lee, Counselor and Mass Federation of Garden Clubs' Horticultural Therapy Committee
	3:40-4:00      Closing Remarks: Mass Hort Education Staff



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**Register at [www.MassHort.org](http://www.MassHort.org)**

Member Registration: \$45  
(Mass Hort & Co-sponsoring Groups)  
Non-Member Registration: \$60  
Students: \$25 (call 617-933-4973)  
*Cost of registration includes lunch*

**Space is limited, please register early!**

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*Blizzard Date: February 24*