Demand for native meadows, particularly as an alternative to lawn, is increasing dramatically. That said, few planting types are more misunderstood, with many failures resulting from inadequate planning and the use of poorly adapted plants. Far better results can be obtained when the plants and processes used reflect the ecological character of our naturally occurring meadow communities. More than one-year wonders, meadows modeled on these ecosystems can provide long-term, easily managed landscapes that harbor a myriad of wildlife and provide color and texture throughout the year.

This in-person, all-day program will include indoor & outdoor components. Landscape Designer Larry Weaner will discuss the design, implementation, and management of native meadows. Landscape Designer Jenna Webster will explore important yet often lesser-known aspects of wildlife-sensitive meadow design and management methods, with an emphasis on birds and pollinators that rely on native meadow vegetation.

October 5th, 2021
9:00 AM - 4:30 PM ET
(including instructional time and breaks)
Breakfast & lunch included
Check-in and breakfast begin at 8:30 AM

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While meadows are in high demand, effective protocols for designing and implementing them are in short supply. This session will delve into the nitty gritty of meadow design: site analysis, species selection, seed mix formulation, live plant inclusion, planting and management. The inclusion of shrub thickets and drifts will also be covered, including the arrangement of clonal vs. clump forming species, and the use of shrublands as ecological and visual “connective tissue” between meadow and woods.

SESSION 1 | ECOLOGICAL PRINCIPLES IN MEADOW DESIGN
Larry Weaner, FAPLD

SESSION 2A | FIELD VISIT: OBSERVATION & EXPLORATION
Larry Weaner, FAPLD

Through an exploration of the Teatown Lake Reservation landscape, this session will examine how the principles presented in the introductory presentation play out in various types of meadows. Sessions 2A and 2B will occur simultaneously, with half of the attendees taking this session for an hour, and then switching with the other half to take the Wildlife session for an hour.

SESSION 2B | WILDLIFE IN THE NATIVE MEADOW: DESIGN & MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS
Jenna Webster

Native meadows provide forage, shelter, and cover for a range of wildlife, including insects, birds, and mammals. This session will explore some common wildlife considerations for designed meadows in the northeast, from attracting beautiful butterflies and birds to concerns about white-tailed deer and ticks. Management strategies that enhance habitat for beneficial wildlife will be discussed, including minimizing impacts of mowing, leaving stem stubble for stem-nesting insects, and other practices.

SESSION 3 | MEADOWS ON THE GARDEN SCALE
Larry Weaner, FAPLD

Meadow-like plantings need not be consigned exclusively to large open spaces like pastures, abandoned fields, and mowed turf areas. In this session Larry will illustrate how the meadow establishment techniques described in the earlier sessions can be altered to create refined meadow gardens on the small scale. Alterations to plant selection and arrangement, planting procedures, and management techniques will be covered.

1 hour
Larry Weaner, FALPD, president and founder of Larry Weaner Landscape Associates, established New Directions in the American Landscape in 1990. He is nationally recognized for combining expertise in horticulture, landscape design, and ecological restoration. His design and restoration work spans more than twenty US states and the UK and has been profiled in national publications, including The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, Landscape Architecture Magazine, Garden Design, American Gardener, Wildflower Magazine, and ASLA’s The Dirt blog. Larry has presented at American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) annual meetings and state chapter meetings, Association of Professional Landscape Designers (APLD) events, and many others. His book Garden Revolution: How Our Landscapes Can Be a Source of Environmental Change (2016) received an American Horticultural Society Book Award in 2017.

Jenna Webster joined Larry Weaner Landscape Associates (LWLA) in 2009. She holds a master’s degree from the Conway School, a graduate program in sustainable landscape planning and design as well as a B.A. and M.Ed. from Harvard University. She previously worked for Natural Landscapes Nursery and land preservation agencies in southeast Pennsylvania. Since joining LWLA, she has been involved with master plans for residential projects small and large as well as meadow and habitat plans for public parks. She also co-curates the annual conference series through LWLA’s affiliate New Directions in the American Landscape and is an instructor in the Mt. Cuba Center Certificate Program. She serves on the board of the Crow’s Nest Research Center and the Conway School.

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