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"Alternative" Lawns **(Three Professionally-Hosted Tours)**

Saturday, June 12, 2010 - 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Four Residential Properties in Newton, MA

\$15.00 ELA or Green Decade Member

\$20 Non-Member



Are you looking for alternatives to traditional, monoculture lawns that require a lot of water, chemicals, and time? There are many alternatives to a resource-intensive, chemically-maintained lawn. Visit four beautiful and successful properties in Newton to see alternatives that include organic lawns, meadow gardens, and edible landscapes. Each location that you visit will have a professional on-site to discuss the project design, maintenance, answer your questions, and help you to understand the options that you have this season to move to more sustainable and organic practices. All of the sites will be open during the entire tour, so you can choose how much time to spend at each location.

Perennial & Meadow Gardens

Elaine Bresnick is a technology entrepreneur. A few years ago her gardens, which she called "the final frontier," were rescued from over 25 years of neglect by Risa Edelstein, a local landscape designer, who designed and installed the lovely, indigenous and drought tolerant organic plantings which thrive there today. The design was inspired by Elaine's neighbor, Virginia Inglis, who adopted the notion of no lawn, years before. Virginia's backyard garden, terraced with billows of grasses and perennials, is a wildlife sanctuary in the middle of Newton. Risa will be on hand to guide you through these gardens and answer your questions.



Edible Garden

Ted Chapman, another local landscape designer, is opening his own property for this unique opportunity to tour a successful example of an edible landscape. Sustainability and energy efficiency are hallmarks of this property. Using a permaculture model, Ted began designing this edible landscape in 1983. The mature plantings are both beautiful and productive and are a testament to sustainable maintenance practices. Ted's property also features a 1983 passive solar retrofit of an 1880 working class Victorian home.

Organic Lawn

This private property will demonstrate a successful organic lawn installation that has been managed sustainably for a few years. Frank Koll, an organic lawn care professional, will be on hand to answer your questions about organic fertilizers, compost tea, watering, and organic lawn care.

Registrations are limited - [Use This Link to Register Online Now.](#)

For more information: ela.info@comcast.net or (617) 436-5838

CEUs are being sought for this presentation.

Eco-Tour Guides:

Risa Edelstein is a landscape designer, lecturer, and graduate of the Landscape Institute of the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University. She is a certified Massachusetts Arborist and an accredited NOFA organic land care professional. She is on the Board of Directors of the Ecological Landscaping Association and is passionate about helping people understand how easy it is to create sustainable and eco-friendly yards.

Frank Koll is a NOFA accredited organic land care professional and the owner of *GreenScapes Lawn & Garden Services*; a company focusing on organic land care and water conservation. As an EPA WaterSense Partner (based on certifications as a Landscape Irrigation Auditor and Irrigation System Installation and Maintenance Professional), Frank provides clients with detailed recommendations on efficiencies and /or retrofits to systems for achieving savings in cost and resources.

Ted Chapman is a NOFA Accredited landscape designer with a landscape design certificate from the Arnold Arboretum Landscape Institute. Ted is also a longtime organic farmer and practitioner of homeopathic medicine. Ted created the Master Plan for Newton Community Farm (NCF), a nonprofit group dedicated to preserving the last operating farm in Newton as an historic and culturally valuable landscape. The farm produces organic crops and provides a demonstration and educational model for sustainable land use and energy practices. Ted has served on the NCF Board since 2005.

