



Design Magic for a Family Farm

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3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Bent Stone Farm, Sudbury, MA

\$20.00 ELA Member or \$25 Non-Member

Join host, Laura Kuhn, on this unique glimpse of a 32 acre private property transformation from horse farm to gourmet vegetable production – in a beautifully landscaped setting.

Located in a picturesque New England setting, this tour features a major repurposing of a 200+ year old property from horse farm back to its 20th-century agricultural roots (updated to gourmet vegetable farming for the high-end Boston restaurants). This project included removal of paddocks and extensive soil management; barn renovation and expansion; greenhouse installation; new orchard and vineyard; as well as updates to many of the utility systems. The project involved both infrastructure as well as artistic design elements and necessitated a careful balance to ensure success as both a business and residence. The property straddles a flood plain and there are three buffer zones and a nearby vernal pool which posed additional design challenges. Reuse of materials was a priority including large stone slabs that became steps and landings throughout the property and hundreds of weathered paddock cedar posts and rails which were later used in the orchard and as fencing.

The property's sense of place as a historic farm in a rural setting served as a constant guide during design. Maintaining the bucolic views while providing adequate privacy was accomplished in part by the installation of large ornamental gardens outside the patio. Wide meandering paths are sized appropriately for the large property and provide access as well as a sense of mystery as they curve just out of sight. The design includes a mixture of both native and non-native plants and includes many large drifts reminiscent of farm gardens from a century ago.

Registrations are limited - Register Online Now.
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Laura Kuhn is a self-taught designer, who brought her experiences in theatre arts and choreography to the design of outdoor spaces in 1997. After an initial stint in the nursery business, she started her own business, Laura Kuhn Design Consultation (LKDC) in 2000. LKDC creates custom artistic and wild spaces for private clients in the New England region and beyond. Laura's certifications include MCH, MCLP and AOLCP. She currently serves as Advocacy Chair for the Association of Professional Landscape Designers (APLD). <http://www.onebirch.com/>



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