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Wellesley College: The Making of an Edible Forest Guides: David Jacke and Keith Zaltzberg

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Wellesley College Students Free \$20.00 ELA Member and Friends of Wellesley College Botanic Garden \$25 Non-Member Registration

On the slope below the Whitin Observatory, Wellesley College Botanic Garden (WCBG) has created a cutting-edge exploration in ecology and botany: the Edible Ecosystems Teaching (EET) Garden. Developed by ecological landscape designers David Jacke and Keith Zaltzberg alongside a dedicated group of Wellesley College students, staff and faculty, the garden is intended to be a productive human-created ecosystem which mimics natural forest structure and function. The Edible Forest Garden is expected to provide diverse yields of fruits, nuts, berries, greens and other foods, as well as a wildlife habitat and research opportunities, while minimizing maintenance and other inputs.

Join "Edible Forest Gardens" author Dave Jacke and co-designer, Keith Zaltzberg for a tour of the Edible Ecosystem Teaching Garden at Wellesley College followed by a lecture on the design, installation, and management plan. As part of this tour and talk, David and Keith will discuss forest garden theory, design, and practice. Now in the second growing season, they will also explain the progress that has been made and challenges faced thus far in the gardens.

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Dave Jacke, Dynamics Ecological Design, has been a student of ecology and design since the 1970s, and has run his own ecological design firm since 1984. He holds a B.A. in Environmental Studies from Simon's Rock College and a M.A. in Landscape Design from the Conway School of Landscape Design. He is the author of the two-volume book, *Edible Forest Gardens*, the definitive reference text in this new area of horticulture. Dave's grandmother,'09, mother,'47, and sister, '74, are all Wellesley graduates.

Keith Zaltzberg is a certified Permaculture Designer, holds a B.S. in Environmental Design from the Department of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning at UMass-Amherst, and is a founding partner of the Regenerative Design Group. Since 2002, he has dedicated his deep interest in applied ecology to exploring patterns in landscape use that can both rebuild ecosystem resilience and meet people's needs today. At the Conway School of Landscape Design, he teaches Master's candidates to apply digital tools such as GIS, CAD, and graphic design software to environmental design



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