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At the Root: Understanding and Managing Healthy Soils

Saturday, September 29th

Peter Schmidt, and Dawn Pettinelli

Garden in the Woods, Framingham, MA

\$75.00 ELA / NEWFS Member or \$90 Non-Member
(8:30 AM – 3:30 PM – Lunch Included)

Healthy soil is the basis of healthy plant communities – join us for this in-depth, full-day workshop to learn how to manage healthy soil.

Dawn Pettinelli will present information to help you understand the chemical, physical, and structural aspects of soil and will explain variations in compost, organic matter, and soil amendments and how to successfully use them. The workshop will discuss both conventional and organic soil management methods. Dawn will also explain the various types of soil testing available and explain how to understand and make the best use of the tests.

The Garden in the Woods has been conducting experiments with compost tea applications. Dawn will discuss the results of these experiments and will discuss the uses of compost tea in soil management.

Peter Schmidt will delve into more depth of soil biology, discussing the soil food web and compost tea. Peter's presentation will include microscope work and additional soil demonstration in the Garden.

Registrations are limited - Use This Link to Register Online Now.

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

Peter Schmidt is a certified arborist, Certified Soil Foodweb Advisor and founding partner of Compostwerks LLC. Peter has 26 years in the horticulture, composting, agriculture and organics industries. He holds an Urban Forestry degree from UMass, Stockbridge School of Agriculture and has spent the balance of his career in arboricultural consulting. Peter's company provides education, consulting, sales training and support to businesses who wish to apply compost tea for their clients. The company's educational focus is to assist ecologically minded-growers, transitioning green industry professionals and those interested in composting operations.

Dawn Pettinelli is an Extension Instructor in the Department of Plant Science at UConn where she manages the Home and Garden Education Center and the Soil Nutrient Analysis Laboratory. Both facilities provide information, testing and advice to homeowners and commercial clientele. Formerly the Master Gardener Coordinator for Worcester County Cooperative Extension in Massachusetts, Dawn has been a lifelong gardener, and was a horticulturist at Old Sturbridge Village. As a writer and educator, Dawn's articles have appeared in many publications and she has appeared on many television programs including the Martha Stewart Show.

CEUs are being sought for this presentation.

