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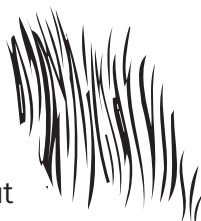
## OUR APRIL SPEAKER: SHANNON HATHAWAY

Shannon Hathaway is an avid gardener in central North Carolina. She was the founder of Green Heron Landscaping which she owned and operated for 12 years, winning



many local awards, and helping clients create their Personal Edens. She is now a Sales Consultant and Landscape Designer for Super Sod in Cary, NC. Shannon will be talking to the Gardeners of Wake

County about the Environmental Benefits of Warm Season Grasses. We will learn about Bermuda, Zoysia and Centipede lawns – how they save you time and money, while reducing impact on the environment. She will discuss proper installa-



tion methods as well. Shannon's Personal Eden is on a third of an acre in Cary, NC. She grows everything from Japanese Maples to Edgeworthia to hops. She also writes a blog titled *Personal Edens: For the Love of Gardening*, at <http://personaledens.com/about/>. Her most recent blog post was about a visit to the home garden of Helen Yoest. She writes:

*Gardeners love visiting the Personal Edens of other gardeners. They provide insight into the style of the gardener, as well as*



Yost Garden House

*the whims and impulses that make each of us unique.*

*A couple of weeks ago, I was fortunate to be invited to visit the Personal Eden of one of*  
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## CLUB MEETINGS

Meetings are at 7:30pm at the JC Raulston Arboretum every 3rd Tuesday. The next meeting will be April 19th and will feature Shannon Hathaway.

## AZALEA SALE

The Annual Azalea Sale is the main fund raiser for the Gardeners of Wake County. Proceeds from the sale are used for scholarships for NCSU Horticulture students. It will be taking place this month at Campbell Road Nursery, 2500 Campbell Rd, Raleigh, NC. The 3,000 + AZALEA SALE plants will be delivered starting at 8 AM Monday April 11th, continuing at 11 AM for a second, & 2 PM for



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## MORE SPRING EVENTS!

Last month we included a variety of local plant sales and lectures in the Clodhopper. There are so many more events on the Triangle Gardener website (<http://www.trianglegardener.com>) which has recently been updated! Here are a few more unique ones:



### AQUATIC PLANTS FOR WATER GARDENS

**April 25, 10am – 12noon**

Gardening Adventures with Extension Master Gardener Volunteers

Extension Master Gardeners and the JC Raulston Arboretum. Marilyn Grolitzer, Wake County Extension Master Gardener. Fee, pre-register. 919-513-7005. JC Raulston Arboretum, Raleigh. [jcr.unc.edu](http://jcr.unc.edu).

### HORTON GROVE: TRIANGLE LAND CONSERVANCY

**April 28, 6:30pm – 8:30pm**

At just over 708 acres, Horton Grove is the Triangle Land Conservancy's largest preserve. Once part of Stagville Plantation, Horton Grove now contains 5 miles of streams, 8 miles of trails and an amazing range of habitats and ecologies. We will arrive at Horton



Grove in the evening to enjoy the sunset and twilight in an evocative landscape. Ken Moore, former assistant director of North Carolina Botanical Garden, will show you a rare, fairly undisturbed grove of

Piedmont Forest and restored prairies. Fee. Pre-register. 919-668-1707 or [gardenseducation@duke.edu](mailto:gardenseducation@duke.edu). Sarah P. Duke Gardens, Durham. [gardens.duke.edu](http://gardens.duke.edu).

## BEE BETTER, WITH HELEN YOEST

*Editor's Note: This is the overview of a new non-profit called "Bee Better" that Helen Yoest is working to establish with a Go Fund Me page (<https://www.gofundme.com/pyt2cc9g>). Given her noteworthy reputation as a local garden writer, and our clubs interest in bees and pollinators, I thought it would be of general interest. So it is included here, unsolicited.*

I'm nervous, yet super excited to share with you that I'm starting a non-profit called, Bee Better. The legal papers have been filed! ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTABLE!!

As you may know, I'm a wildlife gardener focusing on birds, bees, and butterflies. I'm a sustainable, organic, waterwise, and edible gardener, mainly growing fruits, in Raleigh, NC. Bee Better ... Building a Better Backyard for Bees, Birds, and Butterflies will help spread the word about what YOU can do to Bee Better.



Bee Better is looking for start-up costs to move forward. To raise money throughout the year, we plan to host an annual pollinator garden tours AND beehive tours. We also hope to grow with an annual Bee Better seminar. I have lots of experience running tours, events, symposiums, and workshops. If I can get this started, I believe GREAT things will come our way.

Bee Better's mission is to build awareness on what people can do to be better, to be bird better, and be butterfly better. The first step is to begin a new Bee Better blog writing weekly about backyard bee,

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*Raleigh's most well-known garden writers, Helen Yoest. Helen calls her garden "Helen's Haven", and what an apt description. Not only is it a haven for Helen, her family and friends, but for birds, bees, chickens and other wildlife fortunate enough to enter. On a small city lot, she has created a living, breathing, blooming and buzzing environment, with just enough structure balanced with just enough exuberance. Art is everywhere – some in prominent spaces and some in hidden nooks. And honey bee hives are*

*supplemented by bee boxes for mason bees and other pollinators. Outbuildings (oh how I love outbuildings!) provide shelter for chickens and people, and her small greenhouse is just perfect! I made the rounds three or more times, and saw something new on each pass. (And I must admit, I may be stealing an idea or 3 or 4 ...)*

*Helen's new non-profit project is a Go Fund Me called Bee Better and I hope to have my Personal Eden on the Bee Better Fall Pollinator Garden Tour. Stay tuned ...*

bird, and butterfly habitats. Bee Better's focus is on educating. To learn that by doing little things BIG things can happen.

I'm hopeful you will have the faith in me to make this happen.

Here start-up costs I anticipate:

Website	\$800 – \$2,000
Domain name	\$ 70
Incorporation	\$ 1,200
Literature	\$ 500

Most appreciative,  
Helen Yoest

### **Azalea Sale** – continued from Page 1

the last Monday delivery. More deliveries on Tuesday April 12th! Volunteers can choose to work all day or any part of the day. Please email your scheduled volunteer work time to Will Farmer (Donnanwill@aol.com), or call 602-421-0126, or sign up on the website. Will & Donna are providing COFFEE at 7:30 AM & LUNCH of Soup/Salad/Sandwiches at Lunch Break



### **ASSIST CUSTOMERS ON DAYS OF THE SALE:**

Azaleas will be sold from Friday April 15th through Monday, April 25th. The sale will be from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM daily except for Sundays which will be 1:00 to 5:00 PM. Volunteers are needed to help customers select Azaleas and load them into their cars. Use the website to sign up to help on one or more days of the sale.



Change Service Requested

## **7TH ANNUAL HERBFEST**

**May 7, 9am – 3pm**



Guests will have an opportunity to stroll through craft and herb booths that will be selling items related to gardening, herbs,

native plants, perennials, nature and cooking. Other highlights will include the must-see live butterfly releases; the silent auction

featuring herbs and garden-related items; kid activities; touring the Anne B. Kratzer Educational Herb Garden, including a close-up look at the historic 1850's Page smokehouse, and celebrate the new Pollinator Garden at the Page Walker, a National Wildlife Federation Certified Wildlife Habitat that features native plants. Food will be available for sale at local food trucks, which is a new addition to the festival this year. Page-Walker Arts & History Center, Cary. [friendsofpagewalker.org](http://friendsofpagewalker.org).