

Respecting Your Elders: Planting Shrubs, Groundcovers and Perennials Underneath Established Trees

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Description of Presentation

The best techniques and plants to use when planting underneath established and mature trees will be discussed. These shrubs, groundcovers and herbaceous perennials will need to be drought and partial to full shade tolerant. The indoor portion will cover the best plants and problems to avoid when planting under trees. The outdoor session will demonstrate how to get rid of grass properly and install the plants without harming the root system of these established trees.

Speaker Bios

Mike Wendt

* Arboricultural Consultant, WendtScapes, LLC

*Retired Arboriculture and Landscape Horticulture Instructor at Milwaukee Area Technical College. For 25 years, taught tree identification, cultivars and culture, specializing in underutilized trees, and taught all aspects of arboriculture, including landscape maintenance.

*Board Certified Master Arborist (Certified since 1988.)

*Arborist/horticulturalist for 44 years

*Active member of Wisconsin Arborist Association

Dr. Laura Jull is an Associate Professor and State Extension Specialist for woody ornamentals at the University of Wisconsin-Madison since 1998. She has been in the Green Industry for almost 40 years working in various areas from landscape maintenance and installation to education. She currently teaches ornamental horticulture courses at UW-Madison.