

## **BFS Annual Meeting Report, 2014 Programs**

Thus far, the 2014 BFS programs have been successful, with attendance averaging twenty four. The season opened with a lavender workshop presented by Lorie Costigan of Glendarragh Lavender Farm in Appleton, Maine. The event was popular both for the information on growing lavender, and for the opportunity to purchase Maine-grown lavender plants.

Bruce Connery, Acadia National Park biologist, gave a very informative talk on bats, and the problem of their decline across Eastern North America and in particular, in Maine. He was impressed with the bat house attached to the barn at Garland Farm, and has offered to come back some time to check it out.

The Nature Sketching and Botanical Illustration class by Carrie Graham, botanical and nature artist, had very positive comments, with suggestions to offer a watercolor painting class next year in the Garland Farm gardens.

Upcoming speakers and programs are:

Andrew Doran, this year's annual meeting speaker, is Assistant Director of Collections at the University Jepson Herbaria, University of California, Berkeley. He will speak on the recently acquired Charterhouse School Herbarium. Now named GOD (after the English town Godalming), this historic collection holds English specimens dating as far back as the 1780s.

Lynden B. Miller, a noted public garden designer in New York City, will speak of the influence Beatrix Farrand had on her career.

Marta McDowell is a teacher of landscape and horticulture at the New York Botanical Garden, and is the author of "Beatrix Potter's Gardening Life". She will speak on "Another Independent Woman Named Beatrix".

"Mosses for Your Garden" will be presented by Dr. Alison Dibble, a plant scientist at the University of Maine, Orono. She will share tips on growing mosses in your garden and other places where they might grow.

The season finale will be a film "Women in the Dirt: Landscape Architects Shaping Our World", presented by Abby Parker, horticulturalist at the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Garden. Popcorn will be served!

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