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FROM NOW UNTIL SPRING, BE INSPIRED BY ECO-GARDENING EXPERTS

Stratford Public Library is pleased to be hosting the Stratford and Area Master Gardener's series, Creating Nature Inspired Gardens, starting in February and running through to May. This series is part of the ReLeaf Stratford project, by which Stratford & Area Master Gardeners and their partners hope to plant 2022 native shrubs and trees in Stratford.

Starting on February 10th and continuing on the 2nd Tuesday of the month until May 12th, attendees to this virtual series will be able to hear these experts and topics:

- Dr. Stefan Weber | From Seed to Seed: Conserving and Restoring Native Trees
- Sean James | Layered Designs for Natural Gardens
- Cathy Kavassalis | Small Trees for Small Spaces
- Dr. Victoria MacPhail | Native Plants for Pollinators

Robyn Godfrey, Outreach and Collections Librarian says, "Nancy Burnett of Stratford & Area Master Gardeners approached us with this idea to celebrate the year of the garden, and we are happy to facilitate the series for them. It's proving to be very popular - we have barely begun to advertise and the response has been large enough to require an upgrade to our Zoom account!"

Master Gardener Nancy Burnett adds, "These speakers bring an abundance of knowledge and experience about native plants. It's a great opportunity to learn how each of us can bring nature to our backyards and contribute to a healthy ecosystem."

Garden enthusiasts can find more details and register by visiting the Library's website at splibrary.ca/natureinspiredgardens. Registration will be open until the Friday before each session. Those who are unable to attend the virtual events can enjoy the presentations for the two weeks following on the Library's YouTube channel.

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If you would like more information about this topic, please contact Robyn Godfrey, Outreach and Collections Librarian at 519-271-0220 x132 or rgodfrey@stratford.ca.

