

Introducing the Spring Fest Presenters

Jennifer Stackhouse

Highly respected by gardeners around Australia, Jennifer is a popular speaker, author and writer. Jennifer is the garden writer for TasWeekend in The Mercury and edits the influential trade journal Greenworld. She also writes for several leading garden magazines and websites, and regularly answers garden questions on ABC radio. Her latest book is simply titled Garden. It recently received a prestigious Laurel Award for Best Garden Book for 2014.

Sessions:

Saturday

11:15/ **Birds and the bees; the Secrets of Pollination:** In the Perennial Border

1:55/ **Plants that changed the world:** In the Community garden and surrounds

Sunday

10:30/ **Growing with plants:** Jennifer and Marcus in the Perennial Border

2:05/ **Creatures of the undergrowth: Living with the bugs in your garden:** In the Community garden and surrounds



Sally Wise

A best-selling author of more than eleven books, including A Year in a Bottle and Slow Cooker. Owner/operator Sally Wise Cooking School. She is a regular guest on ABC Local Radio in Tasmania for a Jams and Preserves talkback segment. She has been a presenter at events such as Melbourne Food and Wine festival, Gardening Australia Expos, Open Gardens Australia and many community functions.

She is passionate about seasonal produce and creating exciting flavours in additive-free food from natural, readily available ingredients.

Session:

Sunday

1:00 till 2:00 / **A Year in a Bottle: A really special fresh food treat;** in the Fuchsia House



Paul Healy

Paul Healy is a writer, broadcaster, and organic grower and farmer widely recognised across Australia for his ever passionate approach to Sustainable Smallholding and Family Food Gardening. A pioneer breeder of the heirloom, open forage Huon Blue and Partridge Barnevelder fowl within Tasmania, Paul is the well known voice of Sustainable Smallholding Talkback on ABC local radio, while his books on sustainable poultry keeping and his weekly "Good Earth" column, in the Saturday Hobart Mercury, have enjoyed a wide readership across many decades of quality writing.

Sessions:

Saturday

10:30/ **The Total Poultry Garden:** How six hens can create six tonnes of compost in just one single year in your scratch yard!: in the Community Garden

Sunday

11:10/ **The Total Poultry Garden:** How six hens can create six tonnes of compost in just one single year in your scratch yard!: in the Community Garden



Introducing the Gardens speakers

Karen Wagner

Owner and creative designer of Karen Wagner garden design based in Hobart, Tasmania. Designing garden spaces using thoughtful and sustainable principles, Karen's desire is to inspire clients and create gardens for everyone to enjoy and live well in & underpins the essential spirit of Karen Wagner Garden Design.

Mixing traditional and contemporary thoughts, strong classic structural elements, sustainable philosophy, ease of care and great living are the cornerstones of Karen's design philosophy.

Sessions:

Saturday

1:55/ **Designing Gardens: Professional Secrets:** in the Education POD

Sunday

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Marcus Ragus

A highly experienced and respected horticulturist as well as an engaging presenter. His vast practical knowledge of horticulture and a passion for plants is truly infectious!

Throughout his comprehensive 38 year career in the horticultural and education industries he has worked in many varied areas. Marcus has also been a horticulture teacher within the vocational and technical college sector in NSW and Tasmania for more than 30 years. He is a highly experienced senior manager and has successfully managed numerous, often ground breaking programs in horticulture and education. Currently Manager of Learning and Community Engagement with The Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens in Hobart Tasmania.

Sessions:

Saturday

12:00/ **Xeriscaping your garden: Gardening to suit the climate and your wallet!** WaterSense special: In the Xerophyte garden near the Subantarctic House

1:00/ **The Art of Mulch: More than just mulch, it's the secret of gardening success;** WaterSense special: In the Round House Garden near the Education POD

Sunday

10:30/ **Growing with plants:** Jennifer and Marcus in the Perennial Border

12:00/ **The secrets of growing plants in pots: Simply the best and most practical advice for growing in containers!** A WaterSense special: at the Round house garden



Yoav Daniel Bar-Ness

Ecologist and the editor of Tasmanian Geographic. Over the last fifteen years, he has had the opportunity to work in the treetops of some of the world's superlative forests, and is constantly interested in new ways to share their complex mysteries.

Sessions:

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2:40/ **Significant Trees Experience: Learn how to read the life stories of the Gardens oldest trees:** Meet for the walk at the entrance to the Visitors Centre

Sunday

2:45/ **Significant Trees Experience: Learn how to read the life stories of the Gardens oldest trees:** Meet for the walk at the entrance to the Visitors Centre

