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Save the Date!

**Working with Nature for
Sustainable, Beautiful
Gardens**

June 9-10, 2012



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A Two-Day Symposium Featuring

- **Douglas W. Tallamy, Author of *Bringing Nature Home***
- **Holly Shimizu, Executive Director, U.S. Botanic Garden**

Presented by Virginia Cooperative Extension and Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia

Day 1: Keynote presentation by Dr. Tallamy on how native plants can beautify our gardens while serving as central food sources for the insects, birds and butterflies that are essential to a healthy local ecosystem. Holly Shimizu will describe the Landscape for Life™ program, an eco-friendly approach to gardening from the U.S. Botanic Garden that can provide a wealth of health and environmental benefits. The day also includes break-out sessions with local experts on elements of the *Landscape for Life™ program*. To be held at Fairlington Community Center (address above).

Day 2: Participants will tour the VCE/MGNV Demonstration Gardens in Arlington and Alexandria to see the elements of the Landscape for Life™ program in action.

Registration fee (includes a box lunch): \$40 for early registration; \$50 starting on April 1.

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