

# ENGAGING, DELIGHTFUL, KNOWLEDGEABLE, FUNNY

These are just a few words used to describe Jo Ellen Meyers Sharp. As "The Hoosier Gardener," Jo Ellen travels the United States, presenting a diverse array of topics to experienced and novice gardeners, new homeowners, and curious individuals. She is longtime, self-identified hort-a-holic known for her practical, down-to-earth advice and humorous delivery. "My eyes are too big for my yard," she says. "You just can't ever have enough plants."



the **HOOSIER**  
Gardener

*Jo Ellen's presentation was enjoyable and quite informative. She has a quick wit, a sense of reality vs. "fluff," obviously loves nature and a very enjoyable presentation style. Absolutely fun to be around.*

~John Herbst,

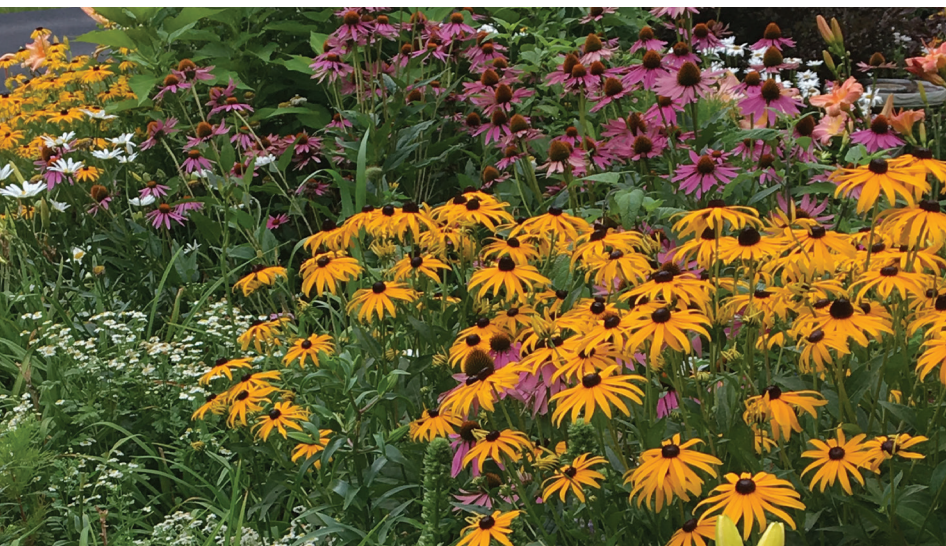
Former President of the Indiana Historical Society

## HOT TAKES FROM THE AUDIENCE

- "Jo Ellen knows her plants and that expertise shows in every presentation."
- "No matter how many times I hear her speak, she never disappoints."
- "A fun, reliably good speaker for any group."
- "Knowledgeable about all things green and growing and has a great sense of humor."
- "Have never left one of her presentations without new ideas to try out at home."
- "Engages her audience and keeps them happy."



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# POPULAR PROGRAMS

Whether you're hosting a room full of longtime gardening enthusiasts, newbie homeowners, curious millennials, or environmental activists, Jo Ellen offers a program that will engage, inform, delight, and empower the audience. Handouts & a PowerPoint presentation are included with each talk. Here are the top hits. (For more topics and custom programs, email [JoEllen@hoosiergardener.com](mailto:JoEllen@hoosiergardener.com).)

*All talks are one hour unless noted.*

## Plant Picks

### ANNUALS: A LOT OF COLOR FOR THE COIN

Annuals live life in the fast lane, putting on a one season show. Ah, but what a show it is! Learn about how to grow some of the best annuals available today.

### COMEBACK KIDS: PERENNIALS & WOODYIES FOR CONTAINERS AND THE LANDSCAPE

There are tons of great & underused perennials and small woody plants for the landscape that can be planted once and enjoyed over and over. Learn about their attributes, uses, and care.

### FABULOUS FOLIAGE

Lead with leaves! Flowers fade, but foliage provides long-lasting landscape color. Learn about foliage-forward plants, including annuals, tropicals, bulbs, perennials, shrubs, and trees.

### SPRING BULBS AND COMPANIONS

Welcome spring with these popular and lesser-known spring bulbs and the perennials that make good companion plants.

### WOODY PLANTS WORTHY OF SMALL SPACES

No space? No problem! Learn about trees and shrubs that pack a big punch through multi-seasonal interest, long-bloom cycles, or other key attributes.

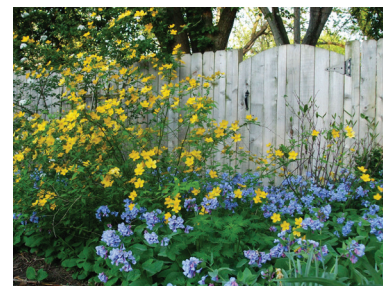
### WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE

Invite the wild things into your landscape so they can pollinate plants, eat bugs, and add beauty. Learn which plants provide food and shelter for butterflies, birds, and other wildlife.



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~Beth Botts, Chicago, IL



## Design De-Mystified

### THUGS & WIMPS

Not every plant deserves pride of place in the garden. Which plants will take over if allowed and which underperform and what should you grow instead?

### CONTAINER GARDENING

Unleash your imagination with creative ideas for container gardens, including top plant picks, how-to instructions, and interesting ideas for containers.

### EDIBLE LANDSCAPING

A savory, tasteful look at some of the ways to grow edible plants in the landscape for their food and beauty.

### LOW MAINTENANCE LANDSCAPE

Tips and techniques for reducing maintenance in the landscape, including design elements, soils, plants, and other factors.

### SUSTAINABLE LIVING AT HOME AND WORK (1 OR 2 HOUR OPTIONS)

Tips, ideas and ways to save money and live green in the home and the landscape, including easy-care, beautiful plants.

## Get Growing!

### VEGETABLE GARDENING 101 AND 102 (1 HOUR EACH)

Nothing's better than a homegrown tomato or a fresh cucumber, and Jo Ellen makes sure that workshop attendees leave ready to start growing and enjoying their own edibles.

101 — Getting Started      102 — What to Grow

### LAWN AND GARDEN BASICS FOR NEW HOMEOWNERS (2 HOURS)

New home —now what? The lawn isn't going to cut itself. This overview of basic landscape care is perfect for first time homeowners and homeowners looking to give their landscapes a little love. Lawn care, shrub maintenance, and flower planting & maintenance included.

## Less is More

### RIGHT-SIZE GARDENING: GROWING WITH LIFE'S CHANGES

Making the most out of a smaller space, whether a patio, balcony, or other temporary garden area.