

You Are Invited to a Fund Raiser

for **BEDROCK GARDENS, Lee, NH**

Two Seminars with **DOUG TALLAMY** Award Winning Author & Ecologist



Doug Tallamy has an impressive background in ecology. He is a Post-Doctoral fellow in Entomology, M.S. and Ph.D. in Entomology, and B.S. in Biology. He is Professor in the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware, is actively doing research, has published a wide variety of papers and is the author of *"Bringing Nature Home"*, and co-author of *"The Living Landscape"*.

Saturday, September 30th, 2:30 PM

Atlantic Design Center (in the Eldredge Lumber Building), 627 US Route One, York, ME

Are "Alien" Plants "Bad"?

The expense of fighting alien plant invasions and the unpopularity of restricting the sale of ornamental invasives have motivated several public figures to question the wisdom of continuing to battle invasive plants. After all, they argue, if an alien plant helps a particular butterfly, bird, or bee, why not embrace it? Using data from several studies, Tallamy answers this and related questions, showing that we can determine the overall impact of alien plants on our ecosystems only by comparing what is gained from their use with what is lost when they replace native plant communities. Introduced plants are not the ecological equivalents of the native plants they displace because they do not support the diverse and stable food webs that run our ecosystems. Exchanging plants that support all of our animal diversity for plants that support only a few species is ecologically indefensible.

Sunday, October 1st, 1:00 PM

Thompson Center of Applied Sciences at University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH

Making Insects: A Guide to Restoring the Little Things That Run the World

Insect populations have declined 45% globally since 1974. The most alarming part of this statistic is that we don't seem to care, despite the fact that a world without insects is a world without humans! So how do we build landscapes that support the pollinators, herbivores, detritivores, predators and parasitoids that run the ecosystems we depend on? Tallamy will remind us of the many essential roles insects play, and describe the simple changes we must make in our landscapes and our attitudes to keep insects on the ground, in the air and yes, on our plants.

Please do not miss this opportunity to hear two most engaging presentations with an opportunity to learn how we ourselves can be part of improving our eco system and environment.

For **September 30th** please make reservations by email to mclaesson@eldredgelumber.com or call 207-363-3004 - A Free Will Donation will be appreciated.



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For **October 1** please make reservations directly with Bedrock Gardens, Lee, NH, at www.bedrockgardens.org. Tickets are best ordered in advance. Please see information on mentioned website.