

Speaker Profiles

Mark Dwyer has been the Director of Horticulture at Rotary Botanical Gardens (Janesville, WI) for the past 18 years. Mark manages the continued maintenance, improvement and development of this 20 acre garden along with hundreds of dedicated volunteers and a talented grounds staff. Mark is a member of many plant societies and organizations and enjoys both presenting and writing about a wide range of horticultural topics.

Mark previously worked as a horticulturist at Fernwood Botanical Garden & Nature Preserve in Niles, MI and was a landscape designer in Appleton, Wisconsin for many years. Mark's true passion is obtaining, growing, observing and photographing all types of plants. He continues to do landscape design both at work and independently and enjoys exploring endless plant combinations and the benefits they provide for people, wildlife and the environment.

Bradley Tompkins works at the Vermont Department of Health where he is the lead epidemiologist for foodborne, vector-borne and zoonotic disease surveillance and response. He enjoys gardening, but he is not very good at it. His house is surrounded by sandy soil that is full of grubs.

VJ Comai is native Vermonter, V.J. grew up with a deep appreciation and passion for the natural environment in the town of Readsboro at the southern end of the state. His love for the outdoors and his home state led him to the University of Vermont where he earned a BS in Community Forestry and Horticulture. Throughout his career, V.J. has been actively involved with the Vermont Nursery and Landscape Association, most recently serving as the association's president. Since 2008, he has been a member of the Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Council serving as an advisory board to the Vermont urban and community forestry program. V.J. is a Certified Arborist through the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) and is Tree Risk Assessment Qualified. His commitment to quality tree care and to maintaining the highest standards for professionalism in the industry led him to his position as an arborist representative with F.A. Bartlett Tree Experts.

Tim Schmalz has been the VT State Plant Pathologist since October, 2005. Prior to becoming plant pathologist, Tim worked in environmental and groundwater protection as a private consultant in VT, VA, NJ and PA. His educational background includes a BA in Geology from Colgate University, an MS (in-progress) in Forest Pathology and a GIS from UVM. His Master's research focuses on statistical and spatial patterns of butternut canker disease in VT.



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Summer Meeting and Trade Show

August 24, 2016
Attendee Registration



**Join us at
Rocky Dale Gardens**

**806 Rocky Dale Road
Bristol, Vermont 05453**

8:00 - 9:00 am - Trade Show Registration

8:00 - 10:30 am - VCH Exam

**9:00 - 10:00 am - Keynote
Address w/Mark Dwyer**

**"New & Exciting Plants and
Displays"**

With so many newer introductions out in the marketplace, it can be daunting to keep up with the most meritorious of those selections. As our "potential planting palettes" increase, knowing these new annuals and perennials helps keep our clients and customers happy. Rotary Botanical Gardens (Janesville, WI) has been trialing for many years and displays over 3,000 varieties of perennials as well as 900 varieties of annuals each year. See some of the exciting new plants and design ideas that will inspire gardening excitement (and sales!) today and in the future.



10:00 - 10:30 am - Visit with Vendors/Trade Show

10:30 am-11:45 - Mark Dwyer -

**"Innovative Management & Development of the
Rotary Botanical Gardens"**

Coordinating the maintenance of a 20 acre, non-profit botanical garden can be a challenge with a limited budget and a vast volunteer force. However, when management goals also include the continued improvement and development of this same space to appear different each year and accomplish educational initiatives, the innovative uses of a shoestring budget along with donations and well organized work force are paramount. We will discuss how to minimize expenses while maximizing the use of a small budget based on many years of addressing these traditional hurdles.

12:00 - 1:00 pm - Lunch

1:00 - 1:15 - Special Membership Meeting

1:15 - 2:00 pm - Green Works Live Auction - Please donate a plant, book, tool, or item of your choice for the live auction! Proceeds from the auction fund horticulture-related education awards the Association grants each year. These students are the future of our industry. Bring your wallet!

2:00 - 2:30 pm Visit with Vendors/Trade Show

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

2:30 - 3:30 pm "The Facts About Tickborne Diseases in Vermont" w/ Bradley Tompkins, VT Department of Health. Bradley's presentation will focus on useful facts that will help Vermonters have a clear understanding about tickborne diseases in Vermont. The focus will be on which tickborne diseases are present in the state, who is most at risk for contracting a tickborne disease and when the risk for illness is greatest. We will also discuss strategies that can be used to protect against tickborne diseases.

OR

2:30 - 3:30 pm Grand Tour of Rocky Dale Gardens. Join Ed Burke and staff on a tour of the Garden Center, retail spaces and display gardens as they share the ins and outs of operating Rocky Dale Gardens.

3:30 - 4:30 pm. - "Pest & Disease Hands-on Review" w/VJ Comai, Bartlett Tree Experts and Tim Schmaltz, VT State Pathologist. - Join Tim Schmaltz from the Vermont Department of Agriculture and V.J. Comai from Bartlett Tree Experts for a review of pest and diseases that you are likely to encounter on your client's properties. Learn proper identification and cultural, biological and chemical options for managing these problems. Samples of many of these problems will be available for a close up look. Stumped by something that you have seen in a client's landscape? Bring along a sample to share in this interactive hands-on session. **Earns one (1) pesticide credit.**

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QTY	REGISTRATION	PRICE	TOTAL
	Member Registration	\$45	
	Non-Member Registration	\$55	
	Additional Registration (each)	\$35	
	Student	Free	
	Lunch	\$20	
	VCH Exam-Member	\$10	
	VCH Exam Non-Member	\$25	
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	Total		

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