# 2024 Newfields Fall Horticulture Forum Speaker

## Edward Lyon
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Ed Lyon is a retired professional horticulturist and gardener with 25 years experience in the public garden field. He most recently served as Director of Reiman Gardens, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa. He was formally Director, Allen Centennial Gardens, Madison, Wisconsin.  His public garden career includes serving as Symposia & Special Programs Coordinator for Chicago Botanic Garden, Director of Education for Olbrich Botanical Gardens and Executive Director for the Rotary Botanical Gardens.



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Through Spellbound Garden Writing & Consultation, he's written a book called "Growing the Midwest Garden" for Timber Press, released May 2015, the "Ask the Expert" column for Wisconsin Gardening magazine as well as features and regular regional reports on southern Wisconsin for Chicagoland Gardening and State-by-State Gardening. He continues to write for Fine Gardening and occasionally other national magazines. He also developed on-line multi-class tutorials on garden design for Garden Gate Magazine (AIM Publications) and on shade gardening for Fine Gardening magazine.



Most importantly, he is an avid gardener familiar with dirt under his fingernails.

## Presenting *From Bringing Nature Home to The New Wild: A Balanced Perspective on Gardening in the Future*



*Our ecosystems will collapse if we don't garden with all natives. The species that conservationists fear most are precisely the ones that nature needs most.* Two contradictory statements, which is right? These are perhaps the most challenging times for gardeners in history. Conventional narrative is that climate change may be leading the world toward what some term as the earth's sixth great mass extinction. We all want to garden with ecological responsibility but where does advocacy become activism and what are the truths behind the controversy and hype? More than ever, we need open minds and accurate science-based education; Ed Lyon will delve deeply into some of those issues in this presentation.