



The Art of
**Vegetable
Gardening**

A Symposium

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Sakonnet Garden is pleased to present **The Art of Vegetable Gardening** as part of our “best of gardening” lecture series.

This year, we welcome three renowned gardeners and bloggers— **Aaron Bertelsen**, **Margaret Roach** and **Matt Mattus**—who will share their individual perspectives on the art of vegetable gardening.

The symposium begins at the Little Compton Commons for our three speakers’ illustrated lectures that will explore different aspects of contemporary vegetable gardening. In the afternoon, the second part of the program will move to Sakonnet Garden for a continuing demonstration in the vegetable garden and discussions with the speakers. You will also enjoy a tour of Sakonnet Garden in summer with John and Mikel and seeing the unique herbaceous plants from Opus Nursery which will be available for purchase.

**Join us Saturday 26 July
for a day of vegetable fun!**

Please read on for details and reservation information.



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About the Speakers



Aaron Bertelsen developed an early interest in vegetable gardening as a child in New Zealand. In 1996 he travelled to England to “work with the masters” in the famous gardens of Great Dixter, then obtained a Diploma in Horticulture at the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, then became Curator of the Australasian section at Jerusalem Botanic Garden. Today, Aaron has returned to Great Dixter where he manages the vegetable garden (dixtervegetablegarden.wordpress.com) and helps organize study days and symposia. He will be presenting “The Kitchen Garden — a New Experience.”



Margaret Roach has journalism in her veins. She calls herself “head gardener” at her awaytogarden.com, one of “how to” horticulture’s most renowned blogs. Her own inspired organic gardening in upstate NY is also reflected in her multiple books. *The Backyard Parables, Lessons on Gardening and Life* arrived in 2013. *A Way to Garden* was named “Best Book of the Year” by the Garden Writers of America. Journalism has taken Margaret through a spectrum of prior experiences at the *New York Times*, *Newsday*, and Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia where she began as garden editor and ended launching the website and digital media. She left the city and “success” for “a life lived much more quietly and close to nature.” She will talk on preserving, practical growing and “the hidden politics and science behind vegetable seeds” — why local seeds are so important.



Matt Mattus gardens in ‘the snow belt’ of central Massachusetts on century old family land and works at Hasbro as an imbedded innovator on a futurist team. His botanist side enjoys the stimulating challenge of perfectly mastering a wide range of plants, including hard-to-grow vegetables, rare greenhouse plants and unusual bulbs. All is documented weekly on Matt’s award-winning blog growingwithplants.com. His experience and passion for design and aesthetics extends deep into the garden, from design to ‘sourcing the best place to buy attractive plant labels, amazing hand thrown pots and copper watering cans’. Matt and his partner Joe Philip try to grow almost everything organically and will be talking about remaking the vegetable garden, from revisiting 19th century lost methods to how a contemporary rock star chef might plant for the kitchen.

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Symposium Agenda **Saturday 26 July** *rain or shine*

Part 1: Lectures

Wilbur and McMahon School
20 Commons, Little Compton, RI 02837
Please park on Meeting House Lane Lot

8:30 CHECK-IN and COFFEE

9:15 **Welcome and Introduction**
Mikel Folcarelli and John Gwynne

9:30 **Aaron Bertelsen**
The Kitchen Garden—A New Experience

10:45 COFFEE BREAK

11:15 **Margaret Roach**
Preserving, Practical Growing and Local Seeds

12:30 LOCAVORE LUNCH (*provided*)

1:45 **Matt Mattus**
Remaking the Vegetable Garden

Part 2: Sakonnet Garden—Symposium Continues 510 West Main Road (*Please park on West Main Road*)

3:15 **Demonstrations in the Vegetable Garden**
Turn the soil. Opportunity to meet and chat with the speakers about techniques and new thinking.

Explorations in Sakonnet Garden in Summer
Enjoy wandering the garden with Mikel Folcarelli and John Gwynne

Plant Sale—Opus Nursery
Ed Bowen's wonderful perennials will be available for purchase.

To register...



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RESERVATIONS

To reserve your space for the Symposium please fill out the form below and send it along with a check made payable to **Sakonnet Garden on West Main Road, LLC** to:

Sakonnet Garden on West Main Road
PO Box 202
Little Compton, RI 02837

Yes! I want to attend:

Saturday 26 July Symposium

Including lectures, lunch, garden visit and plant sale

_____ # of tickets x \$125 _____ total

Provide an email (or mailing) address with your check so we can confirm your participation and send additional directions to the lectures and Sakonnet Garden. Our confirmation will guarantee admission.

There will be no hard tickets issued.

Name _____

Email _____

Address _____



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