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Announcing Additional Open Garden

Helen Yoest's garden

Saturday afternoon, April 16th

3412 Yelverton Circle, Raleigh, NC 27612.

Helen Yoest's garden is a non-profit teaching garden, Bee Better Naturally, for all to learn from and enjoy. Our mission is to educate homeowners, community leaders, and developers on the importance of sustainable, organic, and water-wise garden design, focusing on the specific plants to sustain the lifecycle of migrating and resident birds, bees, and butterflies.

There are many definitions of sustainable gardening. I've summed up sustainable gardening as a garden that sustains itself and the life within! By that, I mean doing less, so much less, that it can take away the stress and much of the labor, bringing back the joy of gardening and bettering the environment.

Sustainable gardening is a concept of using gardening practices that cause no harm to the Earth and its inhabitants while working to enhance it. To me, sustainable gardening is to have all the aspects of sustaining life. For example, having a butterfly garden is not enough to have pretty flowers. For a butterfly garden to be fully sustainable, plants must support all aspects of the butterfly's life cycle. That means providing host plants, specific plants where butterflies need to lay their eggs. So yes, you will have holes in your leaves; that's the goal!

There will be a small plant sale www.beebetternaturally.com Part of the proceeds will also help NARGS.

Helen



Stachyurus praecox, Spiketail. Blooming now in Helen's garden.