

LWCNP CONFERENCE 2025

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

On March 8, 2025, the Landscaping with Colorado Native Plants Conference will offer a full day of educational programming promoting the cultivation and maintenance of native plants in the landscape.

THIS YEAR'S KEYNOTE AND THEME

Our keynote speaker will be Jennifer Jewell, author and host of the national award-winning weekly public radio program and podcast Cultivating Place: Conversations on Natural History and the Human Impulse to Garden. This conference will reach around 600 attendees, including home gardeners, students, horticulturists, growers, parks departments and land managers.

The Landscaping with Colorado Native Plants Conference planning committee is now accepting session proposals for the 2025 event. The conference theme is Beyond the Box - Growing a culture of native plant landscaping. Preference will be made towards sessions that encourage growth of the native plant movement to new and diverse audiences.

WHAT WE ARE SEEKING:

If you have expertise with designing, growing or maintaining native landscapes and would like to be considered as a Conference speaker, please submit your ideas through our Google Form. The Conference team is looking for engaging speakers that offer information and inspiration that attendees can put into practice. Please feel free to share this Call for Presentations to other native plant enthusiasts within your network.

The conference is comprised of 2 tracks: New to Natives and Knows the Natives. New to Natives presentations are geared to a general audience who are just getting started with native landscapes. Knows the Natives sessions should presume a strong background in species knowledge as well as experience with managing native landscapes. All sessions are 50 minutes long, including Q&A. Sessions may include video, panel discussions, demonstrations and presentations. For examples of previous programs, please visit the conference website. **Proposals are due July 17 by 5 pm.**

The planning committee will review and score all proposals and notify selected speakers by August 9. Priority will be given to proposals from members of underrepresented groups and to those who have not previously presented at the Landscaping with Colorado Native Plants Conference.

Speakers invited to present at the 2025 Conference will receive a small stipend and complimentary Conference registration.

The Landscaping with Colorado Native Plants Conference is brought to you by a coalition of partner organizations:
Butterfly Pavilion, Colorado State University Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture, Colorado State
University Extension, Colorado Native Plant Master Program®, Colorado Native Plant Society, Denver Botanic Gardens,
Wild Ones Front Range Chapter, High Plains Environmental Center and Susan J Tweit, author.



PROPOSALS

APPLY HERE

All proposals need to include:

- Presenter contact information and bio
- · Presentation title
- Abstract Summary of what the presentation will cover
- Three learning objectives What do you expect attendees to learn from your presentation?
- Audience New to Natives or Knows the Natives
- Format Presentation, panel or demonstration



For questions about this Call for Proposals and about the Landscaping with Colorado Native Plants Conference, please email lwcnpconference@gmail.com.

The Landscaping with Colorado Native Plants Conference promotes the inclusion of native plants in our landscaping to benefit pollinators and songbirds, save water, and restore the beauty and health of nature in the places we live, work and play.

While we recommend the use of straight species and local ecotypes wherever possible, we support the use of varieties and cultivars of native species as long as their breeding doesn't interfere with their ability to function in nature and maintain key relationships with pollinators and other lives.