

# EcoBeneficial Gardening 101: Boosting the Ecosystem In Your Own Yard With Kim Eierman, *Environmental Horticulturist* Saturday, June 4, 2016 10am



HOBAS is on a quest to create wildlife friendly communities! And the best way to start is in your garden. But even the most beautiful gardens are not always healthy ecosystems. Your yard is more than a combination of trees, shrubs and perennials – it's complex system where all living things are connected. Gardening with an ecosystem approach contributes to species diversity, attracting and supporting more birds, butterflies, pollinators, and beneficial insects. Kim Eierman explains how the design choices you make, the plants you select, and the maintenance practices you use can make a huge difference in creating a beautiful, healthy ecosystem, filled with life.

**Kim Eierman** is the Founder of EcoBeneficial!, a horticulture consulting and communications company, dedicated to improving our environment by promoting ecological landscaping and the use of native plants. Kim is a Certified Horticulturist with the American Society for Horticultural Science and earned a certificate in Horticulture from the New York Botanical Garden. She teaches at the New York Botanical Garden, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, and Rutgers Home Gardeners School. Kim is also an Adjunct Professor at Westchester Community College's "Go Native U" administered by the Native Plant Center. Kim is an active speaker on many ecological gardening topics, presenting to green industry conferences, garden clubs, nature centers, Audubon Society chapters, beekeepers, and other organizations interested in environmental improvements. Kim also provides horticultural consulting to homeowners and commercial clients. In addition to being an Environmental Horticulturist, Kim is a Master Gardener, a Master Naturalist, an Accredited Organic Landcare Professional and a Steering Committee member of The Native Plant Center. In her prior life, Kim worked on Wall Street.



**Location: Christ Church Parish Hall, Oyster Bay**

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