

Please come to the **NEUHSA Program On April 26th, 2016**

*Herb, Knot, and Cottage Gardens*

With **Kelly Orzel** of Bowery Beach Farm

10:00. A.M. in the Putnam Building , Elm Bank, Wellesley, MA

Scented Pelargoniums and Unusual Herbs for sale

RSVP to [dovefleur@comcast.net](mailto:dovefleur@comcast.net)- by April 19th- bring your own lunch

Growing herbs is a right of passage for most gardeners. Many already know how-to grow and harvest these essential plants for our kitchens and homes which are often squeezed into our already overflowing vegetable and flower beds without much thought to its design. In this lecture we'll discuss various herb garden designs ranging from tradition plans to more unique and specialized arrangements including knot gardens. Planting suggestions and instructions on how to achieve these geometric patterns will be explained. Then we'll talk about how to grow and use a few of my favorite rare and uncommon herbs including lovage, salad burnet and pelargoniums. And finally we'll examine various styles, plants and design tips for a cottage garden that integrates herbs.

Bio:

Kelly Orzel is a horticulturist, Master Gardener and grower of green things. When she began working at a local nursery at 15, she fell in love with plants and dirt. Now with more than 20 years of experience and a MS degree in Horticulture, Kelly's affection for plants and flowers has manifested itself with the opening of Bowery Beach Farm in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. As a sustainable, organic farmer she grows and sells scented geraniums, culinary herbs and fresh cut dahlias among other things. A grower at heart, Kelly has a wide selection of unique plants on the farm; drawn to the old-fashioned and heirloom varieties for their delicate and delicious scents, colors and beauty that is missing in many of the flowers found today. Kelly lectures throughout New England and the Mid-Atlantic region and works as a freelance writer and photographer for garden magazines and newspapers including Hobby Farms and Wildflower. She has also appeared on local television hawking the virtues of gardening. And in Spring of 2017 her first published book on the Organic Kitchen Gardening will be released as part of a new book line launch by Lyons Press.