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Phipps and Penn State Extension Bite into Edible Landscaping

Summer Short Course brings nation's leading experts to teach local gardeners.

Pittsburgh, Pa. — On Thurs., July 14, [Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens](#) and [Penn State Extension](#) will present Summer Short Course: The Edible Landscape, featuring nationally renowned gardening expert [Dr. Lee Reich](#) as part of Phipps' dynamic [adult education program](#). Ideal for both professional and home gardeners, this day of lively and informative lectures will cover a variety of topics related to adding delectable flair to the garden.

Dr. Reich started his career with soil research for the USDA and Cornell University, and then turned his focus to writing, lecturing and consulting. He has written articles for publications such as *The New York Times* and *Fine Gardening*, authored many books and pens a bimonthly column for Associated Press. At Summer Short Course, he will cover:

- **The Ornamental Vegetable Garden:** No need to relegate the vegetable garden to the furthest corner of the yard — it belongs near the home where it gets more attention and use. Learn how to use decorative fencing and gates, ornamental and fruiting shrubs, and other ornamentation.
- **Nourishing Plants Organically:** Nitrogen occurs naturally in soil and can also transform it. Tapping into this natural, elegant system nourishes your plants in an efficient, environmentally sound and healthy way. Learn how to make the best of this system in your garden.
- **Fruits for Small Gardens:** A small garden is no impediment to growing fruit. Lowbush blueberries, currants, gooseberries and super dwarf apples are among the fruits that fit well into small gardens. Discover the fruits and growing techniques needed to reap delectable rewards from spaces as small as a balcony to as large as a small suburban yard.

Held from 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. in the Special Events Hall at Phipps Conservatory, the Summer Short Course: The Edible Landscape with Dr. Lee Reich includes coffee, lunch and all lectures at the cost of \$105 per person. Reservations are required in advance of the event and can be made online at phipps.conservatory.org or by calling 412/441-4442, ext. 3925.

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About Phipps: Founded in 1893, Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens in Pittsburgh, Pa. is a green leader among public gardens with a mission to inspire and educate all with the beauty and importance of plants; to advance sustainability and promote human and environmental well-being through action and research; and to celebrate its historic glasshouse. Learn more: phipps.conservatory.org.

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