



JENKS FARMER PLANTSMAN

Jenks Farmer knows the value of old style, self-taught gardening and of new techniques of horticulture. With a reflective, soulful voice, he's guided gardeners, craftsmen, volunteers and scientists and made gardens enjoyed by literally, hundreds of thousands of people a year. Jenks has shaped the vision of botanical gardens, historic gardens, parks and his own organic flower farm.

Jenks' presentations offer inspiration and take home information - for patio, estate or dreaming gardeners. He fills his presentations with stories of people, history and science backed with spectacular slides from gardens he's created and places around the world where he's found inspiration.

PRESENTATION TOPICS

HOW DID WE GET HERE?

Old style gardening offers lessons in thriftiness, lost plants and forgotten horticultural skills.

Through stories of older gardeners, Jenks updates us with modern skills for today's gardens. Meet Billy-Pop who mulches plants with duff from the woods. Today, we understand how the complex life in that woody soil helps his plants grow. Grandparents inspired us; now it's our turn to ensure we pass on effective, safe gardening.

GROCERY STORE GARDENING

Teach, Feel, Connect -- the cycle of life can happen in every day shopping -- lots of things in a grocery will grow! Learn tricks for success & lessons to teach -- reconnect with your food, your dirt, your soul - in the produce aisle.

GARDEN DESIGN CREATIVITY

Help people realize joyful dreams is the mantra for my garden design. From large scale "glamour gardens" to intimate courtyards, explore the process and plants of 20 years of Jenks' gardening. And get inspiration from photos of failures and successes.

CRINUM LILIES

From African rivers to Asian deserts, these giant bulb inspire cultish collectors. They're associated with magic, healing, and even one-upmanship. Learn to use elegant modern cultivars in your garden.

Jenks is the author of *Gardening with Crinum Lilies* and *Deep Rooted Wisdom: Skills and Stories from Generations of Gardeners* (Timber 2014)



Career

- Current; Interim Director of Gardens, Historic Columbia
- Past Director of South Carolina's 2 major botanical gardens.
- Owner, Jenks Farmer Nurseries.
- Founding Board; Charleston Parks
- Currently designing for the new Florence Museum.
- Timber Press author; His book received accolades from Garden and Gun, American Horticulture Society & mention in New York Times.

Writing:

- *Organic Gardening*
- *Horticulture Magazine*
- *State-by-State Gardening*
- *Planter's Place* Blog
- *Reader's Digest 1001 Tips for Your Garden*
- *Stewardship*; www.jenksfarmer.com

Lectures:

- Smithsonian
- Wave Hill Garden
- Davidson College
- Perennial Plant Association
- North Carolina State University
- NW Flower Show

Featured In:

- *Southern Living*
- *Better Homes & Gardens*
- *Garden & Gun*
- *The Dallas Morning News*
- *Hobby Farm Home*
- *Royal Horticulture Society*
- *John Deere Commercials*
- *HGTV's Dream Gardens*
- *Telli Award* PBS