



URBAN FOREST INITIATIVE SEMINAR SERIES 2017-2018

The *Urban Forest Initiative* is again developing an **URBAN FOREST INITIATIVE SEMINAR SERIES** for the 2017-2018 academic year. We are hosting urban ecology specialists to address ecological, economic and social aspects of urban trees. All public lectures will be held at 7:00 pm, and are free and open to the public. We have three exciting speakers lined up.

DR. SUSAN DAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2017

Dr. Day is dedicated to improving urban tree health. She is an Associate Professor of urban horticulture in the Department of Horticulture at Virginia Tech, and is especially interested in how root/soil interactions affect the contribution of trees to urban ecosystems. She will give a public lecture, 'Reading the Land: Does your soil hold the secrets to urban forest performance?' at 7:00 pm September 7, 2016.



DR. DAN POTTER, JANUARY 31, 2018

Dr. Potter's focus is on pollinator conservation and pollinator protection. He is a Professor of Horticultural Entomology in the Department of Entomology at the University of Kentucky, and specializes in the biology and ecology of insects affecting turf and woody landscape plants. Dr. Potter's talk, 'Bees, Pesticides, and Politics: Challenges and Opportunities for Sustainable Urban Landscapes' is scheduled for 7:00 pm January 31, 2018.



JILL JONNES, APRIL 11, 2018

Author Jill Jonnes celebrates urban trees and their contributions to city life in '*Urban Forests – A natural history of trees and people in the American cityscape*,' and praises the people who have nurtured and protected our trees over the past centuries. Jill Jonnes was named a National Endowment for the Humanities scholar and is the author of *Conquering Gotham*, *Empires of Light*, and *South Bronx Rising*. Ms. Jonnes' talk will be at 7:00 pm April 11, 2018.

