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NOVEMBER MEETING

November 16 at 6 p.m.
***In-person* at The Center**



TWO CULTURES MEET IN A NEW JERSEY GARDEN

Speakers:

Denise Adams
Ornamental Plant Historian

Moti Kopilovitch
Founder, Botanica Nursery, Israel



Moti will begin by telling about his background, and experience establishing a nursery in Israel over twenty-five years ago – a nursery that still thrives, although he moved to the states in 2021. Denise will describe a bit of her garden journey, which includes being a collector of antique varieties of *Iris* and *Hemerocallis* and writing about historic plants.

The main focus of their talk will be what they have accomplished together – namely the gardens they have created around their home in Ridgewood, New Jersey.







MOTI KOPILOVITCH and **DENISE ADAMS,** a native Midwesterner, met in St. Louis in 2009 at a Perennial Plant Association conference. Fast forward to 2021 and they are making a garden in Ridgewood (trying to include as many plants as possible) in their residential landscape, which measures less than an eighth of an acre. They will discuss and illustrate how they have embraced a "no-lawn" approach, building perennial beds, rock gardens, a koi garden, and cultivating fruits and vegetables for the table.

Moti graduated from the New York Botanical Garden School of Professional Horticulture in 1985 and worked as a gardener for Rodman Rockefeller's Winterburn Farm in Sleepy Hollow, before returning to his home in Israel. There he established Botanica Nursery, a specialty grower of ornamental grasses, succulents, ground covers and perennials.

Denise received her PhD in horticulture from Ohio State University in 1998. Her area of focus is American garden history, and she is the author of *Restoring American Gardens* (Timber Press, 2004) and *American Home Landscapes,* with Laura L. S. Burchfield (Timber Press, 2013).



The Center is located at 208 West 13th Street (between 7th and 8th Avenues) in Manhattan. It is easily reached by subway, and is a short walk from the 14th Street stations of the 1,2 and 3 trains (at 7th Avenue), the A,C,E and L trains (at 8th Avenue), and the F, M and L trains (at 6th Avenue).