RYE DRIFTWOOD GARDEN CLUB

Rye Driftwood Garden Club's February Speaker Explores the Role of Lobsters in Gardening

Rye Driftwood Garden Club's February speaker will talk about a creature we don't usually associate with gardening – lobsters! Cameron Bonsey from Portland, Maine will present a program called "Why Your Plants Love Lobster: The Story of Calcium, Chitin and Nitrogen". The program starts at 10 am, Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at the Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye NH.

Mr. Bonsey is the Director of Marketing at Coast of Maine, which uses locally-sourced marine residuals, to produce organic, compost-based products that are biologically diverse and rich in the nutrients that plants need to thrive. In his talk, he will explain how one person's trash can truly be another's treasure as left-over lobster shells become organic fertilizer. Coast of Maine receives its lobster shells by the truckload from local processors, which are then combined with the leaves, twigs and culled blueberries from local Maine harvesters. During composting, the shells break down to produce multiple nutrients including calcium and chitin, which provide essential support for growing healthy garden plants.

The public is invited to attend this presentation. Non-club members are welcome for a suggested donation of $5. Before the presentation, the Club has an enjoyable coffee half hour at 9:30 which is a great opportunity to get to know the RDGC members. For more information, visit the RDGC website at: www.ryenhgardenclub.org.