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Biography – Over the last 15 years, Mike Prong has become a dedicated, enthusiastic, and forward-thinking advocate of green practices in the landscape industry. He has had an interest in landscaping ever since he was a young boy growing up just outside London in Aylmer, Ontario which then led to his enrollment in Fanshawe College's Landscape Design program in the fall of 2009 and his completion of Mohawk College's Horticultural Apprenticeship Program in 2013. With hands on industry experience and a broad knowledge of horticulture, Mike has the ability to turn even the most basic of landscapes into an eco-friendly oasis.



Gardening for Bees, Birds, and Butterflies

This talk also covers attracting pollinators and other desirable wildlife to the garden. This ties into how biodiversity will benefit your garden...and how incredibly beautiful it can be.

Simply Shrubs!

Focusing on natives and nativars (cultivars of native plants), we'll talk about some of the best shrubs for all types of gardens from rain gardens through shade and sun and look at tolerance to soil types as well.

Fusion Gardening®: Gardening the Eco-Friendly Way

Municipalities are now promoting Fusion Gardening® to solve many landscape-related challenges at one time. It incorporates rain-water handling, drought-tolerance, and gardening with native plants to enhance biodiversity, all while being low maintenance. This talk touches on the various ways Fusion elements can be incorporated into the landscape and a look at some of the native species used in both a functional and aesthetic sense.

Rain Gardens

Rain Gardens are the perfect solution to that drainage problem you have! This talk goes into the details of what a rain garden is, when you might need one, and, if you do, how you can make one yourself.

Perennial Perfection!

20 or so perennials that provide easy care, long season of interest, and how to grow them with slides of each thoughts on designing, growing & winter interest