



## LOST GARDENS OF WORCESTER COUNTY

presents the 3rd in a series of lectures at Tower Hill Botanic Garden

# Gardens Lost And Found:

## FROM HADRIAN'S VILLA TO TOWER HILL

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Sunday, April 19th, 2015 at 2 p.m.

**U**nquestionably the most outstanding private estate of the classical era was Hadrian's country retreat, 20 miles northeast of Rome. The residence was a vast collection of garden courts mingled sensibly with buildings serving a variety of purposes. The property was maintained for a hundred years before falling into disrepair and eventually overwhelmed by forest vegetation. Rediscovered during the early Renaissance it became a model for elegant country living and continues to inspire us today. Nothing "modern" can compare to the scale and rich detail of the villa.

The lecture will begin with Hadrian's Villa and move on to gardens built under the inspired genius of Hadrian's preferred residence. All of the gardens had high points and periods decline, and in some cases complete ruin (Tower Hill being an exception). All have been rediscovered and restored to their original glory (Hadrian's Villa being an exception).

Join us for an interesting afternoon of garden history, aesthetics, loss and renewal.

The lecture is free for members and/or included with admission to THBG;

Registration requested at [www.towerhillbg.org](http://www.towerhillbg.org) or 508-869-6111

A reception with refreshments will follow the lecture in the Tower Hill Library.

