

Bob Metivier
‘Garden Rooms of Pond Ridge’

Topsham Garden Club
July 10, 2013
12:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.



Pond Ridge Rd.
(first drive
after Sky-Hy)



Please join us for a Brown Bag Lunch, Brief Business Meeting, and an Informal Presentation by Bob Metivier.

“Creatively enhancing natural elements with plantings”

Leisurely Walking Tour through the Garden Rooms and an opportunity to purchase from Bob’s collection of succulents and “Dust of Earth” pottery.

Bring: Brown Bag lunch/beverage/dessert, sun hat/visor, sunglasses, sunscreen, bug spray, camera, comfortable shoes or hiking stick.

Note: Composting outhouse on premise or use facilities at Sky-Hy.

Topsham Garden Club
Field Trip to Bob Metivier's "Garden Rooms of Pond Ridge"
Pond Ridge Drive, Topsham, ME 04086
Wednesday, July 10, 2013
12:00 – 3:00 PM

Car pool meets at Home Depot in Topsham at 11:30 AM
154 Topsham Fair Mall Rd, Topsham, ME 04086

From Home Depot in Topsham:

- Turn right onto Midway Drive
- Turn right onto Topsham Fair Mall Road
- Turn right onto Lewiston Rd (Route 196) at exit from Topsham Fair Mall
- Turn left onto US-201 N (Main Street)
- Follow US-201 N for 1.2 miles
- Turn left onto Meadow Road
- Follow Meadow Road for 3.2 miles
- Turn right onto Pond Ridge Drive (just past Sky-Hy Conference Center)

Bob Metivier

I was born in Rumford, ME and lived in the area until Junior High when I moved to Gray. My interest in gardening began in kindergarten when we planted marigolds in cut-off milk cartons. From then those seeds never stopped growing. I also had an interest in the arts which fits right in with landscape design.

Potter

I can't seem to get my hands out of the dirt. If I'm not working in the garden or potting plants I'm working the "Dust of the Earth" into pottery. "Dust of the Earth Pottery" is the name of my business. I produce mostly functional pottery but enjoy taking time now and then to be more creative and work on pieces that aren't quite as practical like fairy castles or other pieces that may be used in a fairy garden. I have had no formal training beyond high school in any of what I am doing. It's all hands on training and reading up on whatever it is I might want to do. A lot of my knowledge of plants comes from seeding lots of seed catalogs over the years.

Landscaper

My garden in Topsham has become a much bigger project than I ever imagined. The land was rich in resources – mostly rocks and ledge which is a gold mine for someone who enjoys hardscape. As of now there is probably over 2000 feet of rock walls all built with rock from the property.

There are many "rooms" in my garden borrowing views from other nearby rooms and beyond creating many layers to the garden. I use a lot of shrubs and trees to cut down on the maintenance and to create a garden that has interest pretty much year round. Most of the color and texture is achieved through the foliage and rocks so I don't have a big reliance on flowers to do the job although the spring time is bursting with color when the trees and shrubs come into bloom.

Gardener

As a result of my love for the tropics I like to grow plants that you would normally think of seeing in the tropics and not in Maine. There is an orange and fig tree that survived their first ME winter this past year. Besides that about another 50 – 70 cacti or so made it through this past winter.

Daylilies have made their way from the bottom of my list up near the top when I discovered a world of daylilies I never knew existed. It will be like Christmas in July when over 100 new daylilies bloom to reveal what was hidden in those little black seeds I planted a few years ago. As they begin to bloom I will be trying my hand at hybridizing them. There are several fruit trees including pears, apples, peaches and persimmon. Other fruits are grapes, blueberries, raspberries, gooseberries and strawberries.

Note: He also is an accomplished musician and a very charming person as well.