

A Review of the Natural Gardening Evening By Jack

I really enjoyed the natural gardening evening. It started when Suzanne Wainwright-Evans (aka “The Buglady”) started her talk. She talked about the definition of organic and natural, and different labels to look for in your local store. Then she talked about how to keep your pesticides to a minimum, and when not to spray. One reason not to spray is if you have parasites eating your bads insects, because the spray will kill the parasites as well.

After that, we learned all about the good (beneficial), the bad and the ugly bugs in your garden. Have you ever put praying mantises in your garden? Did you know that the ones you buy in the store are Asian mantises and will eat honey bees, humming-birds and will even try to eat big birds?

My least favorite beneficial was the nematode, a little wormy parasite that eats grubs from the inside out. Thank goodness that they only go after bugs and not humans and other mammals!

I really enjoyed listening to “The Buglady”, and I hope to hear her again.