

## Why Choose Linda K. Lillie of Sprigs & Twigs Landscapes?

A Fresh Approach to Landscape Design



**Linda K. Lillie**

As a professional landscape designer, I can see the hidden potential in your landscape. My goal is to translate your dreams into reality using my education, advanced training, hands-on experience and extensive knowledge of plants. I take your lifestyle, tastes, and individual style into account to create a beautiful outdoor space that is environmentally-friendly, low maintenance and naturalistic.

Your new design will:

- take into consideration microclimates, exposure, light levels, soil quality and moisture levels as well as the function of the space;
- improve your property with a rich palette of beauty, year-round color and interest, complimentary and varying textures and form.

I specialize in low maintenance, naturalistic landscape designs that focus on use of native plants, habitats for wildlife and the "Right Plant in the Right Place".

Working with me will save you money, time and energy, while providing you a beautifully landscaped outdoor living space.

I have a portfolio of completed projects of all sizes and letters of recommendation and references at

[www.SprigsandTwigs.net](http://www.SprigsandTwigs.net)

- **BA Botany, Connecticut College**
- **CT Master Gardener**
- **Over 30 Years Experience**



## Why You Should Hire Sprigs & Twigs Landscapes

- We **care about our environment**. We will treat your landscape in an eco-friendly way, creating a better environment for your family, neighborhood and community.
- We have the **experience, education and equipment** to professionally design, install and maintain high value landscapes that are good for the environment, beautiful and low maintenance. We have been in business since 1997.
- We are a **local, family business** and active members of the community. We buy from local suppliers to promote growth of our local economy while keeping our carbon footprint as small as we can.
- We provide **high quality work and outstanding customer service**. We take your worry out of landscaping and give you back your weekends.
- We **support continuing education** for our team. We regularly attend classes and workshops to stay abreast of current approaches, e.g., New England Grows, National Green Industry Expo, Ecological Landscaping Assoc. Conference, Land Ethics Symposium, Native Landscape Design Symposium.

- Our work has been recognized nationally as **2008 Landscaper of the Year National Finalist**.



### OUR MISSION

"Maintain the highest ethical standards in the landscape and tree care industry, be honest, open, informative and respectful to customers and potential customers, be stewards of our environment, offer the highest quality products and services and establish permanent, long-term customer relationships".



**LOW MAINTENANCE  
NATURALISTIC LANDSCAPES**

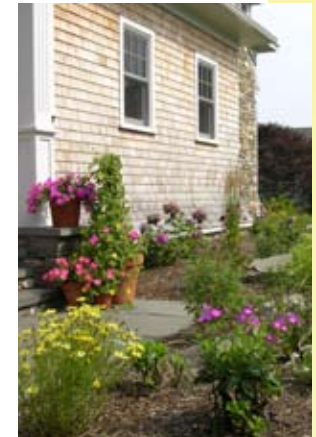
**Landscaping**

**The Way**

**Mother**

**Nature**

**Intended**



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## What is a Low Maintenance, Naturalistic Landscape?

Sprigs & Twigs Landscapes is committed to **low-maintenance, naturalistic landscapes and managing the environmental impact** of everything we do. While no landscape is maintenance free, we can create a landscape for you that has relatively few demands. Our naturalistic approach creates landscapes that **blend with the existing environment** and look as if Mother Nature created them herself. We strive to recreate plant communities that occur in natural environments, (e.g., seashore, woodland, field, hillside, wetland, etc) while reducing lawn areas where we can. Our designs **encourage beneficial relationships between plants and animals** that allow them both to prosper and reproduce.

Low maintenance, naturalistic landscapes need **careful planning, proper plant selection, thoughtful designs and correct installation.**

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## Careful Planning

The key to a successful low maintenance, naturalistic landscape is the condition of your site. We analyze your site thoroughly. We observe the light conditions (shade or sun), soil conditions and Ph levels. We take into consideration salt spray, wind speed and direction (at seashore sites), privacy needs, drainage issues, noise levels, blocking eyesores, existing trees and shrubs and deer and other animals, etc. These factors help dictate the type and location of plants used in the design.

## Plant Selection

We use many native plants that are well adapted to the climate and soil conditions of the Northeast. Native plants are hearty and less likely to succumb to disease and extreme climatic conditions.

We also choose plants that are interesting in multiple seasons. Plants with longer blooming periods, textural leaves and bark, fruits, fall color, insect and disease resistance and minimal pruning and deadheading requirements are favorite selections.

## Thoughtful Designs

Our focus on the use of **native plants, habitats for wildlife and the “Right Plant for the Right Place”** philosophy is an integral part of our designs. As occurs in nature, we use four layers of plants: Tree (canopy), Shrub, Perennial and Groundcover and arrange them with appropriate growing space to avoid future over-crowding. The layered effect reflects nature’s way of planting with the groundcover layer being very important because as it matures and spreads the amount of mulch needed in the future is minimized.

## Correct Installations

Healthy soil is the foundation of a well planned garden. Soil rich in organic matter and microbes will promote strong, healthy plant growth. We amend the soil with leaf litter compost to increase water retention, oxygen availability to the roots, micronutrients, soil organisms and earthworms, all of which decrease future fertilization needs. When fertilization is required, we only use slow release organic fertilizers.

During planting, we remove all wire cages and burlap around root balls and plant at the correct depth to minimize plant stress and ultimate death. In keeping with our low maintenance, naturalistic approach, we create curving natural edges within the garden bed to allow for easy grass cutting around the garden.

As a final step, we apply shredded bark mulch to deter weeds, retain soil moisture and coolness and add organic matter to the soil.

**Sprigs & Twigs Landscapes low maintenance, naturalistic landscapes take into consideration our region’s natural identity and create an environment for your plants to prosper.**