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**RENEGADE GARDENER DON ENGEBRETSON CITES 10 GARDENING BLUNDERS AT THE
NEW JERSEY HOME & GARDEN SHOW IN EDISON FEBRUARY 23-25**
**Visitors to the New Jersey Convention Center are invited to bring photos of their yards for
Engebretson to critique and offer solutions to yard challenges**

Edison, N.J., January 5, 2024--Seasoned and would-be gardeners visiting the [New Jersey Home & Garden Show](#) in Edison February 23-25, 2024, will pick up essential tips from The Renegade Gardener, Don Engebretson, who will address the top 10 gardening and landscaping blunders. The landscape designer and award-winning garden writer will cover, at the New Jersey Convention Center, the challenges of homeowners in metro N.J and N.Y. He invites visitors to bring photos of their plans and yard so he can suggest visually pleasing solutions. There will also be six magnificent gardens.

“One of the biggest mistakes that homeowners make is to be afraid to cut down a tree or tear out old shrubs,” he advises. “They may no longer fit a landscape remodel or they could detract from the new landscape. Thirty years is a good run for a shrub. New varieties—particularly small, ornamental trees—are abundant at N.J. nurseries.” He asks, you wouldn’t keep a few original cabinets in a kitchen makeover if they didn’t fit the décor would you?

The nationally recognized authority on landscaping and garden design added, “DIY landscapers think too small-- a little garden here, a row of shrubs over there, a garden bench or birdbath dropped in the backyard. People landscape their properties in fits and starts over years. I'll be sharing the basic principles of landscape design which starts with visualizing the property as a unified whole. And yes, that can include lawn areas.” In addition, accessories—anything that isn’t a plant—make your landscape unique he advises. “I’ll show how to incorporate containers, benches, birdbaths, arbors, trellises, boulder outcroppings and sculptures, for example, that elevate landscapes to higher levels of beauty.”

Engebretson has published five books on gardening and landscaping and for over a decade he was a field editor and garden scout for *Better Homes and Gardens* and garden editor and columnist for *Mpls.St.Paul Magazine*. For four seasons he was the gardening expert on HGTV’s *TIPical MaryEllen* show and served as landscaping consultant and on-camera garden design expert for the PBS Television series *HOMETIME*. A six-time winner of the Garden Writers Association Garden Globe Award for excellence in writing, his articles have also appeared in *Midwest Living*, *Garden*, *Deck and Landscape*, *Northern Gardener* and the *Seattle Times*.

Visitors will also hear speakers Russel Siegel, wallpaper hanger artist and Doreen Stovenour, a popular YouTube repurposing guru and see products from more than 100 remodelers, contractors, interior and kitchen and bath designers and landscapers – mostly from locally-owned businesses.

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Website: Visit <https://www.newjerseyhomeshow.com>

Where: New Jersey Convention Center, 97 Sunfield Avenue, Edison, NJ 08837

Hours: Fri. Feb. 23, 3 p.m. - 8 p.m.; Sat. Feb. 24, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Sun., Feb. 25, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Tickets: \$10 for everyone 16 and older. Children 15 and under free.

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