

Deep-Rooted Wisdom: Skills and Stories from Generations of Gardeners

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We have begun to lose some of the most important skills used by everyday gardeners to create beautiful, productive gardens. With a personality-driven, engaging narrative, *Deep Rooted Wisdom* teaches accessible, commonsense skills to a new generation of gardeners. Soulful gardener, Augustus Jenkins Farmer, profiles experienced and up-and-coming gardeners who use these skills in their own gardens. Enjoy this chance to get planting, propagation, and fertilizing knowledge handed down directly from the experts in the field.

Who taught you to garden?

In the past, gardening knowledge was handed down from generation to generation. The essential skills necessary to create productive, beautiful gardens were passed from teacher to student and parent to child. Today that chain of wisdom has been broken and some of the old skills and techniques are in danger of being lost. Our connection to the earth and to the simple joy of gardening is being lost along with them.

Augustus Jenkins Farmer, or just Jenks, did learn to garden from his elders. He had dozens of mentors, including friends, family, and teachers, who taught him low-tech, commonsense ways to plant, propagate, water, and fertilize. In *Deep Rooted Wisdom*, Jenks uses his natural storytelling ability to pass on the art and science of gardening to you. With Jenks as your mentor, you will learn how to create modern gardens and reintroduce yourself to the wonders of the natural world.

Augustus Jenkins Farmer's vision for reflective gardening guided gardeners, craftsmen, volunteers, and scientists to create two lauded public botanical gardens as well as art museums, city parks, and private enclaves. His connoisseurs' nursery promoted the renaissance of the crinum lily, a forgotten plant of early American gardens. He's listed as one of *Garden & Gun's* most interesting people and is regularly featured in *Southern Living*. While his focus is on subtropical gardening in the South, he's written and lectured internationally.

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