



The Greatest Garden Stories Ever Told: An enrapturing performance of the most inspiring and heartwarming true garden stories ever told, based on *Chicken Soup for the Gardener's Soul* and GREENPRINTS ("The Weeder's Digest"). The Vietnam veteran who couldn't talk to people—until he learned to talk to plants. The little boy who tried to grow . . . doughnuts! The Master Gardener who got a little too carried away. And much, much more (including—don't tell your audience, it's a surprise—music!).

Let Pat Stone, "The Garrison Keillor of Gardening" and our nation's leading expert on the human side of gardening, have your audience rolling with laughter, touched by tears, and stirred by the most unique garden talk of all. This is the one that gets standing ovations!

Real Gardeners' True Confessions: An entrancing and hilarious performance sharing classic, true garden mistakes collected from dozens of soul-bearing gardeners (including some of the most prominent in the country!). It's a wonderfully fun reminder of the reason the words *humus* and *humbling* have the same root.

Pat covers the three worst garden mistakes (the ones mentioned most often, and most mournfully, by 52 "dirt-sharing" gardeners from Florida to Alaska), the three mistakes that almost all of us have committed—and would do well to never repeat. The speech also shares the verbal equivalent of "America's funniest home videos of gardening"—*faux pas* with limited practicality but unlimited hilarity.

The Most Important Garden Advice Ever Given: This one combines the three things gardeners should *never* do (above) with the three most important things gardeners *should*. A grand mixture of practical advice and humor, culminating with an inspiring conclusion on gardening and life.

The First Rule of Weeding: Humor—and instruction—about weeds

You Have It to Share: Stories of the ways gardens bring us together

A Thing of Beauty and a Job Forever: The (very) funny side of gardening

Mothers and Gardening: The joy (and humor) of passing gardening on

What to Do About Animal Pests: Bambi's cute, *but* . . . .

Other: The nation's expert on personal garden writing, Pat can tailor a talk to suit any topic from the wonder of trees to the best classic garden writing (or humor)!

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*"If you want the usual, darkened-room, "Can I have the slides now?" lecturer, don't even consider Pat Stone. However, if you want a gifted performer who will delight, charm and have an audience crying and deeply laughing over his stories about the human side of gardening, Pat Stone is the best there is."*

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