Bios for C.L. Fornari

**Short Version**

C.L. Fornari is the author of eight books, including *Coffee for Roses* and *The Cocktail Hour Garden*. She’s a professional speaker, the host of *GardenLine* on WXTK, and co-host of the *Plantrama* podcast. She is a frequent speaker to groups nationwide, and has worked for a family-owned independent garden center for 25 years. C.L. grows vegetables, flowers, shrubs, trees and numerous other plants at Poison Ivy Acres on Cape Cod. Connect with her at [www.GardenLady.com](http://www.GardenLady.com)

**Long Version**

C.L. Fornari is an artist and plant geek who got pulled into garden communications in 1995. She is the author eight books including *Coffee for Roses, The Cocktail Hour Garden* and *Sand and Soil: Creating Beautiful Gardens on Cape Cod and the Islands.* These books are all fully illustrated with C.L.’s photographs.

C.L. is a regular columnist for *Garden Center Magazine*. She’s also written for *Angie’s List Magazine*, *Prime Time Magazine*, *Fine Gardening*, *Coastal Home*, *Country Gardens*, and *American Nurseryman.*

*GardenLine*, C.L.’s 2-hour live radio program has been heard on Saturday mornings on WXTK since 2021. For two years she was also the host of *The Garden Lady* on WRKO, and was a regular contributor to *The Cultivated Gardener*, heard on NPR stations nationwide. Along with Ellen Zachos, C.L. is the co-host of *Plantrama*, a podcast about plants, launched in 2017.

In addition to working at Hyannis Country Garden, a family owned IGC on Cape Cod, C.L. Fornari speaks to businesses, trade shows and garden groups nationwide, both virtually and in person.

C.L. was awarded the Garden Communicator award from the Perennial Plant Association, several awards from GardenComm and her book, *The Cocktail Hour Garden* was given a Silver award in the “How To-Self Help” category by ASJA. In 2019 the Plantrama podcast was given the highest award from GardenComm International, a Gold medal.

In 2015 C.L. launched the Cape Cod Hydrangea Festival, a ten-day regional celebration of gardens that typically raises over $50,000.00 for local non-profits every year and draws public attention to Hydrangeas and gardening.

Her not-so-secret mission is keep horticulture in popular culture…in the meantime she is writing a novel and growing all manner of plants at Poison Ivy Acres on Cape Cod. Connect with her at [www.GardenLady.com](http://www.GardenLady.com)