

C.L. Fornari is a plant geek and artist 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 and others 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 was heard on Saturday mornings on WXTK for over 22 years. Starting in 2025 she'll be broadcasting *The Garden Lady* on WCAI, the Cape and Islands NPR station. For two years she was also the host of a live, call-in show on WRKO, and she was a regular contributor to *The Cultivated Gardener*, heard on NPR stations nationwide. Along with Ellen Zachos, C.L. was the co-host of the *Plantrama* podcast for six years. *Plantrama* was given the highest award, a Gold Metal, in the podcast category, from GardenComm International in 2019.

C.L. was been given the Garden Communicator Award of the Year from the Perennial Plant Association, several awards for writing and broadcasting from the GardenComm International, and her book, *The Cocktail Hour Garden* was given a Silver award in the "How To-Self Help" category by ASJA.

In 2015 C.L. launched the first annual Cape Cod Hydrangea Festival, a ten-day regional celebration of gardens that typically raises over \$80,000.00 for local non-profits every year. In 2021 C.L. and the festival were featured on CBS Sunday Morning, with Mo Rocca.

Her not-so-secret mission is to solidly keep horticulture in popular culture, and to spread joy with plants...in the meantime she loves dogs, creating art with her pictures and Photoshop, has written two yet-to-be-published novels, and is growing all manner of plants at Poison Ivy Acres on Cape Cod.