



### Interview Planning Worksheet

**Instructions:** Think of 10-15 questions to ask your interviewee. Write the questions in the space provided and bring this worksheet with you to your interview.

#### Tips for Developing Questions

- Pick a few themes (such as growing food, childhood and family experiences, or garden design) and develop questions around those themes.
- Avoid “yes or no” questions. Questions should be open-ended and encourage the interviewee to tell stories. Questions starting with ‘why,’ ‘how,’ or ‘what’ are often useful in teasing out parts of a garden story.

#### Tips for Interviewing

- Know your interviewee! Make sure you have their name correct and have done some research.
- The interview should feel like a conversation. It is okay to skip around between questions or ask different questions.
- Sometimes the best question is “Can you tell me more?”
- If your interviewee has paused, allow them to gather their thoughts instead of rushing ahead with the next question. They might be about to say something interesting.

**Your Name:**

**Who are you going to interview?**

**When and where will you conduct your interview?**

#### **The Interview:**

*If you are recording your interview, begin it with the following dialogue:*

My name is (your name). I am here with (interviewee’s name) on (date) at (place) to interview them about gardening.



*List your questions here.*

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