



cherie's talks

CHILDREN / TEENS

(Cherie always wants to reinforce your students' current curriculum, so please do not hesitate letting her know existing core knowledge goals so she can filter the information through that lens!)

- **Monarch Magic** Interactive demonstration of environmental systems shown in the life cycle of the monarch butterfly, including video from NASA's "Butterflies in Space" program.
- **Everybody's an Author!** Children sometimes feel they have no voice. This interactive program uses Cherie's book BLOOMIN' TALES to encourage students to tell their own unique story in their own unique way, creating a tall tale as a group.
- **How a Dream Becomes a Book** Takes students through the process of how OUR SHADOW GARDEN was made, from a dream to a published book, including the incredible illustrations by The Children's Art Project - www.ChildrensArt.org.
- **Which Hat Fits?** For older students, this talk motivates and gives tools to teens as they determine life goals and how to achieve them.

See more information on the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators website, <http://www.scbwi.org/SpeakersListings.aspx?sl=2898424265102496>

All talks can be tailored from 1/2-2 hours with a question/answer time.

ADULTS

- **Wild About Wildflowers** There's a world at our feet few even notice, full of untamed beauties with bizarre names and even more bizarre stories. Let Cherie spin the yarns of some of her favorites and then how to make them part of YOUR landscape's story.
- **Recipe for a 24-7 Landscape** Would you spend time and money renovating a room and then refuse to use it after dark? Let Cherie show you how to add a few simple ingredients and remove a few more - like mosquitoes - to get the full benefit from your home's LARGEST room, the outside one.
- **Typcasting: How to Use Roses in EVERY Type Garden for EVERY Type Gardener** Roses have a less than ROSY reputation. Cherie will introduce you to ways to use some of her favorite, easy-going roses that defy the diva stereotype.
- **Heirlooms in the Garden** What is an heirloom plant? Cherie introduces you to EASY-TO-GROW old friends you'll want to invite to your garden.
- **7 Easy Steps to a Knock-out Landscape** Learn the tricks of the trade from an award-winning garden book author and landscape designer to start new, update, fill-in or fill-out your home's landscape the way the pros do it.
- **Where Do I Begin? Creating a Landscape You Can Love** Are you a new gardener or just overwhelmed about where to start on your home landscaping? Cherie gives step-by-step instructions on how to get the garden of your dreams with a budget that's real life.
- **MAKING CANCER HISTORY** Cherie tells how her book OUR SHADOW GARDEN came to be and intersected with the children from MD Anderson Cancer Center.

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ADULTS (WRITING)

- **The Writing Life: Hand to the Plow, Eyes Ahead** Some writers say they live to write, while others write to live. No matter what kind of writer you are or what level - from beginner to pro - we all need motivation to get to the next level. This interactive program spurs writers with strategies to gear up their skills.
- **Platforms Aren't Just for Discos Anymore** Agents and publishers require authors to have platforms, not just excellent books. Cherie shows you easy steps to developing your reader base into a platform.

CHURCH GROUPS

- **SUPERseeds in Your Child** Do you know your child's spiritual gifts? Let Cherie introduce you to God's beautiful seed planted from birth - motivational gifts - and how nurturing that seed encourages your child in God's plan for them and His kingdom.
- **Revealing God's Seed in You** What is your primary motivational gift, the one that your Creator planted from birth? Follow Cherie's path of discovery of spiritual gifts and how God desires you to use YOURS to build His kingdom.
- **Growing Where You're Planted, Even When the Hole's Too Deep** Are you in a place where you can't see God's hand in your life, wondering who planted you there? Cherie tells how God gave her perspective, using difficult circumstances, to bring glory to Himself and joy to her, which is the story of all the redeemed.

Every talk Cherie has can be tailored for church groups (women's conferences, mom groups, etc.)

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