

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
MSU Extension—Isabella County
Attr: Garden Conference
200 North Main Street
Mt. Pleasant MI 48858

SPRING INTO GARDENING CONFERENCE



Saturday, April 21, 2007

Spring Into Gardening

A day-long conference in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan

Sponsored by the Michigan Master Gardener Association, Isabella County Chapter



PHONE: 989.772.0911 Ext. 215

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Comfort Inn Conference Center

Conference Schedule:

9:00 am-9:30 am - Registration - Coffee/Muffins

9:30 am-9:45 am - Welcome - Tracey Knack

9:45 am-11:15 am - Tony Avent -
Landscaping in Drifts of One

11:15 am-12:45 pm - Buffet Lunch / Shopping

12:45 pm-1:00 pm - Door Prizes

1:00 pm-2:00 pm -Scott Kunst -
Antique Gardens: American Home
Landscapes, 1800-1940

2:00pm-2:15 pm - Break

2:15 pm-3:15 pm - Coleen French -
Folklore, Tea and Medicine from
Weeds

3:15 pm-3:45 pm - Door Prize/Raffle Drawing*

3:45 pm-4:15 pm - Final opportunity to view
vendors and make purchases

\$50.00 cost includes:

- Three Speakers
- Vendors (Shopping)
- Deli Lunch
- Door Prizes
- *Raffle Drawing - Dan Taylor of Taylored Iron Works, is donating an Iron Pergola (approx 7' tall, retail value of \$800), for a raffle drawing. Tickets are 3/\$5.00. All proceeds will be used for State and Local Master Gardener Programs.

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2424 S. Mission
Mt. Pleasant MI 48858
(989) 772-4000

From the North:
Take US 27 to the US-127-BUS exit. Follow Mission Road 3 Miles straight ahead through all 7 stoplights, turning right on West Campus Drive.

From the South:
Take US 27 to the US-127-BUS exit. Turn left at the first stop light onto West Campus Drive. The Hotel is located on the left hand side of the street.

From the East:
Take US-10 West to M-20 West towards Mt. Pleasant. At Mission Road, turn left. Continue through six traffic lights. At the seventh light, turn right onto Campus Drive/Bluegrass Road. The hotel entrance is on the left side of the road.

From the West:
Take US-131 to M-46 East. Take US-27 North towards Clare. Continue North for approximately 15 miles. Take the first Mt. Pleasant exit (on left). At first light, turn left onto Campus Drive/Bluegrass Road.

Note: A block of rooms at a discounted rate has been reserved at the Comfort Inn & Suites. Be sure to mention the Gardening Conference if you make reservations.

****For additional area hotel information, check out www.mountpleasantwow.com/areahotels.htm.**

Please Note:

- ◆ There will be ample time between presentations, after lunch and after the last speaker to view the vendors' booths and make your purchases.
- ◆ Master Gardeners will receive five (5) hours of education credit for attending the conference.

Hand Tool Sharpening Available:

Bring your hand tools that need to be sharpened. We have a vendor who will sharpen tools during the conference for \$3.50 each (limit of 3 tools per person). We all know how important it is to keep our tools clean and sharp. This is the first time we are offering this opportunity to our fellow Master Gardeners and friends.



Keynote speaker— **Tony Avent**

We are pleased to announce a world renowned keynote speaker this year. Tony Avent is the owner of Plant Delights Nursery Inc, Raleigh, NC and Juniper Level Botanical Gardens. Tony is a writer, speaker, photographer, and educator. He has written for The New York Times, Atlanta Journal Constitution, The Plain Dealer and is a contributing editor for Horticulture Magazine. Tony has been featured on Almanac Gardener, Martha Stewart Living, Rebecca's Garden and more. If you'd like more information please visit his website at www.plantdelights.com.

Tony Avent—

LANDSCAPING IN DRIFTS OF ONE

Gardeners have unfortunately been taught that rows of green meatballs in front of the house along with a few trees are acceptable landscaping. We'll discuss some alternative horticultural lifestyles that allow you to actually have fun in your garden, grow cool plants and create a landscape that you can be proud of.



Scott Kunst -

ANTIQUÉ GARDENS: AMERICAN HOME LANDSCAPES, 1800-1940

From the scanty pioneer gardens of the early 1800s through flamboyant Victorian carpet bedding to the "old fashioned" perennial borders of the early twentieth century, "Antique Gardens" illuminates 140 years of American yards and gardens. In a colorful, fast-paced presentation, Scott shows how plants, outdoor furnishings, and the design of American yards changed dramatically through the years. It's an eye-opening primer on the landscape relics that survive all around us and essential background for gardeners wanting to restore an historic landscape or to enliven even the most modern garden with a touch of the past.

Coleen French—

THE WILD GARDEN: Folklore, Tea and Medicine from Weeds

One gardener's weeds . . . Can be another gardener's soothing salve, natural bug repellent, healing poultice and refreshing tea? Find out which weeds and invasive herbs can be your friends in the garden. Learn the folklore traditions of herbs and see how to make an herbal salve to calm a rash, a lotion to cool your sunburn, massage oil to soothe those sore muscles, and a tea to help you fall asleep when your work in the garden is done. Handouts will include recipes and instructions.

Vendors/Exhibitors

- The Book Mark
- Claymates
- Don't Draupp Pottery - NEW!
- Earth Plus Products
- Etc. Designs
- Farm Brook Designs
- French Garden Creations
- Great Lakes Roses
- Old House Gardens
- Pittsman Sharpening - NEW!
- Reflections of Creation
- RichCrafts
- Specialty Growers - NEW!
- Stone Cottage Gardens
- Taylored Iron Works
- Twin City Landscaping
- Two Rivers Pottery

Master Gardener Volunteer Program

The Master Gardener Program is a horticulture education and volunteer leader training program offered by Michigan State University Extension (MSUE).

For questions about the conference or the Master Gardener Program, call Tracey Knack, Master Gardener Coordinator . (contact information below)

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Spring Into Gardening Registration Form

One registration form per person

Please print clearly!

Registration Deadline

March 16, 2007

Registration: \$50.00

Late Registration: \$60.00
(after March 16)

Make checks payable to:
Master Gardener Association

Name

Address

Phone (with area code)

E-mail Address

All confirmations will be sent via email unless you do not have an email address

**ISABELLA COUNTY CONFERENCE
DEADLINE BY, MARCH 16, 2007**

Cancellation Policy:

Sorry, no refunds.
(Substitutes are acceptable)