

Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort  
6800 Soaring Eagle Boulevard  
Mt. Pleasant MI 48858-8432  
(989) 775-5777

MapQuest the above address for more specific directions

**From the North:**

Take US-127 the second exit. Turn left on Pickard/M-20. At the second traffic light turn right on South Leaton Road. Turn right under the Eagles gateway.

**From the South:**

Take US-127 North. Take the M-20 exit or second Mount Pleasant exit toward Midland. Turn left onto East Pickard/M-20. Turn right on South Leaton Road. Turn

**From the East:**

Take M-20 West. Turn left on South Leaton Road. Turn right under the Eagles gateway.

**From the West:**

Take US-131 to M-46 East. Take US-27 North towards Clare. Take the second Mt. Pleasant exit. Turn right onto East Pickard/M-20 going east. Turn right on South Leaton Road. Turn right under the Eagles gateway.

Note: A block of rooms at a discounted rate has been reserved at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort. Be sure to mention the Gardening Conference if you make reservations.

**\*\*For additional area hotel information, check out [www.mountpleasantwow.com/areahotels.htm](http://www.mountpleasantwow.com/areahotels.htm)**



Return Registrations Forms to:

Isabella County MSU Extension  
Attn: Belinda Laughlin  
Garden Conference  
200 North Main Street  
Mt. Pleasant MI 48858

Phone: 989-772-0911, ext 302

E-mail: [b.laughlin@cmich.edu](mailto:b.laughlin@cmich.edu)

[www.isabellacounty.org/dept/msue](http://www.isabellacounty.org/dept/msue)



**Saturday, April 25, 2009**  
**9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

# Spring Into Gardening

A day-long conference held at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort in Mt. Pleasant, MI.

Sponsored by the Master Gardener Association, Isabella County Chapter



**PHONE: 989-772-0911**  
**Ext. 302**

## SPRING INTO GARDENING CONFERENCE

Isabella County MSU Extension  
Attn: Belinda Laughlin  
Garden Conference  
200 North Main Street  
Mt. Pleasant MI 48858



ISABELLA COUNTY CONFERENCE

DEADLINE BY: MARCH 20, 2009

NO REFUNDS, SUBSTITUTION ONLY



**Saturday, April 25, 2009**  
**Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort**  
**Conference Schedule:**

8:30 - 9:00 am - Registration

9:00 - 9:30 am - Welcome - Belinda Laughlin

9:30 - 10:30 am - **Pat Lanza, Lasagna Gardening: No digging, no tilling, no weeding, no kidding.**

10:30 - 10:45 am - Door Prizes

10:45 - 11:45 am - **Dave Wood, New Flowering Shrubs for the Home Landscape**

11:45 am - 1:00 pm - Plated Lunch / Shopping

1:00 - 2:00 pm - **Tom Kimmel, Groundcovers for the Midwest**

2:00 - 2:15 pm - Door Prizes

2:15 - 3:15 pm - **Patricia Pennell, Rain Gardens and Drought-Tolerant Plants**

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

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



**Items of interest:**

- Raffle Drawing
- Tickets are 3/\$5.00. All proceeds will be used for State and Local Master Gardener Programs.
- Hand Tool Sharpening - \$4.00 each

Master Gardeners will receive **five (5)** education hours for attending this conference all day.

**About the Speakers -**

**Patricia Lanza, Author, Lasagna Gardening**

Pat Lanza was born in Crossville, Tennessee and learned to garden at her grandmother's side. Her lasagna gardening method was born out of a need to find an easier way to grow flowers, vegetables and herbs without the use of a heavy, unmanageable rotary tiller. As Pat says, "Lasagna gardening is for busy people who have the urge to put their hands in the soil. It's for people who are power-tool challenged...It's for the legions of us who are stressed and overworked. It's the way to have it all without doing it all."

**David Wood, Horticulturalist**

Dave Wood was employed by Ford Motor Company for 35 years where he developed roof gardens and an arboretum at company headquarters. He has a degree in horticulture from Michigan State University and has been, at various times, a nurseryman, lecturer, author, radio host and teacher. He also has the distinction of being married to Pat Lanza.

**Tom Kimmel, owner Twixwood Nursery, Berrien Springs, Michigan**

Tom Kimmel is the unlikely owner of Trixwood, a wholesale nursery, which his parents began in 1968. Tom has a degree in Modern European History from the University of Michigan, as well as other advanced degrees. He has taught himself the nursery business by working at his parents' business and has taken nursery tours of Holland and England. Trixwood is now a major supplier of groundcovers to the mid-west market.

**Patricia Pennell, West Michigan Environmental Council**

Patricia is an environmental educator, photographer and writer. She is a recognized authority on rain garden construction and design. She has consulted on or installed over thirty rain gardens. Patricia lives on a beautiful river in Kent County where she watches people, bald eagles and osprey fish, river otters and kayakers play, and hummingbirds feed at her window.

**\$50.00 cost includes:**

- Four Speakers
- Lunch
- Vendors (Shopping)
- Door Prizes



**Spring Into Gardening Registration Form**

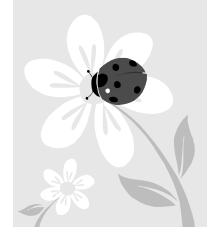
One registration form per person

**Registration Deadline**

**March 20, 2009**

**Registration: \$50.00**

Late Registration: \$60.00  
(after March 21)



**Make checks payable to:**  
**Master Gardener Association**

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Phone (with area code)

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E-mail Address

Check to request a Vegetarian Meal

All confirmations will be sent via email unless you do not have an email address, then a postcard will be sent.

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**Cancellation Policy:**

Sorry, no refunds.  
(Substitutes are acceptable)