

Comfort Inn Conference Center

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.**



Return Registrations Forms to:

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

Phone: 989-772-0911, ext 302
E-mail: MGHotline@isabellacounty.org
www.isabellacounty.org/dept/msue

7TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

• **Saturday, April 26, 2008**

Spring Into Gardening

A day-long conference held at the Comfort Inn Conference Center in Mt. Pleasant, MI.

Sponsored by the Michigan Master Gardener Association, Isabella County Chapter



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SPRING INTO GARDENING CONFERENCE

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200 North Main Street
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ISABELLA COUNTY CONFERENCE

DEADLINE BY: MARCH 20, 2008



Saturday, April 26, 2008
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Conference Schedule:

8:30 - 9:00 am - **Registration** - Coffee/Muffins

9:00 - 9:30 am - **Welcome**

9:30 - 10:30 am - **Pat Westaway - Square Foot Gardening Foundation**
"Square Foot Gardening: No Hoeing, No Weeding, No Work - No Kidding!"

10:30 - 10:45 am - Door Prizes

10:45 - 11:45 am - **Mark Torregrossa - NBC25**
"Things learned from the NBC25 Weather Garden"

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

1:00 - 2:00 pm - **Dave Moore, Stone Cottage Gardens**
"Planting the Natural Way"

2:00 - 2:15 pm - Door Prizes

2:15 - 3:15 pm - **Dr. Art Cameron, MSU**
"Landscaping in Tune with Nature"

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 - Dan Taylor of Taylored Iron Works, is donating a large iron item for a raffle drawing. Tickets are 3/\$5.00. All proceeds will be used for State and Local Master Gardener Programs.**
- Hand Tool Sharpening - \$4.00 ea (limit of 3)

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

About the Speakers -

Pat Westaway - Square Foot Gardening Foundation

Pat is from California, is a Master Gardener and comes from a long line of gardeners and farmers. SFG is like having her cake and eating it too!

"Square Foot Gardening - This is a gardening method that requires almost no work and gives you a bounteous harvest! It is adaptable to anyone, any age, any capability. Follow these simple steps and you'll never want to garden any other way!"

Mark Torregrossa - NBC25

Mark has been at NBC25 since March 2003. He is from Waukegan, IL, but has lived in Michigan for 15 years. The weather garden started at his first TV job in Cedar Rapids IA in 1990, and has had the Weather Garden every year since.

"I talk about microclimates, some organic gardening, and some fantastic tips I've gotten from viewers over the years - like the guy that carpets his garden!"

Dave Moore - Stone Cottage Gardens

Dave & Mary Moore own Stone Cottage Gardens in Gladwin, MI. It's a wonderful place to find just the thing you want for your gardens. Their lily fields are beautiful.

"Planting the Natural Way is simply using what nature provides. Planting native plants, right plant-right place, biodegradable cocoa mulch and compost teas. There's a lot out there that is NATURAL."

Dr. Art Cameron - MSU

Dr. Cameron is an avid botanist and perennial gardener renowned for his exuberant presentation style, beautiful slide shows and his passion for plants!

"Many of us wish to create a garden that works with the natural scheme - not one that fights against it. We are looking for plants which are tough, but not aggressive; beautiful but not fussy, a blend of native and exotic plants that create a natural look."

\$50.00 cost includes:

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



**Spring Into Gardening
Registration Form**

One registration form per person

Registration Deadline

March 20, 2008

Registration: \$50.00

Late Registration: \$60.00
(after March 21)

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

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

Name

Address

Phone (with area code)

E-mail Address

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)