

SCHEDULE

8:00 a.m. Registration Opens—Main Lobby
Continental Breakfast
Displays & Sales Open

9:00 a.m. Session 1

- Container Gardening Basics
- The Joy of Hostas
- Vigorous Vine Crops
- Restore the Shore Project
- Benefits of Gardening

10:30 a.m. Session 2

- Vertical Gardening 101
- Woodland Gardening
- Design and Use of your Herb Garden
- Sustainability of Food Production
- Gardening for Life

11:45 a.m. Lunch and Displays

Lunch will be the annual NLMGA feast of salads, sandwiches and homemade desserts

1:00 p.m. Session 3

- Fruits & Nuts for Northern Wisconsin
- Great Gourd Beginnings
- Creating Garden Magic
- Vegetable Gardening Basics & not so Basics

2:30 p.m. Session 4

- GMO's - Myths & Realities
- Using Cover Crops
- Creating a Wildflower Meadow
- Workshop: Stained Glass Garden Stone
- Workshop: Garden Art
- Workshop: Herbal Cordials
- Workshop: Copper Garden Trellis

Check online to see which workshops are open:
<http://marinette.uwex.edu>

Please make check payable to "NLMGA" and include payment for your *first* choice workshop if applicable.

22nd annual conference sponsored by
Northern Lights Master Gardeners Association
and U.W. Extension - Marinette County

2017 Spring Garden Conference



Saturday, April 1st

8:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

**University of Wisconsin
Marinette Campus**

Cost: \$40

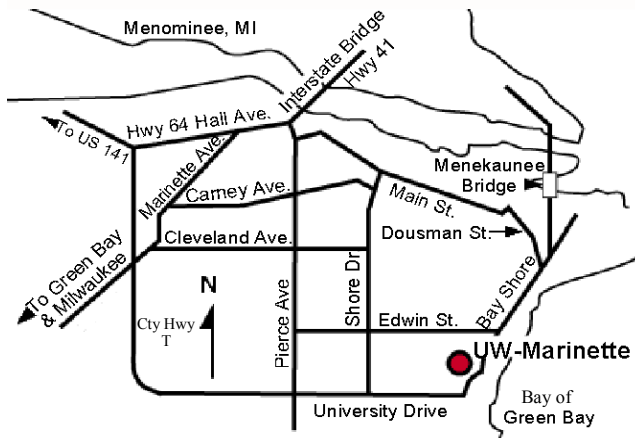
**Includes morning refreshments,
4 educational sessions, and homemade lunch.**



Directions to the Campus

From Hwy 41: Take 41 to T, turn (south), follow T (past the mall) to University Dr., continue (east) on University Dr. to Bay Shore St., and to the campus entrance on left.

From the west on Hwy 64: Take 64 to T and 180, turn right (south), follow T to University Dr., continue (east) on University Dr. to Bay Shore St., turn left (north) on Bay Shore St. to the campus.



Spring Conference Registration Details

Location

University of Wisconsin - Marinette Campus
750 West Bay Shore Street, Marinette, WI

Program Cost \$40

This cost includes morning refreshments, 4 educational sessions and lunch.

Workshops may be subject to an additional cost.

Registration

Complete the registration form inside and send with payment by **March 20th** to:

**Garden Conference c/o UW-Extension
1926 Hall Avenue, Marinette WI 54143**

Please make check payable to "NLMGA"

Registration is accepted on a first-paid, first-served basis. We reserve the right to cancel classes due to insufficient enrollment.

Refunds


Refund requests must be received before March 24th.

For further information contact the UW-Extension office at 715-732-7510, toll free at 877-884-4408, or visit on the web at <http://marinette.uwex.edu>

Master Gardener Volunteers
Master Gardeners Volunteers aid the UW-Extension Horticulture staff by helping communities better understand horticulture and their environment.

One of the ways Northern Lights Master Gardeners Association does this is by sponsoring educational events such as this conference.

Proceeds from this event are used for Harmony Arboretum Demonstration Garden maintenance, a horticulture scholarship and other educational programs.


An EEO/Affirmative Action Employer, University of Wisconsin-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title IX and ADA requirements.

Requests for reasonable accommodations for disabilities or limitations should be made prior to the date of the program. Please do so as early as possible prior to the program so that proper arrangements can be made. Requests are kept confidential.

Please note that photo/videographers will be taking videos and pictures of the participants at Spring Garden Conference. UW-Extension and NLMGA will use these videos and pictures in a manner consistent with UW-Extension's mission. Your attendance at this event indicates your consent for your image to be recorded and used in this manner.

Session 1: 9:00 a.m.—10:15 a.m.

Container Gardening Basics

Presenter: Kathy Cleven, volunteer

- Learn the Basics of container gardening and elements to achieve a garden of beauty using containers. Explore the benefits and creativity allowed by artful use of container gardening with annuals.

The Joy of Hostas

Presenter: Jill Reuss**

- See new and old varieties of all sizes and colors and how to maximize their use in any garden - from sun to shade. Hosta maintenance is fairly easy, but learn some tricks of the trade to help you keep them around for generations and looking as good as they should.

Vigorous Vine Crops

Presenter: Scott Reuss, Horticulture Agent, Marinette County UWEX

- The vine crops (pumpkins, squash, melons, cucumbers) can form the cornerstone of an extremely healthy, productive garden. We will review their traits, pest management, and plant management activities to ensure you get the most from these versatile vegetables.

Restore the Shore Project

Presenter: Jim Knickelbine, Director of Woodland Dunes Preserve

- Restore the Shore is an effort begun by Woodland Dunes to improve habitat near the shore of Lake Michigan, habitat critical to the welfare of migratory songbirds. Working with adjacent landowners and dozens of partners, land is improved for wildlife by removing invasive, non-native plants and replanting with native, bird friendly trees, shrubs, and wildflowers.

Surprising Benefits of Gardening

Health Professionals want you to know

Presenter: Denice Nycz, Interim Family Living Educator, Marinette County UWEX

- Most everyone knows that home gardening gives us an amazing sense of accomplishment; particularly when we enjoy the benefits of a plentiful harvest. But gardening also rewards us with incredible, unseen bounty that is often overlooked. Your home garden can actually make you much healthier than you think! Join Denice, who is a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist and board certified Exercise Physiologist, to learn how your “labor of love” may not only reduce menacing stress in your life but also strengthen your body and brain.

Session 2: 10:30 a.m.—11:45 a.m.

Vertical Gardening 101

Presenter: Jason Fischbach, Agriculture Agent, Ashland & Bayfield Counties UWEX

- Vertical gardening includes a wide range of techniques and tools to make better use of space when gardening. Jason will provide information and real-life examples of this efficient and fun approach to gardening.

Woodland Gardening

Presenter: Mary Marquis**

- Are you wondering how to make that shady spot look like it belongs with the rest of your landscape? Do you want to invite wildlife? Or have minimal maintenance? Or enjoy a shady nook? This session will present nature’s own self-sustainable approach to a care-free woodland garden.

Designing your Herb Garden and Using your Herbs

Presenter: Jacqueline J Johnson ND (Naturopathic Doctor)

Herb gardens come in all sizes and shapes; join us to learn what might work best for you. Once you’re growing herbs— you can apply ideas shared in this session to use what you have grown.

Sustainability of Food Production

Presenter: Jamie Patton, Agriculture Agent, Shawano County UWEX & Scott Reuss, Horticulture Agent, Marinette County UWEX

- Which is more environmentally sustainable, buying a banana grown in Nicaragua or an apple grown in Washington? Which has less environmental and social impact, purchasing organic or non-organic tortilla chips? This discussion will focus on defining sustainable food production and how we can introduce environmental sustainability into our home gardens and our food purchasing practices.

Gardening for Life

Presenters: Marilynn Cech & Ann Loper South East Wisconsin Master Gardeners, Life Long Garden Committee

- Presentation will cover tips and techniques for gardening with ease, protecting your muscles/joints, preventing injuries and enhancing your well being. Goal is to educate the public about tools, techniques and plant selection which will allow them to garden throughout life, despite physical challenges whether they are young in age or just young at heart.

Session 3: 1:00 p.m.—2:15 p.m.

Fruits and Nuts for Northern Wisconsin

Presenter: Jason Fischbach, Agriculture Agent, Ashland & Bayfield Counties UWEX

- As Agriculture Agent in Bayfield County, Jason works closely with the fruit growers in Bayfield and has been working to help diversify their plantings. In this presentation, Jason will provide information on various crops and systems he's been working with including: hazelnuts, currants, sweet cherries, and black raspberries. He'll also spend some time on the key aspects of growing blueberries, raspberries, and high density tree fruit.

Great Gourd Beginnings

Presenter: Susan Bork**

- Introduction to gourd culture and crafting with ornamental and hard shell gourds. Expand your gardening horizons with gourds! An exciting opportunity to explore the wonderful world of gourds. Begin Today! You will be amazed! Learn about planting, saving, storing, and crafting with gourds. (For novice gardeners and emerging gourdist.)

Creating Garden Magic

Presenter: Rob Zimmer, Nature & Garden author and radio host

- Join Rob Zimmer as he presents some of his favorite landscape design tips, unusual plant combinations and colorful, vibrant ideas to help you create garden magic in sun or shade. Whatever your gardening style, you'll find something catchy in this exciting, fun program.

Vegetable Gardening Basics and not so Basics

Presenter: Tim Limberg**

- Learn how to eliminate Colorado potato beetles naturally. Never thin carrots again. Harvest so much asparagus you'll be giving it away. Tips and tricks to success. It may be as simple as timing.

Session 4 2:30p.m.– 3:45p.m.

Workshop: Stained Glass Garden Stone

Presenters: Scott and Carrie Jo Martin, proprietors of CJ's Glass

- Create your own one-of-a-kind 5" round, weather-resistant, concrete garden stone from a multitude of colored art glass pieces. You will be given step-by-step instruction and handouts in this unique mosaic style stone to enable you to create more at home!

(Limit 12) Workshop fee: \$12

Workshop: Garden Art -Crescent Owls & Cup and Saucer Birdfeeder

Presenter: Barbara Anderson** and Sandy Deichlbork**

- In this session explore creativity in the garden through upcycled art. You will learn various techniques that can be applied at home to other garden art projects. Discover an owl by painting a crescent paver then choose from an array of dinnerware to create your own unique birdfeeder.

(Limit 15) Workshop fee: \$20

Workshop: Herbal Cordials

Presenter: Jackie Johnson ND (Naturopathic Doctor)

- Learn how to make herbal cordials that your friends and family will love! Cordials are alcoholic herbal infused drinks that can also be used for cooking. We'll make two for you to take home to try.

(Limit 20) Workshop fee: \$15

Workshop: Copper Garden Trellis

Presenter: Ron Withrow** and Ed Draz**

- This is your opportunity to learn how to work with copper to create pieces for in your garden. In this session we will step through the process of making your own 5' garden trellis. With the skills learned in this workshop you will also be able to make other garden and yard decorations out of copper. All materials to create a trellis during this workshop will be provided for you.

(Limit 10) Workshop fee: \$40

GMO's - Myths & Realities

Presenter: Scott Reuss, Horticulture Agent, Marinette County UWEX

- One of the most divisive terms in agriculture today is 'GMO'. Scott will review what they are, how they are created, what is actually available, and the most current research on their potential issues – health, environmental, and others. Bring your questions and be ready for a very interesting discussion!

Keep that Garden Covered!

Using Cover Crops to Increase Soil Health & Productivity

Presenter: Jamie Patton, Agriculture Agent, Shawano County UWEX

- Cover crops can be used in the home garden to reduce weed populations, improve soil fertility, reduce erosion, increase microbial activity, and benefit pollinators. Jamie will discuss the benefits and challenges of using in-season and winter cover crops to improve soil health and productivity, with an emphasis on cover crop species selection and management.

How to create a Wildflower Meadow in your Yard

Presenter: Adrian Konell & Linda Warren** owners of Native Way Nursery

- Native plant wildflower gardens and meadows provide a beautiful landscape. Instructors will provide in-depth guidance on how to install nectar, pollen and host plant habitat for butterflies, bees and other important beneficial insects. Selecting the type of garden/meadow, site preparation, aesthetic and function considerations, and seeds vs plants are all important decisions to be made before you start.