

SCHEDULE

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

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Welcome & Introduction
Keynote Address: Megan Cain
Design Inspiration for a Creative Vegetable Garden

10:15 - 11:30 a.m. Session 1

- Straw Bale Gardening Basics
- How Does Your Garden Grow
- A Daylily Explosion
- Miniature Gardens Aren't Just for Fairies!
- What You Need to Know to Buy an Apple Tree

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 pm Lunch
Lunch will be the annual NLMGA feast of salads, sandwiches and homemade desserts

12:45 - 2:00 p.m. Session 2

- Your Garden Can Feed You All Year
- ~~Willows in the Garden~~
- Spring Forth in Full Bloom
- Our Top 20 Native Plants
- Low Input Lawn Care

2:15 - 3:30 p.m. Session 3

- The Microbial World That Makes Your Garden Grow
- Fruit Tree Pruning
- Choosing the Best Perennials for Cold Climates

Workshops

- Stained Glass
- Orchid Pot Bird Feeder
- Succulent Success
- Copper Garden Trellis

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

Also see our Facebook Page:
Northern Lights Master Gardeners
Volunteers Association (NLMGA)

23rd annual conference sponsored by
Northern Lights Master Gardeners Association
and U.W. Extension - Marinette County

2018 Spring Garden Conference

Saturday, March 24

8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

University of Wisconsin Marinette Campus

Cost: \$40

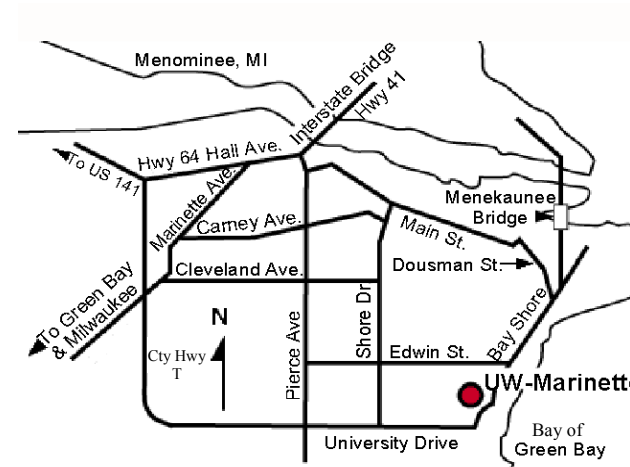
**Includes morning refreshments,
4 educational sessions, and homemade lunch.**



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., and to the campus entrance on left.



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.

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 are subject to an additional cost.

Registration: Pre-registration is required. Complete the registration form inside and send with payment by **March 16th** to:

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

Walk-in registration is not accepted.

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 16th.

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>

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.

Keynote Address: 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Design Inspiration for a Creative Vegetable Garden

Presenter: Megan Cain, garden educator, writer and speaker.

Megan developed one of the first youth gardening programs in Madison, designed and installed gardens in many homeowners' yards, managed a 1/4 acre youth farm, worked on CSA farms, created a series of gardening classes that often have waiting lists, and tend to a large home garden. She knows what works and what doesn't....and loves to share it.

Session 1: 10:15 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Straw Bale Gardening Basics

Presenter: Linda Gustke, Education Manager, Green Bay Botanical Garden, NEW Master Gardener

•Straw Bale Gardening is a method that can be done anywhere and can grow just about anything! Whether you are renting and don't want to install a raised bed, struggle cultivating ground-level gardens, have poor soil or just want to try out a new technique, straw bale gardening could be for you. Attendees will have the chance to win a straw bale.

How Does Your Garden Grow

Presenter: Delores Konrad**

•An introduction to gardening for the new gardener. Learn to plan and create a garden using basic techniques of site analysis, soil preparation, plant selection and garden resources.

A Daylily Explosion

Presenter: Mark & JoAnn Jankowski, Angelic Acres, Abrams, WI

•Share the excitement this perennial has to offer. Learn about the care and diversity the daylily has brought into the gardens of today. Enjoy this EXPLOSION of color in the peak of summer.

Miniature Gardens Aren't Just for Fairies!

Presenter: Kathy Gilligan, Petal 'n' Roots Greenhouse and Nursery

•Let your imagination guide you when choosing your container, plants and accessories for your very own miniature garden. It's only a *Fairy Garden* if you want it to be. (Or if they just "move in"!) She'll go over the basics, share ideas, and make you aware there are not many rules! Learn how to plan, create and care for a miniature garden of your own: a great project to share with your kids or grandkids. We will design and build a miniature garden and inspire you to add a great "little" addition to your garden, porch, or container, with a focus on DIY and succulents! Bring your questions and your imagination!

What You Need to Know Before You Buy an Apple Tree

Presenter: Tim Limberg**

•A Macintosh will not pollinate a Cortland. A Winesap will not pollinate anything. A Northern Spy may not fruit for 15 years, and trees sold in pots may never fruit. These and more facts you need to know for a successful orchard will be discussed.

Session 2: 12:45 p.m.—2:00 p.m.

Your Garden Can Feed You All Year

Presenter: Megan Cain

•With the right planning you can eat food from your garden all year long. This fun and interactive workshop will teach you how to have your earliest harvest ever in spring, keep the momentum going in summer through succession planting, and have a robust fall garden that feeds you all the way to holiday gatherings. Using simple techniques, you can extend the fruits of your labor into more months of the year so you're getting the most food possible from your garden.

Willows in the Garden

Presenter: Poppy Hatinger, Negaunee, Michigan

•Learn the basics of willow garden structures from the useful to the whimsical. Topics covered include the growing and harvest of wild and homegrown willow to create towers, fences and living willow structures. Traditional and modern uses of this renewable resource well adapted to our area will be presented.

Spring Forth in Full Bloom

Presenter: Jill Reuss**

•Whether used as specimens, splashes, or waves, getting the most color and potential out of spring bulbs requires some attention to detail. We will delve into selection, planting, care, and pest management.

Our Top 20 Native Plants

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

•To make this top 20 list, a native plant must be fairly easy to grow, have bold beautiful flowers or foliage, and be an excellent pollen and nectar source for beneficial insects. You will receive a list of plants for the sun and a list for part-shade, with a diagram of a suggested layout, and information on how to grow each of these species. All of these plants are native to the Midwest.

Low Input Lawn Care

Presenter: Scott Reuss, Horticulture Agent, Marinette County UWEX

•Turf management involves many different activities and can utilize a multitude of products or practices. In this discussion, you'll learn about management practices that lead to a healthy lawn that meets your objectives, while minimizing both the economic and environmental impact of those practices.

Session 3: 2:15 p.m.—3:30 p.m.

The Microbial World that Makes Your Garden Grow

Presenter: Jamie Patton, Senior Outreach Specialist, Nutrient and Pest Management, UW-Madison

•Don't worry, gardeners...you're never alone! There are often more than a billion organisms in a single teaspoon of healthy soil! Every day we learn more about these creatures and how our management impacts the eternal struggle between "good vs evil". Jamie will talk about who these are, what they do, and why (and how!) we can manage our soils to help the "good guys" win!

Fruit Tree Pruning

Presenter: Scott Reuss, Horticulture Agent, Marinette County UWEX

•What? How? Why? When? All these questions have reasonably easy answers when it comes to the topic of fruit tree pruning. We will demonstrate, discuss and practice what makes up a good fruit tree pruning plan for young and bearing trees, and also get into 'fixing' neglected trees a bit.

Choosing the Best Perennials for Cold Climates

Presenter: Pat Howayek**

•Perennial gardening in zones 4/5 can be challenging. In this session I will share with you what I consider the best perennials for growing in cold-climate conditions. These are the perennials that will live and thrive for many years and will be the backbone of your garden. Included will be perennials for both sun and shade gardens.

Workshop: Stained Glass

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 to enable you to create more of these unique mosaic style stones at home!

(Limit 12) Workshop fee: \$40

Workshop: Garden Art - Orchid Pot Bird Feeder

Presenter: Barbara Anderson** and Sandy Deichlbor**

•Create and decorate a functional bird feeder for your garden made with an orchid pot, clay trays, wire, paint, and a bird on top. All materials will be provided.

(Limit 12) Workshop fee: \$20

Workshop: Succulent Success

Presenter: Anne Biernasz**

•Learn how fun and easy it is to propagate and grow your own succulents. You will create your own little succulent garden to take home and enjoy.

(Limit 15) Workshop fee: \$12

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 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

2018 Conference Registration Form

Check on-line to see the latest class availability

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Please make a **first & second** choice in sessions 1, & 2

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- What You Need to Know Before You Buy an Apple Tree

Session 2

- Your Garden Can Feed You All Year
- ~~Willows in the Garden~~ **CANCELLED**
- Spring Forth in Full Bloom
- Our Top 20 Native Plants
- Low Input Lawn Care

Session 3 (please list **1 thru 3** in choices for this session)

- Microbial World that Makes Your Garden Grow
- Fruit Tree Pruning
- Choosing the Best Perennials for Cold Climates
- Full** ~~Stained Glass~~ (workshop \$40)
- Full** ~~Garden Art—Bird Feeder~~ (workshop \$20)
- Full** ~~Succulent Success~~ (workshop \$12)
- Full** ~~Copper Garden Trellis~~ (workshop \$40)

Conference fee: \$40\$ _____

Workshop fee:\$ **xx**

Total enclosed: \$ _____

NAME: _____

(Only 1 person per form, payment may be combined)

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

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

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