

2020 Conference Registration Form

Please make a **first & second** choice in Sessions 1 & 2

Session 1

- Gardening in Raised Beds
- Continuous Color
- Native Plants for a Pollinator Garden
- How to Deal with Changing Climate in WI
- Vegetable Gardening Basics & Not So Basics

Session 2

- The Cutting Edge of Landscape Roses
- Container Gardening 101
- Properly Pruning Fruits
- Road Trippin' — Gardens of Wisconsin
- Plant it Well—Even When Roots are Wrong

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

- Outdoor Hazards: Biting & Stinging Pests
- Irresistible Irises
- Organics, Not as Hard as You Believe it is!
- (Workshop) Build a Bluebird House (\$20)
- (Workshop) Dyed Silk Scarves (\$15)
- (Workshop) Air Plant Garden (\$30)
- (Workshop) Succulent Wreath (\$40)

Conference fee: \$40\$ _____

Workshop fee:\$ _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

NAME: _____

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

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

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

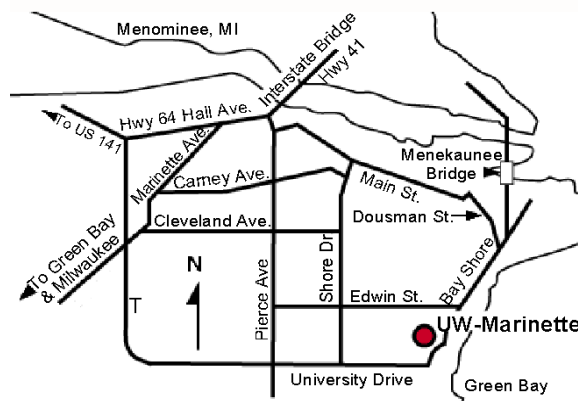
Tell us: how many conferences have you attended? ____

Which year was the first one you went to? ____

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.



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Northern Lights Master Gardeners Association
& Extension Marinette County
Annual Garden Conference: 1996-2020



2020

Spring Garden Conference

Saturday, March 21
8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

UW-Green Bay,
Marinette Campus
750 West Bay Shore Street, Marinette

Cost: \$40

Includes morning refreshments,
4 educational sessions,
plus homemade soup and lunch

2020 Keynote Speaker: Janet Macunovich, Garden and Landscape Designer, Writer
Janet@GardenAtoZ.com



Janet Macunovich is an author and educator who as a professional gardener has been designing, planting and maintaining gardens and landscapes for almost 40 years. Janet's horticultural training includes extensive coursework at botanical gardens and colleges. She has authored nine books, developed and presented seminars and workshops, hosted radio shows and written weekly gardening columns that have helped gardeners in the U.S., Canada, England, Europe and Brazil. She is recognized for her no-nonsense practicality, humor and ability to take the mystery out of gardening topics. She is co-founder of the Michigan School of Gardening (1996-2008) and the Association of Professional Gardeners (1999) and is co-owner of Garden A to Z through which she designs, plants and maintains gardens and landscapes, and helps others learn how-to. Her business is based in southeastern Michigan but also serves her clients in Ohio, Illinois, Massachusetts and Oregon.

Keynote Presentation: Renovating Gardens and Landscapes

Most gardeners have been faced with a previously-planted garden or landscape that's gotten a bit worn and "needs something". If that's you, adopt this plan for success. This presentation shows how to make changes within a garden or a yard to express yourself while maintaining unity between new and old. Learn what to keep, how to visualize changes, find great new plants, transplant tactics, soil improvement techniques, and tips toward phasing in the changes.

Master Gardener Volunteers

Master Gardener Volunteers aid the Extension Marinette County Horticulture staff by helping communities better understand horticulture and their environment.

One of the ways The 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.



SCHEDULE

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

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Welcome, Introduction, and Keynote
Keynote Session: Janet Macunovich
• **Renovating Gardens and Landscape**

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

- Gardening in Raised Beds
- Continuous Color
- Native Plants for a Pollinator Garden
- How to Deal with the Changing Climate in Wisconsin
- Vegetable Gardening Basics and Not So Basics

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 pm Lunch

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

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

- The Cutting Edge of Landscape Roses
- Container Gardening 101
- Properly Pruning Fruits
- Road Trippin' - Gardens of Wisconsin
- Plant it Well—Even When the Roots are Wrong

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

- Outdoor Hazards: Biting & Stinging Pests
- Irresistible Irises
- Organics, Not as Hard as You Believe it is!

Workshops

- Build a Bluebird House (\$20)
- Botanically Dyed Silk Scarves (\$15)
- Creating an Air Plant Garden (\$30)
- Succulent Wreath (\$40)

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

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

Classes may have limited openings: sign up early

Session 1: 10:15 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Gardening in Raised Beds

Presenter: Belinda Collins, Michigan Advanced Master Gardener

Learn the advantages of growing vegetables in raised beds. Some of the topics that will be covered are different types of soil, determining the size and shape for your raised bed, materials to use, plant supports, ways to use hoop covers and maintenance.

Continuous Color

Presenter: Janet Macunovich, Garden and Landscape Designer, Writer

It's not just the combination of plant species and varieties that make for April through October bloom in a garden. What counts are the gardener's tricks for extending, stalling, and coaxing repeat shows from flowering plants. This class covers both plant combinations and practical techniques that add up to a really long show.

Native Plants for a Pollinator Garden

*Presenters: Adrian Konell and Linda Warren***

Your selection of which flowers, trees and shrubs you plant can make a vast difference. The health of the pollinator and other beneficial insect populations on your property depend on your choices. Learn why insects are so important, which native plants are the best for them and how to grow them.

How to Deal with the Changing Climate in Wisconsin

Presenter: Leonard Matecki

When Mother Nature is fickle, make changes that can counteract what nature is throwing at you. From raised beds to micro sprinklers to mulching, discover options you may not have thought of. Learn what works and what doesn't in your planting plans. Learn the specific needs of common garden plants for sun, moisture, heat and fertilizer.

Vegetable Gardening Basics and Not So Basics |

*Presenter: Tim Limberg***

Tim will cover a wide range of vegetable gardening topics from asparagus to zucchini. Why soil temperature is so important and how knowing plant families can help control insects and disease. Learn how simple timing can improve your soil and why a cover crop is worth its weight in gold. Small changes can produce big results. Join us and learn some basics and not so basics as you begin planning this year's vegetable garden.

Session 2: 12:45 p.m.—2:00 p.m.

The Cutting Edge of Landscape Roses

Presenter: Dr. David Zlesak, Professor of Horticulture, UW-River Falls

There are significant changes underway in the breeding, testing, production, distribution and use of landscape roses. Spurred on by high consumer expectations, recent research, and creative innovation by industry to satisfy customers in a competitive economy, there is much to look forward to in the rose industry. There is an increasing push to regional trialing and marketing of regionally superior cultivars and greater commitment than ever to roses with truly elevated disease resistance. Strong performing newer roses for the upper Midwest will be highlighted.

Container Gardening 101

Presenter: Beth Peanosky, Floral Container Designer at Marinette Farm and Garden

Want to make your flowerpots the envy of the neighborhood? Learn the basics of container gardening for fool proof pots that will be stunning from spring until frost. Topics covered include, choosing the best potting soil,

color combinations for flowers, fertilizing for optimal growth, and daily care of your flower pots. Learn how to have beautiful flowerpots to enjoy all season long.

Properly Pruning Fruits

Presented by Scott Reuss, Marinette County Agriculture & Horticulture Agent with UW-Madison, Division of Extension

Raising your own fruits provides amazing flavor and great nutrition. One management practice that needs to be performed annually on all fruit types is pruning. We will review pruning tools, timing, techniques, and decision-making for all of our northern-hardy fruit plants.

Road Trippin' - Gardens of Wisconsin

Presenter: Mark A. Konlock, Director of Horticulture at Green Bay Botanical Garden

Take a break from the winter whiteness and join Mark on a tour of public gardens throughout the state of Wisconsin. See the colors, textures, and ideas from last season; get inspiring ideas on how to make your garden amazing this year; and make plans to visit these gardens throughout the summer!

Plant it Well - Even When the Roots are Wrong

Presenter: Janet Macunovich, Garden and Landscape Designer, Writer

Most people do not know that the rules for planting have changed, and that current nursery grower techniques produce a root package that must be radically altered before planting. Worse, a lack of awareness of these facts is causing the majority of new-planted trees and shrubs to fail. Here is an eye-opening, helpful look at how this situation came about, what you can expect to see, and how you can beat the odds to be successful in planting.

While you are at the conference, don't forget to check out the **SALES TABLE** with items donated by Northern Lights (NLMGA) members, or the **BUCKET RAFFLE** with donations from local businesses and NLMGA members. Perhaps pick up some new-to-you magazines or gardening books.

There will also be displays for you to look at before and between classes, and if you have a gardening question, take it to the **ASK A MASTER GARDENER** booth.

Session 3: 2:15 p.m.—3:30 p.m.

Outdoor Hazards: Biting & Stinging Pests

Presented by Scott Reuss, Marinette County Agriculture & Horticulture Agent with UW-Madison, Division of Extension

The Marinette County area is ‘blessed’ with a multitude of biting or stinging arthropods. Learn more about the critters (mosquitoes, ticks, wasps, etc...) and the human and livestock/pet diseases which they can transmit, along with possible management opportunities.

Irresistible Irises

Presenter: Jill Reuss, Master Gardener Volunteer

Enjoy the biggest, most beautiful blooms of spring by growing Irresistible Irises! I have heard the same questions over the years, like, “Why won’t my irises bloom?”, “How do I plant Irises correctly?”, “Which irises can I grow in moist soil? ...dry soil?” and lots more. Learn how to love and maintain all varieties of Japanese Iris, Siberian Iris, German (Bearded) Iris, Dwarf Iris and more to their fullest colorful potential.

Organics, Not As Hard As You Believe It Is!

Presenter: Lucy Pier, Owner of Blueberry Pier, an organic farm with her husband Darrell, Certified Organic by MOSA since 2007.

We will explore why organics sounds so difficult to do and how you may already be doing organics without knowing it. We will look at items around the house that you can use and how to use them correctly. You will leave the class with a better understanding of how to garden organically and with material on where and how to continue to grow food for yourself and your family that is healthier and safer for all of us.

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Build a Bluebird House (Workshop)

*Presenters: Rick Dittrich,** and George Kloppenburg***

If you want to attract bluebirds to your area this Spring, they will need a place to live. Learn about what their other needs are (food, water, habitat, protection from predators), and then Rick and George will help you assemble your own bluebird house to take home with you. Cost: \$20.00 (Limit: 14)

Botanically Dyed Silk Scarves (Workshop)

Presenter: Debra Doubek, Porterfield, WI

Let the colors of nature delight your eye and color your fabric. Learn how to dye a silk scarf using botanical dyes from the garden, such as herbs, spices, and veggies. Participants will dye and take home a silk scarf and plenty of knowledge to start them on a colorful journey. Each person will make and take home one silk scarf of their very own. Cost: \$15 (Limit: 20)

Creating an Air Plant Garden (Workshop)

Presenter: Penny Mullins, Owner, Penny’s Plants & Pots, Menominee

Participants will choose from a number of different colored sands, rocks, moss, shells and figurines, along with selecting an air plant, to design a 4-inch diameter glass globe. Instructions on caring for the plants will be provided. Cost: \$30 (Limit: 25)

Succulent Wreath (Workshop)

Presenter: Kathy Gilligan, Owner, Petal ‘n’ Roots Greenhouse, W6693 Beech Rd. Porterfield

Join us with all the supplies needed (pre-made wreath frame, moss, succulent cuttings, pins and hot glue) to make a moss covered wreath with a “corsage” of living succulents. The moss covered wreath will allow your succulents to continue to live and grow. This is your creation so feel free to bring “special” items you would like to incorporate into your wreath.....natural items, old jewelry pieces, plastic insects, etc. Cost: \$40 (Limit: 15)

For further information contact

**Extension—Marinette County at 715-732-7510,
toll free at 877-884-4408**

Location

University of Wisconsin Green Bay - Marinette Campus, 750 West Bay Shore St., 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 9th** to:

**Garden Conference
c/o Extension—Marinette County
1926 Hall Avenue, Marinette WI 54143**

Walk-in registration is not accepted. Some classes are limited, so register soon.

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 9th**.



Please note that photo/videographers will be taking videos and pictures of the participants at Spring Garden Conference.

Extension and NLMGA will use these videos and pictures in a manner consistent with the University of Wisconsin’s mission. Your attendance at this event indicates your consent for your image to be recorded and used in this manner.