

GARDENFEST 2015 - READY, SET, GROW
Saturday, April 11/7:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m.
Leucht Conference Center at McHenry County College
Building B, 8900 U.S. Highway 14, Crystal Lake
\$40.00 registration fee-includes continental breakfast and lunch

As Spring comes closer, here are four reasons we are looking forward to our upcoming GARDENFEST 2015 sponsored by University of Illinois Extension Masters Gardeners in McHenry County, McHenry County College's Workforce and Community Development Division.



REASON ONE!

...our keynote speaker Roy Diblik noted plantsman and designer, owner of Northwind Perennial Farm, and plantsman behind the Lurie Garden at Millennium Park will talk about his book "The Know Maintenance Perennial Garden." His lecture will highlight how to reduce garden chores to minutes a week.

REASON TWO!

...Breakout sessions

MORNING DOUBLE SESSION: Hypertufa 9:30-11:45 a.m.

TOPICS CHOICES FOR SESSION I 9:30-10:30 a.m.

- Sex In Your Garden
- Pocket Gardening is just the thing if you have limited time or space!
- Getting Ready to Grow Vegetables: Extending Your Season
- Hardscape: The Foundation of Your Garden
- Deciduous Trees Actually Offer Clues on How to Identify Them in Winter

TOPICS CHOICES FOR SESSION II 10:45-11:45 a.m.

- Building a Strong Willow Wreath or Other Garden Structure
- Are You Curious About Hydroponic and Aquaponics Gardening Techniques?
- Top Twenty Weeds in McHenry County and How to Tame Them
- Cool Season Crops
- Planting for Seasonal Interest Discover How You Can Add Another Layer of Interest in Your Gardens Indoors and Out with Cacti and Succulents



AFTERNOON SESSION DOUBLE SESSION: Garden Journaling with Watercolor
1:30-3:45 p.m.

TOPICS CHOICES FOR SESSION III 1:30-2:30 p.m.

- Supporting the Planet: The World of Pollinators
- Garden Views
- Flea Market Gardens
- Warm Season Crops
- Tropical Plants Are Not Just for Miami Beach
- Techniques of Gardening with Conifers

TOPIC CHOICES FOR SESSION IV 2:45-3:45 p.m.

- Best New Plants
- Gardening with Kids: from STEM to CORE
- The Plants That Don't Grow Here, Azaleas and Rhododendrons
- It All Begins with Planting A Seed

SAMPLE CLASS WRITE-UP

Session I - Sex In Your Garden

Join Kathy Uszler, Master Gardener and Landscape Designer, for fun facts about the "Sex in Your Garden" that keeps the plant world going and growing. Learn more about how flowers have adapted to the pollinators that help them procreate. The presentation is filled with photos of beautiful flowers, which will help satisfy your longing for the flowers that will soon fill our gardens. *Kathy Uszler*

REASON THREE!

...our version of a Genius Bar, right after lunch. We will have gardening experts at these seven different stations to answer your questions. The seven stations are: Annuals and Perennials, Vegetable and Herb Gardening, Canning, Preserving and Recipes for garden Produce, Seed Starting, Trees and Shrubs, Diagnosing Insect Problems and Disease, and Landscaping (General, Shade Garden, Native Plants, Attracting Birds) Please bring questions, house and garden photos on your i-phone or tablet.



REASON FOUR!

...favorite vendors will be returning, plus exciting new vendors with unique offerings.

YOU CAN REGISTER BY GOING TO www.mchenry.edu/gardenfest. YOU CAN MAIL YOUR REGISTRATION FORM WITH SESSION CHOICES AND PAYMENT TO:

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