

Westonka Horticultural Society

GROWING TOGETHER

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Blaha, the society's executive director and one of its founding members.

WHS accomplishes this through its Garden Gab sessions—90-minute, panel-like discussions that are held six times a year—and its annual Westonka Horticulture Day. This educational conference features a keynote speaker, more than 16 workshops on gardening and landscaping topics, and a resource service area of product and service providers. The 2010 event will take place on Saturday, March 27, with Dr. Mary Meyer giving the keynote talk.


In 2009, the WHS held its first Plant Swap where more than 50 attendees traded plant material and other garden-related items. Going forward, WHS hopes to expand its community

outreach, continue to develop its scholarship program, and organize a community garden tour with WeCAN (Western Community Action Network).

Members of WHS value their affordable Northern Gardener® memberships as well as their relationship with the MSHS. “The MSHS staff has always been wonderful to work with, and we appreciate their encouragement,” Barbara says. WHS is in the process of filing for its nonprofit status, and MSHS looks forward to supporting this fellow horticultural society as it grows and blossoms.

—Brenda Harvieux

For more information on the Westonka Horticultural Society, visit www.westonkahort.org.



Westonka Horticultural Society members visit Venero Gardens.

The Westonka Horticultural Society was developed five years ago by a group of local residents with horticulture experience who wanted to protect the natural beauty of the woodlands, wetlands, and prairies nearby. “It is the goal of WHS to bring the best environmentally friendly practices in gardening and landscaping to the community through educational methods based on University of Minnesota research,” says Barbara Voorhees