

Westonka Horticulture Society

Horticulture Day Saturday, March 27, 2010

Schedule

8:00–8:30 a.m. Registration, Resource Fair*

8:30–10:00 a.m. Keynote Speaker

10:00–10:30 a.m. Resource Fair open and free to public until 4:00pm

10:30–11:30 a.m. Workshop Session

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. FlowerPot Lunch

12:30–1:30 p.m. Workshop Session II

1:30–2:00 p.m. Resource Fair open and free to public until 4:00pm

2:00–3:00 p.m. Workshop Session III

3:00–4:00 p.m. Resource Fair, Drawings Gymnasium, lower level

*Resource Fair open from 8am – 4pm – check out prize drawings at the end of the day.

Speaker Profiles

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Mary Meyer

Dr. Meyer joined the Horticultural Science faculty in 1993 and has primarily an Extension/outreach and research appointment. Her research interests include native and ornamental grasses, especially *Miscanthus*, *Schizachyrium*, and *Pennisetum*. She is interested in propagation and production of grasses including cold hardiness, and sustainability of grasses for landscaping, especially in northern climates. Blue Heaven is a patented new little bluestem grass she released in 2007. She also conducts research on alternative low maintenance turf grasses. She has studied *Miscanthus* and where it has escaped in the United States and authored the website entitled *Miscanthus: Ornamental and Invasive Grass*. She is the author of the publication *Ornamental Grasses for Cold Climates* that can be purchased from the University of Minnesota Extension Service.

Dr. Meyer is responsible for the development and coordination of statewide multi-media educational programs in environmental and consumer horticulture. Her main office is at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum where she is the Arboretum Professor of Applied Research and Consumer Horticulture. She was the State Coordinator for the Master Gardener program in Minnesota for 13 years. In July 2008, Dr. Meyer became the Interim Director of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum when Peter Olin retired after 24 years of Arboretum leadership.

Workshops listed below

Workshop Speakers (in alphabetical order)

Arla Carmichiel | Three Rivers Park District | *Garden in Autumn*

This presentation will highlight plants and plant combinations that will provide beauty and interest in the garden's unsung season, Autumn. You will come away with a multitude of ideas and perhaps a greater appreciation for the garden in Autumn.

Arla is Horticulture Supervisor for Three Rivers Park District. Arla teaches garden design and classes on perennials and a lover of gardens. She is a frequent speaker at garden clubs.

Neil Cunningham | Minnesota Department of Agriculture | *Emerald Ash Borer Update & Japanese Beetle Management*

This session will provide a summary of activities related to the discovery of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) in St. Paul, MN in May 2009. In addition, this session will describe EAB's life cycle, native habitat, its introduction into the United States, and why EAB is considered a serious invasive pest. Information on management tools for managing Japanese beetle will also be provided.

Neil Cunningham works as an outreach coordinator for the Invasive Species Unit of the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's Plant Protection Division. Prior to this, he worked 10 years as a biocontrol specialist with the MDA's Biological Control Program. As an independent naturalist, he uses various colonies of insects and other living organisms he grows for starting conversations about pest management, pollination, urban biodiversity, food scarcity, and decomposition

Heidi Heiland | Heidi's Lifestyle Gardens | *Curb Appeal*

Explore tips and tricks of the trade to increase the experience of your entrance. Take away ideas that are not simply trendy but suggest a lifestyle.

Heidi is the CEO for her lifestyle company, which she launched 31 years ago. Heidi and her team create spaces and experiences for residential and commercial customers. Heidi is a professional master gardener plus a certified professional of the MN Nursery and Landscape Association. Heidi also contributes to Channel 11's EarthKare monthly segments

Steven Kelley | Kelley and Kelley Landscaping | *Gardening in Shade*

Steve will define degrees of shade and recommend perennials that thrive under those conditions. In addition, Steve will suggest attractive perennial combinations.

Owner of Kelley and Kelley Nursery in Long Lake, Steve is frequent speaker at garden clubs and a lover of most perennials.

Dale Longfellow | Hennepin County Master Gardener | *Raising Vegetables in Your Home Garden*

How to select and raise vegetables and herbs in your garden. An introduction to vegetable gardening for the challenging conditions home gardeners face. How to start and nurture your vegetables, even in small spaces, so that you can enjoy their fresh taste throughout the season.

Dale Longfellow is a Hennepin County Master Gardener who feels that vegetables and herbs should be a part of everyone's garden. As president of Cambridge Research, Dale designs and directs qualitative research studies for numerous agribusiness clients across North America, and has personally visited with thousands of farmers raising everything from asparagus to zucchini. A frequent traveler to S.E. Asia, Dale enjoys exploring the gardening practices in that part of the world and looks for ways to use them in our climate.

Lara Newberger| Forester, City of Plymouth | *Identify and Eliminate Garlic Mustard Weed and Buckthorn*

You will learn how to identify and manage buckthorn and garlic mustard weed, two of the most invasive species in garden and landscape settings. Also, learn a bit about Canadian Thistle and other troublesome weeds.

Lara is the forestry technician and weed inspector for the City of Plymouth for the past 17 years. She graduated from the U of M College of Natural Resources with a B.S. in Forest Resource Management and has been a certified arborist for 10 years.

Valentina Plant| Hedberg Landscape & Masonry Supplies | *Every Drop Counts: Rainwater Harvesting and Other Things You Can Do to Manage Run-off*

Water is our most important resource and one that is extremely challenged. Learn about the main issues surrounding water in our region and what residents can do to help prevent the damage urban-run off is causing in our lakes, rivers and streams. Learn sustainable landscaping techniques for cleaner water that are simple to incorporate in your yard, including rainwater-harvesting systems that add beauty and eco-diversity to your landscape. Learn how you can be part of a Blue Community Makeover™ in your neighborhood.

Tina Plant is the Chief Marketing Officer at Hedberg Landscape & Masonry Supplies, one of the area's leading suppliers of eco-friendly products for sustainable building and landscaping, and authorized distributor for RainXchange rainwater harvesting systems. Plant is a graduate of the University of Minnesota. She completed Minnesota GreenStar training in 2008, studies regional storm water management issues and serves as Membership Chair for Blue Thumb, an outreach program that promotes planting for clean water. Prior to joining the Hedberg team, Plant worked for Donaldson Company in Bloomington and several Minnesota high tech firms, including a satellite communications subsidiary of Boeing.

Karen Schellinger| *Beginning Rock Gardening*

Learn about rock garden construction and types of plants to use in a rock garden as well as starting your plants from seed. Examples will be given of different rock types for gardens and how to build a hypertufa trough.

Karen has been rock gardening for over 25 years and has traveled extensively to mountain areas to view Alpine plants. Karen ran a nursery and has been a master gardener for 13 years.

Brenda Wickenhauser| Bailey Nurseries Inc | *A Review of Trees, Shrubs, Fruits Perennials and Annuals, from different Companies and Universities that are new to the local market for 2010*

A little history of the development of these plants and comments on how they will perform in our landscapes.

Brenda is a Minnesota native and has worked in the horticulture industry for over 20 years in locations such as Pennsylvania and Ohio. Brenda is a sales representative for Bailey's Nurseries, a nationally known wholesale nursery. Brenda enjoys her job as it allows the opportunity to learn and share about her passion for plants.

Julie Weisenhorn| Assistant Extension Professor & Director - UMN Extension Master Gardener Program

Home Landscaping: Where do I Start?

Do you have a landscaping project on your to-do list, but don't know how to get it off the ground? This class will give you an overview of how to get started designing a sustainable **home** landscape. Topics include site analysis, considerations of design, plant purpose and design use, and plant selection.

Backyard Renovation Project: Incorporating the Five Considerations of Sustainable Landscape Design

Learn the five considerations of sustainable landscape design—then see them in action in the speaker's own backyard landscape renovation.

You will learn some key points about creating a functional landscape in a relatively small space and gain understanding of basic sustainable home landscape to help you get your 2010 landscape projects off the ground!

Julie is the director of the University of Minnesota Extension Master Gardener Program and serves on the Westonka Horticultural Society board. She holds two master's degrees from the University of Minnesota in visual communications and in horticulture with an emphasis on landscape design and public education. Julie has taught multiple university courses in landscape design, coordinates the Sustainable Urban Landscape Information Series (SULIS) website, and is developing a new plant database.

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C101	Brenda Wickenhauser	Brenda Wickenhauser	Karen Schellinger
	Review of Trees, Shrubs, Perennials and Annuals for 2010	Review of Trees, Shrubs, Perennials and Annuals for 2011	Beginning Rock Gardening
C 105	Neil Cunningham	Lara Newberger	Lara Newberger
	Emerald Ash Borer Update & Japanese Beetle Mgmt.	Identify and Eliminate Garlic Mustard Weed and Buckthorn	Identify and Eliminate Garlic Mustard Weed and Buckthorn
C103	Steve Kelley	Arala Carmichiel	Heidi Heiland
	Gardening in Shade	The Garden in Autumn	Curb Appeal
C107	Heidi Heiland	Tina Plant	Tina Plant
	Curb Appeal	Every Drop Counts: Rainwater Harvesting and Other Things You Can do to Manage Run-off	Every Drop Counts: Rainwater Harvesting and Other Things You Can do to Manage Run-off
C 116		Julie Wiesenhorn	Julie Wiesenhorn
		Backyard Renovation Project: Incorporating the Five Considerations of Sustainable Landscape Design	Home Landscaping: Where do I Start?
C124	Dale Longfellow	Dale Longfellow	
	Raising Vegetables in Your Home Garden	Raising Vegetables in Your Home Garden	