

HENDRICKS COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS AND Conference Complex

2018 PURDUE
MASTER GARDENER
STATE CONFERENCE



Gardening Outside & In: Beauty, Relaxation, Tomatoes & Shorts

June 7-9, 2018

Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds & Conference Complex
Danville, Indiana



We invite you and a guest to “*Gardening Outside & In*” — *Beauty, Relaxation, Tomatoes & Shorts*: the 2018 Purdue Master Gardener State Conference at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds & Conference Center in Danville.

You will experience beauty in the garden — and health in the gardener — through the Garden Tours, demonstrations and takeaway workshops, educational sessions, vendors, entertainment, silent auction and a photo contest.

Visit our new (2017) Demonstration Garden and visit with other Master Gardeners.

Shorts will feature a few 20- to 30-minute educational breakout sessions.

Early registration must be postmarked by April 1.

Registration closes June 1.

Conference Location

The 2018 Purdue Master Gardener State Conference will be held at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds & Conference Complex, 1900 E. Main St., Danville. Information about the conference site is available at www.4hcomplex.org.

Hotels

Blocks of rooms are reserved. When making a reservation, ask for “Master Gardener Rate.”

- Holiday Inn Express, Plainfield. \$99 a night, plus tax.
Visit www.hiexpress.com/ind-plainfield
- Staybridge Suites, Plainfield. \$109 a night, plus tax.
Visit www.staybridge.com/indyairport

Camping reservations

Full-service RV camping is available (\$20 per night) at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds & Conference Complex. Please pay the fee with your conference registration.

Pre-conference Options

12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m., Thursday, June 7

Pre-conference activities will include a choice of three garden tours OR a two-part workshop. Separate registration and fees are required, and reservations are limited. Tours and workshops will be held rain or shine. Pre-conference tours and workshop cost \$40 each.

Note: Many of the gardens require walking on uneven grass, gravel and narrow brick/stone pathways.

Country Garden Tour #1

- Woody Warehouse in Lizton is a nursery specializing in native trees and shrubs. Observe seeds through propagation with various root pruning techniques. Visit the propagation greenhouse.
- Landscaper John Chapin met the challenge when a grove of 30 trees needed to be removed, resulting in dozens of shade perennial transplants. John is a collector of unique and beautiful plants.
- When Steve and Kim Somermeyer built their Hendricks County home, grape vines were the first plantings. Steve serves as a judge for wine competitions. They will discuss the challenges of Indiana grape growing and provide a winetasting experience, too.



Country Garden Tour #2

Bill Stephens' family gardens sit on 8 acres of secluded woods that include a gazebo overlooking a pond and bridge. Bill added a second pond, whimsical art, a formal garden and a rose garden.

Ruby Lee and Paul Zitterbart's garden began about 1996 and has evolved through themes of sun, shade, and seasonal interest. They added new bed dimensions for more than 300 varieties of hosta, plus fern, heuchera, astilbe, tricyrtis and native plants.



Avon Gardens sits on part of Karen Robbins' grandfather's original farm. There are 5 acres of display gardens, water features and a wedding/reception venue. Karen has hosted more than a dozen national tours, and her gardens were featured in Midwest Living magazine.

Plainfield Correctional Facility Training Garden Tour #3

Hendricks County Master Gardeners partner with the Plainfield Correctional Facility to provide horticulture training programs for offenders. These programs include an on-site garden, a greenhouse, and a culinary kitchen. Find out about the training and visit the garden for a close-up view of the project. To be admitted to the site, participants must complete a background check.



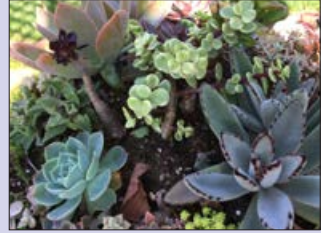
Papercrete Potter Workshop — Part 1

The Papercrete Potter — each student creates a pot to take home. In addition, students walk away with a mold, printed instructions, safety tips, and a large bag. Lee Coates' students have ranged in age from 5 to 93 and included people with limited dexterity. For more information, visit www.thepapercretepotter.blogspot.com.



Succulent Workshop — Part 2

Amy, from Frazee Gardens, will guide us through selecting succulents (choose from several) and trimming them (like those from last year). She will share pros and cons of caring for succulents, and participants will create a succulent-filled container to carry home. For more information, visit www.frazeegardens.com.



Keynote Presenters



C.L. Fornari

Sandwich, Massachusetts

“Start Where You Are: Garden Design and Established Landscapes”
(Friday morning keynote presentation)

“The Cocktail Hour Garden” (Friday evening keynote presentation)

C.L. Fornari is a plant geek who fell into garden communications in 1995. She is the author of seven books, including *A Garden Lover's Martha Vineyard*, *Coffee for Roses* and *The Cocktail Hour Garden*. These books are fully illustrated with C.L.'s photographs. Visit her website at www.gardenlady.com



Jan Bills

Royal Oak, Michigan

“How to Garden with Comfort, Ease and Simplicity”
(Friday morning breakout presentation)

“Design for Beauty and Sustainability”
(Friday afternoon breakout presentation)

Jan Bills started Two Women and a Hoe, her landscape design company, in April 2006. The company specializes in sustainable landscape design and installation, and organic garden maintenance. Visit her website at www.twowomenandahoe.com.



Tyler Baras

Dallas, Texas

“Science and Technology in the Garden”
(Friday afternoon breakout presentation)

“Intro to Hydroponics” (Saturday morning keynote presentation)

“Farmer Tyler” works to bring the science and art of hydroponic growing to the masses, from school-age kids to adult hobbyists – even professionals. Tyler is a consultant who specializes in urban agriculture, hydroponics, and greenhouse production. Visit his website at www.farmert Tyler.com.



Kate Copsey

Jackson, New Jersey

“The Downsized Veggie Garden”
(Saturday morning breakout presentation)

Kate Copsey grew up in England, where vegetables were always part of the garden. She was the first host — and continued hosting for more than six years — of a popular radio show, “America’s Home Grown Veggie Show.” She was a national board member for the Herb Society of America, and is currently on the Garden Writers’ Association board. Visit her website at www.katecopsey.com.



Doug Tallamy

Newark, Delaware

“A Case for Native Plants” (Saturday lunch keynote presentation)

Doug Tallamy is a professor in the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware, where he has taught insect taxonomy, behavioral ecology, and other subjects. Chief among his research goals is to better understand the ways that insects interact with plants and how such interactions determine the diversity of animal communities. Visit his website at www.bringingnaturehome.net.

Find Out More

Learn more about our keynote and breakout session presenters and topics at www.purduemgconference.com.

Other Activities

Awards

On Friday, June 8, we will present the 2018 Purdue Master Gardener Search for Excellence (SFE) Awards and recognize Master Gardeners who have earned Advanced Master Gardener Gold level since the last state conference. Award recipients may purchase additional banquet tickets for family and friends; pay with your conference registration fee. For Purdue Master Gardener SFE Award guidelines, visit www.hort.purdue.edu/mg.

Silent Auction

Hendricks County Master Gardener Inc. will host a silent auction featuring gardening and household items. All proceeds will help fund conference expenses and home gardening education projects in the community.

Photo Contest

The four categories in our photo contest will coincide with our conference theme:

- Beauty. (Examples: flower close-up, tree in bloom, strawberry patch)
- Relaxation. (Examples: flower grouping, amazing yard-garden landscape)
- Shorts. (Examples: little critters in the garden — birds, cats, dogs, etc.)
- Tomatoes. (Examples: patio/container gardens, especially tomatoes)

For photo entry information, visit www.purduemgconference.com.

Conference Information

For the latest conference information, please visit www.purduemgconference.com.

Conference Garden Stone

Own a 2018 Master Gardeners Conference garden stone.
Natural rock; about 10 pounds. (\$55)



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