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Coordinators' Comments

What is your official title? Does it matter what you call yourself when you give out gardening advice from your office or at the farmers market? Yes, it really does matter! When Master Gardeners in Illinois are volunteering, they should always refer to themselves as “**University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners in XXXX County**”. Simply saying: “I am a XXXX County Master Gardener” is not really correct. You need to acknowledge your connection to the University and Extension for several important reasons:

1. Using your complete title is a good form of advertising for your local Extension office and all of the programs it offers as well as the university.
2. The Hort educators as well as the state specialists you rely on are all employed by Extension and the University.
3. Much of the information which you provide to the public comes from U of I publications such as the *Home Yard and Garden Pest Guide*.
4. The University gives credibility to your title. It shows that the University acknowledges your training, your expertise and your responsibility to distribute only research-based information.

It is important to protect the integrity of the Master Gardener title. Use your title only when performing unpaid educational programming. Please remember that Master Gardeners must not use their title in any form of commercial advertisement. It is improper to endorse any product or place of business. Once an individual ceases to actively volunteer, they should refer to themselves as a “University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener Alumnus”. Refer to the state policies on the Website (www.extension.uiuc.edu/mg/) for more information.

Because recognition for our program is so important, the University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener state office applied for and received service mark registration for the Illinois Master Gardener logo. Therefore, the colors, font, text and layout for the logo should **not** be altered in any way. Be sure that you are using the correct form of the logo when you advertise your programs. Contact the state office or check the coordinators page on the website for the service-marked logo.

I know that you all recognize your affiliation to University of Illinois Extension, but many of you are unaware that you are also directly connected to the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences (NRES) which is part of the College of ACES (Agriculture, Consumer and Environmental Sciences). I understand that this can all be very confusing but just keep in mind that Horticulture as a discipline is housed in the department of NRES. NRES is the place where students who pursue degrees in Horticulture, Forestry, Soils, Aquatic Ecology, Insect Ecology, Food and Fiber Production, Green Industry (including turf management) and Human Dimensions of the Environment reside. Our green industry partners in landscaping, forestry, turf management, floriculture, IPM and more, look to our department for future employees for their work force. The department of NRES is actively working to increase the visibility of Horticulture and other related careers in Illinois communities and with the Green Industry. We hope to increase our student numbers and reach out to educators for help in recruiting new students. The Extension Hort educators in cooperation with NRES have put together a video titled “Careers in Horticulture”. Copies were sent to each extension office. If you wish additional copies of the video or copies of the new NRES brochure, call the NRES Office at 217-333-2770. These are available to help you to promote Horticulture, NRES and Extension in your communities.

 Monica David

State Advisory Committee Updates

Summertime means a “changing of the guard” for the state advisory committee. Many thanks to the following Extension staff members who recently completed their terms of office: Barb Larson, Sharon Yiesla, Martha Smith, David Bobell and Nancy King. A special thanks also goes to Mariellen Griffith, Master Gardener from McLean County who has completed two terms on the committee. Mariellen has served as chairperson of the advisory committee for the past two years and her leadership will be missed.

A Master Gardener representative from the East Central region is needed. The application form is on the Website at www.extension.uiuc.edu/mg/ and should be returned to the state office no later than July 16th.

At the last meeting of the committee, officers were elected for the upcoming year. Please congratulate Sandy Mason, Champaign County Extension educator who will be the new chairperson of the committee. Diana Husband, Master Gardener from Cook South Suburban was elected Vice-President and Barbara Wych, Master Gardener from Boone County will serve as Secretary.

American Horticultural Therapy Association Awards

The AHTA has established awards to recognize individuals and groups for their contributions to horticulture therapy. Awards are presented to recognize significant contributions to the field of horticulture therapy; for humanitarian service; for contributions to HT program services provided for a community and for excellence in therapeutic garden design. The nomination forms are due by July 31, 2004. Forms and information may be found on the AHTA website at <http://www.ahta.org/grantsAwards/awards.html>.

On Oct. 4-8, 2004 The School of the Chicago Botanic Garden is offering a ten day professional development program in HT. Learn how gardens provide verifiable health benefits for patients, clients, staff and visitors. This multidisciplinary program covers design, management, evaluation & marketing of indoor & outdoor garden facilities using the latest research & evidence-based design. For information, call Wayne Becker at 847-835-8292 or email wbecker@chicagobotanic.org



Chairperson's Chat

As gardeners we make choices all the time. Should it be coneflower or bellflower in that space where the coreopsis died? We could sit and enjoy our cup of coffee like a lot of our neighbors or we could go fill a coffee can with the early morning crop of Japanese beetles. Gardeners are doers. Master Gardeners are doers and givers. It never ceases to amaze me how much Master Gardeners do in the course of their volunteer work.

You could all be working in your own gardens, but for the greater good of your community you answer questions, weed, water and worry over community gardens and go that extra mile often without personal recognition. As extension educator I am thankful for every minute that a Master Gardener chooses to give to their community. Some special Master Gardeners give countless hours while due to life situations others can only give a small amount of time. I am truly thankful for every single moment given because I know it's a moment of time that could easily have been spent somewhere else. I'm sure we don't say it enough. Words can never fully express our appreciation for what you do as Master Gardeners.

Master Gardener State Conference is your time to kick back, have fun, learn more about gardening, get some ideas for your county Master Gardener program and pat yourselves on the back. I hope you will join us September 9-11 in Decatur. Your fellow Master Gardeners in the east central region have spent many hours planning your conference. Choose to have some fun in September.

 Sandy Mason Master Gardener State Advisory Committee Chairperson



"Bitten by the Garden Love Bug" 2004 Illinois Master Gardener Conference September 9-11 Holiday Inn Select, Decatur, IL.

Hosted by the Master Gardeners from the East Central Region

As a Master Gardener you've probably been "Bitten by the Garden Love Bug" and you won't want to miss this year's conference in Decatur. We will educate you, entertain you and offer you lots of opportunities to share your gardening experiences with fellow volunteers. The 2004 conference has exciting topics, dynamic speakers and fun places to tour!

Highlights include:

- ◆ Nationally recognized entomologist, May Berenbaum, is the featured keynote speaker. May is a leader in insect and plant research. She has gained fame as organizer of the Insect Fear Festival at the University of Illinois and for her four amusing and educational books on insects. Winner of numerous awards for her contributions to entomology, May's wit and humor will entertain and educate us with her talk entitled "Insects—Aliens from Planet Earth".
- ◆ Poster displays from Master Gardener Units throughout the state will be available for viewing. Units which participate will receive a special gift. During the Friday morning break, we ask each county to have a representative at their poster to answer questions and share ideas. Call Fern Stinson (217-422-3144) or Barb Bodine (217-422-2057) to register your exhibit by August 1.
- ◆ Many different tour options are available. Select an all day trip and visit the Hort sites and MG garden at the University of Illinois or hike through Allerton Park and visit private gardens in Monticello. Half day tours (morning or afternoon) feature the ADM hydroponics facility, Mari-Mann Herb Farm or the popular "20 Minutes in the Life of a Tree" held at Rock Springs Nature Center.
- ◆ When Master Gardeners congregate fun is always on the menu. We will have musicians, story tellers and lots of sharing to amuse one and all plus an opportunity to share your favorite hot line story or "interesting" learning experience in your garden.
- ◆ There will be a new activity at the 2004 State Master Gardener Conference! Be sure to attend what we hope will become the *First Annual Silent Auction*. We are gathering a variety of items from across the state and the auction will be held during the dinner hour on Friday evening. So bring checkbooks, billfolds, folding money, cash, etc. and be prepared to join the fun. The proceeds from the silent auction will go towards the operating expenses associated with the state coordinator's office. These include: Imagine newsletter printing and mailing; manual revisions; MG awards; Web site and Web course revisions; trainings and workshops. We hope you will come early, bid often, and help make the first ever MG silent auction a success!

Schedule of Events

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. **Registration at the Holiday Inn Select
Set-up Master Gardener Poster Exhibits**

TOURS

See tour descriptions on page 7. All tour buses leave from the Holiday Inn Select parking lot.

ALL DAY TOURS

8:50 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. **Tour 1: Robert Allerton Park and Monticello Private Gardens**
Tour includes box lunch- cost \$10 (Limit 53)

8:50 a.m.- 4:20 p.m. **Tour 2: University of Illinois Hort Sites & MG Idea Garden**
Tour includes box lunch- cost \$10 (Limit 53)

MORNING TOURS

8:30 a.m.-12:50 p.m. **Tour 3: "20 Minutes in the Life of a Tree"- Dan Traas & Ron Zillmer**
(Limit 90)

9:15 a.m.-12:05 p.m. **Tour 4: Mari-Mann Herb Farm (Limit 30)**

9:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. **Tour 5: Archer Daniels Midland Hydroponics Facility (Limit 30)**

12:00-2:00 p.m. **Lunch Buffet at Holiday Inn-** This is a lunch option for those taking morning and afternoon tours. Cost is \$10- must pre-register.

AFTERNOON TOURS

12:50-5:10 p.m. **Tour 6: "20 Minutes in the Life of a Tree"-Dan Traas & Ron Zillmer**
(Limit 90)

1:35-4:25 p.m. **Tour 7: Mari-Mann Herb Farm (Limit 30)**

1:30-4:15 p.m. **Tour 8: Archer Daniels Midland Hydroponics Facility (Limit 30)**

5:30-6:30 p.m. **Happy Hour**

6:30-9:30 p.m. **Awards Banquet for Master Gardeners**

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 10

7:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. **Registration and Information Desk Open
Set-up Master Gardener Poster Exhibits**

7:00-8:30 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**

8:30-10:00 a.m. **Keynote Address: *Insects from Planet Earth* - May Berenbaum**

10:00-10:30 am. **Break**
Visit the poster exhibits. Master Gardeners will staff their poster exhibits to answer questions.

10:30 a.m.-Noon

Concurrent Classes

1. *Floral Design Workshop*-Dianne Noland Fee-\$10 (Limit 24)
2. *The Versatile Viburnum*- Janet Macunovich
3. *Pumpkins and Cucurbits*- Mac Condill
4. *Weed'em and Reap—Lawn Weeds*-Tom Voigt
5. *Introduction to Japanese Gardens*-James Biers
6. *Native Plants in the Landscape*-Janice Coons
7. *New Annuals & Perennials for 2005*-Shane Cultra
8. *Tree Pruning Update*-Sharon Lilly

Noon-1:30 p.m.

Lunch & Prize Drawing

1:30-3:00 p.m.

Concurrent Classes

1. *Garden Design-Making Beautiful Use of Plants & Art*
Janet Macunovich (3 hours) register for both time slots.
2. *Candle Decorating with Pressed Flowers*-Gayle Bruckner & Phyllis Howley
Fee \$6 (Limit 18)
3. *Floral Design Workshop*-Dianne Noland Fee-\$10 (Limit 24)
4. *Diagnosing Plant Problems*- Erik Draper, Joe Boggs & Jim Chatfield
(3 hours) register for both time slots.
5. *Pumpkins and Cucurbits*- Mac Condill
6. *Drip Irrigation for the Home Garden*-Keith Schweiger
7. *Tree Peonies-The Mystery Unveiled*-Mary Ann Metz
8. *New Annuals & Perennials for 2005*-Shane Cultra

3:00-3:30 p.m.

Break

3:30-5:00 p.m.

Concurrent Classes

1. *Garden Design-Making Beautiful Use of Plants & Art*- Janet Macunovich
(continued from 1:30 session)
2. *Candle Decorating with Pressed Flowers*-Gayle Bruckner & Phyllis Howley
Fee \$6 (Limit 18)
3. *Diagnosing Plant Problems*- Erik Draper, Joe Boggs & Jim Chatfield
(continued from 1:30 session)
4. *Tree Peonies-The Mystery Unveiled*-Mary Ann Metz
5. *Growing Small Fruits in the Home Garden*- Bob Skirvin
6. *Gardening with Kids*-Sara Johnson
7. *New Trends in IPM*-Phil Nixon

5:30-6:30 p.m.

Happy Hour with Entertainment by the Lee Pondell Trio

6:30 p.m.—?

Dinner & Entertainment by Storyteller Dan Keding

Silent Auction

What's your story? We all have one! Be prepared to share your favorite hotline story or tell on yourself with a "learning experience" in your own garden. How about the time you threw the seeds in the compost pile and planted the chaff, only to have the plants "miraculously" grow in the compost pile. Or the time the client insisted that a cut Christmas tree would form roots and could be planted in the yard like a coleus cutting. Just write down a brief description to turn in on Friday. Then at Friday's dinner you may be asked to share your story. Special gifts for those that share.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 11

7:30 a.m.-Noon

Registration & Information Desk Open

7:00-8:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

8:30-10:00 a.m.

Concurrent Classes

1. *Diagnosing Plant Problems- Part I* Erik Draper, Joe Boggs & Jim Chatfield
(3 hours) register for both time slots
2. *Tree ID Workshop*-Sharon Yiesla (limit 25)
3. *Lasagna Gardening*-Pat Lanza
4. *Container Water Gardening*-Jim Wuersch
5. *Shrubs for all Seasons*-Jim Ault
6. *Give Your Garden a Tropical Punch*-Ginny Hodgson
7. *Permaculture*-Rob Scott

10:00-10:30 a.m.

Break

10:30 a.m.-Noon

Concurrent Classes

1. *Diagnosing Plant Problems-* Erik Draper, Joe Boggs & Jim Chatfield
(continued from 8:30 session)
2. *Salsa- From Your Garden to Your Table*-Donna Falconnier Fee \$5
(Limit 25)
3. *Lasagna Gardening*-Pat Lanza
4. *Fall Perennials*-Richard Hawke
5. *Surfing the Green Wave*-Karen Fletcher
6. *Shrubs for all Seasons*-Jim Ault
7. *Color Combos in the Garden*-June Hutson
8. *Landscape Lighting*-Susan Mason & John Dalton

Noon-1:30 p.m.

Lunch & Prize Drawing

1:30-3:00 p.m.

Concurrent Classes

1. *Salsa- From Your Garden to Your Table*-Donna Falconnier Fee \$5
(Limit 25)
2. *Tree ID Workshop*-Sharon Yiesla (limit 25)
3. *Fall Perennials*-Richard Hawke
4. *Birdscaping Your Yard with Native Plants*- Marilyn Campbell
5. *Starting Roses from Cuttings*-Terry and Judy Richards
6. *Color Combos in the Garden*-June Hutson
7. *Find Your Path- Selecting & Designing Paving* -Chuck Vaughan & Darin Lyons

Accommodations

Registrants are responsible for their own hotel reservations. The designated conference hotel is the Holiday Inn Select, Decatur, IL. (217-422-8800) A block of rooms has been reserved at a special conference rate of \$75. Reserve your room by **August 16** to assure availability at the conference rate. Indicate that you are with the IL Master Gardener conference. Check-in time is 4 pm and check-out time is Noon. A holding room for luggage will be provided for those who arrive before check-in time. For additional rooms, or if the Holiday Inn is full, The Days Inn is just down the road. (217-422-8800) For further information, consult the Decatur Area Convention & Visitors Bureau website at www.decaturcvb.com, or call 217-423-7000.

Registration

Conference enrollment is open to Master Gardeners and one adult guest. Each attendee must complete their own registration form. **Registration deadline is August 16.** The registration fee of \$180 includes all classes, tours, bus transportation on tours, as well as two lunches, two dinners and two breakfasts. Lunch on tour day as well as some workshop fees are additional. Single day registrations are available for \$90 per day and include all classes, tours and meals (except tour lunch) for that day. A late fee of \$25 will be assessed for registrations received August 17 through August 25. No registrations will be accepted after August 25. If they so desire, award winners may register only for the Thursday awards banquet and bring adult guests (\$25 each).

Please register using the attached form. Indicate your first, second and third choice of classes as well as the meals and tours you will attend. While every attempt will be made to accommodate first preferences, space in some classes is limited. Register early to assure a spot in your favorite classes—first come first served. Conference schedules and maps to the Holiday Inn will be sent after August 30.

Meals

The registration fee includes the Thursday awards banquet and Friday dinner as well as lunches and breakfasts on Friday and Saturday. Breakfasts will include fruit, juice, cereals and breads. Vegetarian meals will be available (please indicate this preference on the registration). For the Thursday evening awards banquet there is a choice of 2 entrees. Please select either flank steak or broiled salmon.

Tours

Robert Allerton Park and Monticello Private Gardens Tour-The Robert Allerton Park consists of 1,500 acres of formal gardens, nature areas and the manor house. Spend the morning exploring at the park, and after lunch, you will enjoy visiting several private gardens in the quaint town of Monticello.

University of Illinois Hort Sites- One of our stops will be the campus arboretum which features gardens, collections, and different habitats. While there, we will also stop at the Japan House, Hartley selections garden & the Champaign County Master Gardener Idea Garden. Another stop will be to view the Illinois Natural History Survey Insect Collection and Herbarium. The final stop will be a walk through the University greenhouses to see the latest horticulture research.

"20 Minutes in the Life of a Tree"- Improve your urban tree planting and establishment techniques by understanding how trees work in their natural environment. Learn common misconceptions and practices that occur during planting time which lead to premature decline and death of urban trees. Discover what a proper transplanting system is and how it will allow a tree to develop and thrive. Understand why the "20 minutes" is imperative to the LIFE of our trees. This lecture and demonstration will be held at the Rock Springs Nature Center.

Mari-Mann Herb Farm-Visit one of the nation's largest and oldest Herb Gardens that specializes in homeopathy as well as the harvesting, drying and preserving of herbs. This will be a tour and sampling experience. You will enjoy herbal tea or lemonade along with herbal cookies.

ADM Hydroponics Tour-This tour will visit the Rain Garden Hydroponics greenhouse at Archer Daniels Midland (ADM) Company. ADM has over 20 years experience perfecting the art of growing produce hydroponically utilizing heat, warmed water and carbon dioxide from manufacturing operations. Rain Garden produces lettuce, cucumbers, baby bok choy and various herbs.



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Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Unit/County _____ Telephone _____ e-mail _____

TOURS

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 9

All Day Tours:

___ Tour 1: Allerton Park & Monticello Gardens (Limit 53) Lunch fee \$10

___ Tour 2: University of Illinois Hort Sites (Limit 53) Lunch fee \$10

Morning Tours

___ Tour 3: 20 Minutes in the Life of a Tree (Limit 90)

___ Tour 4: Mari-Mann Herb Farm (Limit 30)

___ Tour 5: ADM Hydroponics (Limit 30)

Afternoon Tours

___ Tour 6: 20 Minutes in the Life of a Tree (Limit 90)

___ Tour 7: Mari-Mann Herb Farm (Limit 30)

___ Tour 8: ADM Hydroponics (Limit 30)

CONCURRENT CLASSES- Indicate your first, second and third choice for each time slot. If you are registering for Garden Design or Diagnosing Plant Problems- choose both time slots (3 hrs).

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

10:30 a.m.-Noon

___ Floral Design Workshop (Limit 24) Fee \$10

___ Versatile Viburnum

___ Pumpkins & Cucurbits

___ Weed'em and Reap-Lawn Weeds

___ Japanese Gardens

___ Native Plants in the Landscape

___ New Annuals & Perennials

___ Tree Pruning

1:30-3:00 p.m.

___ Garden Design- Making Beautiful Use of Plants & Art
(2 sessions)

___ Diagnosing Plant Problems (2 sessions)

___ Candle Decorating (Limit 18) Fee \$6

___ Floral Design (Limit 24) Fee \$10

___ Pumpkins & Cucurbits

___ Drip Irrigation

___ Tree Peonies

___ New Annuals & Perennials

3:30 -5:00 p.m.

___ Garden Design- Making Beautiful Use of Plants & Art
(continued from 1:30 session)

___ Diagnosing Plant Problems (continued from 1:30 session)

___ Candle Decorating (Limit 18) Fee \$6

___ Tree Peonies

___ Small Fruits

___ Gardening with Kids

___ New Trends in IPM



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 11

8:30-10:00 a.m.

- Diagnosing Plant Problems (2 sessions)
- Tree ID Workshop (limit 25)
- Lasagna Gardening
- Container Water Gardening
- Shrubs for All Seasons
- Tropical Punch
- Permaculture

1:30-3:00 p.m.

- Salsa (Limit 25) Fee \$5
- Tree ID Workshop (Limit 25)
- Fall Perennials
- Birdscaping
- Starting Roses from Cuttings
- Color Combos
- Find Your Path

10:30a .m.-Noon

- Diagnosing Plant Problems (continued from 8:30 session)
- Salsa (Limit 25) fee \$5
- Lasagna Gardening
- Fall Perennials
- Surfing the Green Web
- Shrubs for All Seasons
- Color Combos
- Landscape Lighting

MEALS: (Indicate which meals you will attend)

Thursday Evening Awards Banquet (Choose one)

- Flank steak
- Salmon

Friday Breakfast Thursday Tour Lunch
(additional \$10 fee)

Friday Lunch Lunch Buffet at hotel

Friday Dinner Allerton Tour

Saturday Breakfast U of I Tour

Saturday Lunch

I request vegetarian meals.

FEEES

Amount

Full Registration Fee: \$180 Includes all classes, tours, transportation, 2 dinners, 2 lunches, 2 breakfasts	
Single Day Registration: \$90 (Check one) Includes all classes, tours, transportation and meals scheduled for that day. <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday (tour lunch additional) <input type="checkbox"/> Friday <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday	
Thursday Award Banquet only @\$25	
Number of Award Banquet guests @\$25 each _____ Names _____	
Thursday Lunch Fee for Tours- \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> Allerton/Monticello Tour <input type="checkbox"/> U of I Tour <input type="checkbox"/> Lunch Buffet at hotel	
Additional Workshop Fees (Check appropriate boxes) <input type="checkbox"/> Floral Design \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> Candle Decorating \$6 <input type="checkbox"/> Salsa \$5	
Additional Late Fee \$25- (August 16-August 25)	
Black T-shirt with silver conference logo @\$10 T-shirts must be pre-ordered. Late registrants cannot pre-order shirts. However, a limited number of shirts will be for sale at the conference @\$13. Indicate quantity on line in front of shirt. ___S ___M ___L ___XL ___2XL ___3XL	
Total Enclosed	

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 16. No registrations accepted after August 25.

No refunds issued after September 1.

Make checks payable to the University of Illinois. Mail your check and registration to:

Illinois Master Gardener Office, 1201 S. Dorner Drive, Urbana, IL. 61801

Questions may be directed to Monica David-217-265-5256 or modavid@uiuc.edu

Class Descriptions...

Keynote Speech

Insects from Planet Earth-As far as most people are concerned, insects are as different from humans as an organism can be and still be of this planet. They have an embarrassment of appendages, a basic body plan that's inside-out and upside-down from a human perspective, and they have adopted lifestyles and diets that defy the imagination. In reality, however, insects and humans share remarkable similarities and in many cases it is these similarities that give rise to the perceived hostilities as well as to many unrecognized partnerships. The study of insects and of their inter-relationships with their environments can imbue us humans not only with greater tolerance but also with greater insights into our own lives.

Birdscaping Your Yard with Native Plants- Learn how to use native plants to landscape urban backyards or larger areas to attract birds, butterflies and other wildlife. A photo journal of native plants and suggestions on where to obtain them will be presented.

Candle Decorating with Pressed Flowers- During this class we will decorate a pillar candle and a pair of taper candles with pressed garden flowers. Using these candles in your home décor will serve as a lovely reminder of the garden or they make a great gift for someone special.

Color Combos in the Garden- Join this group and learn about color combos that bring excitement as well as cohesiveness to the perennial garden.

Container Water Gardening- Learn about how to water garden in containers with an emphasis on construction and design.

Diagnosing Plant Problems- Diagnostics are difficult but this 3 hour workshop will teach you the keys to proper identification of plant problems. Learn the steps the "Tree Amigos" use to diagnose plant challenges.

Drip Irrigation for the Home Gardener- Come see and touch drip irrigation in action. Whether it is for one hanging basket, patio planters or an entire yard, drip irrigation equipment operates in real conditions. Keith emphasizes the types of products available and shows how each can and should be used. He will also discuss standard operation guidelines and maintenance issues.

Fall Perennials-There's more to gardening in the fall than watching leaves change color. Fall-blooming perennials extend the gardening season right up to frost and sometimes beyond. Join Richard Hawke for a talk on fall-blooming perennials including aster, anemones, golden-rods, joe-pye weeds, phloxes and toadlilies.

Find Your Path-Selecting & Designing Paving-How we move through our landscape is important in design. Learn about different materials for paths to match the intended use and design style.

Floral Design Workshop- Each designer will create a lovely vase arrangement. Techniques and tips for effective proportion, balance, placement, repetition and texture will be emphasized.

Garden Design-Making Beautiful Use of Plants and Art- Experience in a hands-on way how to learn perennial garden design and how to make a beautiful blend of plants and garden art pieces. Using models you will learn about using form, texture, foliage color and design for all-season interest.

Gardening with Kids- Have fun working with children? Come join us as we explore ways to do kids gardening. Learn some tips for gardening with 1 or 2 or 10-20.

Give Your Garden A Tropical Punch- Punch up your garden design with tropical plants. Expect the unusual and a new twist on old favorites.

Growing Small Fruits in the Home Garden-The class will provide an overview of the small fruit crops that can be grown in Illinois and their culture. Bob Skirvin will discuss some recent information about health benefits of these crops.

Introduction to Japanese Gardens- James Bier will outline the history and focus of the different styles of Japanese gardens, their elements and design. He will examine how they can be used in a Western environment.

Landscape Lighting-Learn about lighting techniques, design ideas, installation and maintenance of garden lighting.

Lasagna Gardening- Join Pat Lanza as she shares her layering method for creating great soil with no digging, no tilling, no weeding, no kidding! She will (cont.)

(cont.) enlighten us on how to produce the soil without using traditional labor-intensive methods.

Native Plants in the Landscape- This workshop will focus on why native plants are desirable alternatives for landscaping and show some native plants with horticultural potential. Information will be provided regarding where to obtain these plants including hands-on activities to propagate some on your own.

New Annuals and Perennials for 2005- Shane will lead this group through photos and discussion of new plants-annuals and perennials for 2005.

New Trends in IPM- Recent developments in Integrated Pest Management will be discussed including school and daycare IPM, use of sticky and pheromone traps, termite and ant baits, new insecticides, pest eradication programs and genetically modified organisms.

Permaculture- This class will include an introduction to the fundamentals of permaculture design which has a central theme of designing ecological landscapes that produce food; the language of permaculture and the paradigm shift it signifies.

Pumpkins and Cucurbits- This class will cover an overview of the pumpkin family; growing tips/culture/good varieties; a look at Agritourism at the Great Pumpkin Patch and a general discussion about the 400+ varieties of pumpkins, squash & gourds and our attempt to celebrate their diversity.

Salsa-From Your Garden to Your Table- Do you just love salsa? Is it in hot competition with ketchup and mustard for a spot on your favorite condiment list? With tomatoes and peppers overflowing in home gardens and farmer's markets now is the time to try your hand at making your own salsa. Participants will prepare three different types of fresh salsa plus learn how to successfully can and freeze their own product.

Shrubs for All Seasons- Contrary to popular opinion, shrubs CAN have seasons of interest beyond the flurry of spring flowering. This lecture will focus on a selection of deciduous flowering shrubs with varied seasons of interest, whether by blooming at different times of year, or by providing interesting foliage, fruit, fall color etc. A balance of a few well known shrubs in addition to other less common, but still commercially available, shrubs will be discussed. Learn about key characteristics-flowering, fruit, foliage or habit-as well as their cultivation.

Starting Roses from Cuttings- Enjoy this demonstration on how to grow a new rose from a soft-wood stem. Discover tips on how to successfully cultivate roses from cuttings and ways to improve your results.

Surfing the Green Wave- Whether you want to research MG hotline questions, further your own education as a gardener or just explore the Web for fun on a rainy day, this class will give you the knowledge and practical skills you need to make your time online more productive and enjoyable. You will learn different search strategies for carrying out common information-seeking tasks, common-sense guidelines for evaluating information quality, and learn about the Web's 'hardy perennials', Web sites that offer reliable, high-quality information.

Tree ID Workshop- Participants will learn basics of tree identification including basic terminology, uses of keys and field guides, and a process for examining tree samples for ID characters. Class includes hands-on exercises.

Tree Peonies- Tree peonies have an air of mystery and seem to illicit fear in the eye of gardeners. Learn how these plants are probably easier to grow than a lot of plants most people grow all of the time.

Tree Pruning Update- Although pruning is the most common tree-maintenance practice, few people are up to date with the latest standards and practices. Even professionals who prune trees for a living, can learn some new approaches based on tree biology and the physiological responses to pruning.

Versatile Viburnums- Many people design and grow for years without knowing that they've overlooked a whole genus of stellar shrubs. When they finally do discover the genus *Viburnum*, they are overwhelmed by the number of species and diversity of characteristics in this group. Make the most of these wonderful shrubs. Look through designer Janet Macunovich's eyes to review a line-up of beautiful durable *Viburnums* for Midwest gardens.

Weed'em and Reap-Lawn Weeds- Attendees in this class will learn to identify common grassy and broadleaf weeds that invade turf, as well as chemical and non-chemical control methods.

Meet Our Conference Speakers...

Jim Ault- Dr. Jim Ault is the Director of Ornamental Plant research at the Chicago Botanic Garden, where he manages the perennial plant breeding program and tissue culture propagation lab and chairs the *Chicagoland Grows* Plant Introduction Program. Jim teaches for the School of the Botanic Garden.

James A. Bier- James is a retired cartographer and has studied Japanese gardens for 30 years. His home has Japanese gardens he designed, which have been visited by thousands of people. Starting 5 years ago, he designed and built a teagarden and dry garden at the U of I Japan House, and is now expanding the landscaping to include a stroll garden.

Joe Boggs- Joe is an Extension Horticulture educator for Ohio State University.

Gayle Bruckner- Gayle was a graduate of the Macon County MG class of 1988, has received the State Outstanding MG award and has been a leader of numerous projects for her MG group and church.

James Chatfield- James is an associate professor at Ohio State University where his areas of focus are plant pathology and diagnostics, landscape horticulture and plant selection. He is president of the International Ornamental Crabapple Society.

Mac Condill- Mac completed 1 year of practical gardening training at Threaves Gardens in Scotland; an internship at Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens in Cape Town South Africa; has a BS in Agribusiness/Hort from ISU and is now production manager at the Great Pumpkin Patch in Arthur, IL.

Janice Coons- Janice is a professor of Botany at Eastern IL. University where she teaches courses in Hort, plant physiology and local flora. Her research focuses on use of native plants and endangered plants in Illinois.

Shane Cultra- A fifth generation nurseryman, Shane is co-owner of Country Arbors Nursery and a panelist on the IL. Gardener TV show. He conducts a segment called "Ask the Expert" on NBC.

John Dalton- John is a Certified Lighting Consultant with 15 years experience in lighting sales and design.

Erik Draper- Erik is an associate professor, Ohio State University Extension and works with commercial growers in Ohio. His BS and MS degrees were from Utah State, where he later taught and managed the university's experimental 40-acre orchard. He is currently doing research on disease & aesthetic qualities in crabapples.

Marilyn Campbell- Marilyn has been the Executive Director, Illinois Audubon Society since 1994. A long time naturalist, educator, nature writer and photographer, she is active in prairie restoration and land preservation.

Donna Falconnier- Donna is a nutrition & wellness educator for U of I Extension. Her areas of expertise include nutrition, food safety, and sanitation, community nutrition, food preservation, and health education.

Karen Fletcher- A MG in Champaign County, Karen is the creator of the award winning, non-commercial horticulture Web site, *The Garden Gate* which celebrated its 10th year on the Web this summer. In 2002, she received Forbes Magazine- Best of Web award.

Richard Hawke- Richard is the Manager of Plant Evaluation Programs at the Chicago Botanic Garden and is responsible for the evaluation of over 10,000 plants representing 1,400 taxa of perennials, vines, shrubs and small trees. He is author of *Plant Evaluation Notes*, from CBG and writes a bimonthly column for *Chicagoland Gardening* magazine.

Ginny Hodgson- Ginny who is garden center manager for Greenview Nursery in Dunlap, has been in the Hort industry for 16 years. She is an IL. Certified Nursery Professional and a self-proclaimed plant nerd.

Phyllis Howley- A winner of both the State Outstanding and Sustained Excellence award, she graduated in the MG class of 1998. She has chaired many projects for her county and is currently on the "Million Flower Project" board for the city of Decatur.

June Hutson- June has been employed by the Missouri Botanical Gardens for 25 years, as curator of the Temperate House and currently as supervisor of the Kemper Home Demonstration Gardens. She was awarded the only horticulture curatorship in the Garden's history.

Sara Johnson- Sara is a MG of several years, owner & operator of 'Farming with Flowers' greenhouse and has been involved with 4-H Hort projects for 10 yrs.

Pat Lanza- Pat is an author of 2 popular garden books on Lasagna Gardening techniques. She has been featured on HGTV in a segment called 'The Winter Gardener', received the American Great Gardeners award from Disney in 2002 and travels extensively throughout the country to give presentations.

Sharon Lilly- Sharon is Director of Educational Goods & Services at the International Society of Arboriculture. She has authored several popular books, including the ISA Certification Guide, & The Tree Climbers Guide. She has produced many arborist training videos.

Darin Lyons- Darin has 10 years experience specializing in landscape design and construction. He is currently a Landscape Designer/Consultant for Greenview Nursery.

Janet Macunovich- Janet is the Director of the Michigan School of Gardening, garden writer for the *Detroit News*, *Michigan Gardener* magazine, & *Fine Gardening* as well author of 3 books (*Designing Your Gardens and Landscapes*, *Caring for Perennials*, and *Ortho's Guide to Successful Perennial Gardening*).

Susan Mason- Susan has 15 years experience in sales and design and is a certified Lighting Consultant.

Mary Ann Metz- Mary Ann has been in horticulture for 25 years and is currently back in school studying landscape design.

Phil Nixon- Phil has degrees from SIU and Kansas State. Dr. Nixon is a member of the U of I Extension Pesticide Safety Education Program with expertise in tree, shrub, turf and household insect pests.

Dianne Noland- Dianne is a Hort instructor in Floral Design & Perennial Landscaping at the U of I. She is host of TV's PBS "IL Gardener"- a weekly call-in Q & A show. She is a member of the Academy of Teaching Excellence.

Rob Scott- He founded the Urbana Permaculture Project in Urbana, IL in 2000. He teaches Language, Cybernetics, and Permaculture at the School for Designing a Society and is expanding a multi-site, non-centralized, non-commercial network of permaculture gardens.

Terry & Judy Richards- This couple has been growing roses for 20 years and currently grows about 700 bushes in their yard. Both are retired from education and are consulting rosarians for the American Rose Society. Terry is president of the Greater Peoria Rose Society.

Keith Schweiger- Keith, a graduate of University of Wisconsin in Ag Mechanization and Management, operated an irrigation contracting business for 8 years. He is a certified Irrigation Designer in Commercial Design and currently is employed by Hydrologic Water Management.

Bob Skirvin- Bob has been a professor at the U of I for 28 years. His research focuses on plant improvement using nonsexual methods including the use of tissue culture. He has received the USDA National Award for Excellence in Education and the ASHS Outstanding Undergraduate Instructor.

Daniel Traas- Dan is the president of Ranger Services, Inc, an urban forestry consulting and arboricultural service. He has conducted numerous tree care workshops throughout the Midwest and is an active member of International Society of Arboriculture.

Chuck Vaughan- Chuck is a Landscape Designer/Consultant for Greenview Nursery and has 12 years experience in the industry specializing in landscape design and construction.

Tom Voigt- Dr. Tom Voigt is an Extension Turfgrass Specialist at the U of I. His research includes evaluations of grasses and forbs for landscape use, turfgrass cultivars and alternative turfgrasses.

Jim Wuersch- Jim is a retired Urbana police officer with 20+ years experience in water gardening. He is the lead aquatics propagator for Kleiss Nursery.

Sharon Yiesla- Sharon, a graduate of Purdue and U of I has 10 years experience in Extension in Illinois and 3 years in Missouri. She is the author of *Shade Trees for the Central and Northern States and Canada*.

Ron Zillmer- Ron, a graduate of University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and Purdue, has extensive experience in urban forestry and currently owns Ronald Zillmer Trees, a wholesale grower of trees. He is a member of ISA and travels widely as a public speaker as well as publishing in various journals.

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Spotlight on Chicago Master Gardeners

Volunteers from the University of Illinois Extension Chicago Master Gardeners support a wide range of community and educational programs in the Chicago metropolitan area. One such program, Blooming Branches, is completing its fifth year offering adult gardening classes to the patrons of Chicago public libraries. This program, coordinated by Master Gardener Laury Lewis, is a joint venture between the Chicago Master Gardeners, the Chicago Botanic Garden, and the Chicago Public Library. Sixty-four different 90-minute presentations are now offered at 16 libraries throughout the city. Classes are taught by Master Gardeners on topics including trees, shrubs, bulbs, annuals, perennials, garden design, and water gardening. Program attendance has risen each year, and Blooming Branches now reaches more than 1,000 individuals annually. In 2002, the program received an award for Excellence in Teamwork at the State Master Gardener Conference.

In March, one hundred Chicago Master Gardeners volunteered as Chicago Flower and Garden Show Ambassadors, coordinated by Master Gardener Bob Haisman. The CFGS, held at Chicago's Navy Pier for eight days, is the Midwest's premier flower show, and the Ambassadors have been extremely well-received as an integral part of the show's appeal. Ambassadors were identified at the show by their distinctive green CFGS aprons as well as by their Master Gardener badges. After a daily orientation session, they circulated throughout the twenty-one display gardens, greeting guests, distributing show guides, and answering gardening and general show questions. With CFGS attendance at 175,000 this year, the Ambassadors were essential in making the visitors feel welcome.

Another ongoing partnership has been forged through our volunteer work at Chicago's Garfield Park Conservatory. Since 2001, Chicago Master Gardeners have staffed a Plant Clinic at the Conservatory—located in a former coat room—which is open every weekend. At the Clinic, which has been coordinated by Master Gardener Sydney Barton, volunteers answer telephone and walk-in questions from the public, using an extensive library and computer resources. We also provide volunteers for the Conservatory's Monet Garden and greenhouses; for teaching classes as part of the Garfield Park Alliance adult programs; and for the Urban Demonstration Garden, where city gardeners learn about urban

gardening issues such as growing organic vegetables, beekeeping, composting, and water gardening.

For the past four years, Chicago Master Gardeners have volunteered at the Chicago Lighthouse for People Who are Blind or Visually Impaired, a leading U.S. rehabilitation agency. Volunteers work at the garden created by Master Gardener Mary Olsen, which provides residents and visitors to the Chicago Lighthouse a special gardening experience that focuses on touch, smell, and taste. Vegetables and flowers are planted by the agency's adult clientele with assistance from the Master Gardeners. Plants are chosen for their sensory appeal, and a display of bright red and yellow foliage helps those with low vision enjoy the experience. Large containers and raised beds allow easy access to the garden, herbs are grown for their fragrance, and sunflowers and vines are planted to take advantage of their dramatic growing speed and height.



Chicago Master Gardeners also volunteer at the Cook County Jail, where they assist detainees with planting and maintaining a 10,000 square-foot garden inside the jail complex. The men who take part in this program are non-violent drug offenders who are generally incarcerated for short sentences. Inmates grow flowers, herbs and vegetables; the vegetables are sold to a community food distribution site operated by the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program for the needy. A Harvest Festival is held each year at the jail, with the Cook County Sheriff in attendance. The gardening program, coordinated by Extension Educator Ron Wolford, was originally envisioned as a therapeutic project for inmates, giving them a chance to develop their social skills, take pride in their work, and contribute to the community by growing food. It also provides valuable experience and gardening classes, which can help the individuals obtain eventual employment in horticulture-related programs.

These are just some of the highlights of the various programs in which Chicago Master Gardeners take part. We also support numerous community and public gardens, maintain an online gardening hotline and website, assist the gardening efforts at Chicago's zoos and museums, and conduct a number of programs for children. There is no shortage of volunteer opportunities in our urban environment, and we take pride in the efforts of our volunteer corps.

MaryAnne Spinner, Chicago Master Gardener

Master Gardener Online Course Wins National Award

The Master Gardener online training course has received the Outstanding Educational Program award from the American Distance Education Consortium (ADEC). ADEC is a consortium of land grant universities created for the purpose of sharing educational programs and information through technology across state borders between member universities. Three of the national awards went to University of Illinois programs this year including the Master Gardener online course. The Long Term Health Care Insurance Seminar created by Extension educators and the Soybean Aphid Management Workshop, a partnership between Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin were also recognized with this award.

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