

“A Garden Extravaganza”

Second Annual Garden Conference - Saturday, June 27, 2009

Don H. Bottum University Center

Northern Michigan University 8am- 4:30pm

A Conference Bouquet

8:00-8:45am Registration Atrium, first floor

8:00-4:30pm Visit Garden Vendors Charcoal Room & Front Lawn

8:45-9:00am Welcome Michigan/Ontario

9:00-10:30am Keynote Address: Michigan/Ontario Room

“CREATING A COLORFUL GARDEN”

MELINDA MYERS, CERTIFIED ARBORIST & HORTICULTURALIST

A “HANDS ON” GARDENER.

Build a colorful garden from the ground up. Look for new opportunities to incorporate color, form and year round interest in your landscape.

Add vertical accents, new plant combinations, and plants with added value.

10:30-11am Break and autographing with Melinda Myers, visit vendors. Michigan, Charcoal

11am-Noon WORKSHOP SESSION A

1. “Plants for Every Square Inch of Your Small Space” - Melinda Myers : Ontario Room

She will introduce you to climbers, ground covers and assorted plants for your small space.

2. The Dahlia Divine - Marsha Preston : Brule Room

Dahlias are the divas of the flower world. We'll cover the basics of planting, care and tuber harvest.

Marsha is an advanced Master Gardener; “The Grotto” at Park Cemetery is her responsibility, and she volunteers at the Hospice Garden on Presque Isle.

She has 1,200 square feet in her garden dedicated to 300 dahlias (about 70 different cultivars) and she sells at Farmers' Markets.

3. The Art of Design: Garden Style - Jeffrey Heidtman : Marquette/Nicolet Room

Jeff will help you to create bouquets from the flowers you grow in your backyard. He will demonstrate fresh ideas utilizing Nature's elements in the designs he creates. You'll learn simple garden style techniques you can master at home. Jeff was born and bloomed in Marquette, Michigan.

4. Marquette's “Budding” Arboretum - Paul Albert : Pioneer A Room

Join Marquette's Arborist on a “virtual tree tour” through Mattson Lower Harbor Park. This featured city park which today

plays host to numerous community festivals was once a concrete coal dock. We will take a closer look at some of the trees — including several unique species and varieties — which have played a role in this transformation.

Paul has nearly 25 years of municipal forestry experience and has been Marquette's City Arborist for the past 21 years. He earned a bachelor's degree in forestry, with an urban emphasis, from the University of Wisconsin in Stevens Point.

5. Herbs - Growing, Using & Preserving - Kim Danielson : Pioneer B Room

This class will walk the gardener through herb seed or plant selection, companion planting, harvesting, using the herbs in delicious recipes and preserving them.

Recipes and culinary samples will be available.

Kim Danielson is the owner of Babycakes Muffin Company in Marquette. She is an avid gardener, baker and chef. She especially loves to experiment with fresh organic produce.

Noon-1:30pm

Lunch and Entertainment Buffet serving tables set up in the 1st floor Atrium - Eating outside

You will be treated to an extravagant picnic menu that **on the front lawn** incorporates Michigan / Organic / Fresh / Healthy / Tasty products!

Rain Site: Peter White Lounge

Continued autographing by Melinda Meyers

Don't forget to visit the vendors, Indoors and Outdoors!

1:30-2:30pm WORKSHOP SESSION B

1. "Plants for Every Square

Inch of Your Small Space" - Melinda Myers : Ontario Room

Climbers, ground covers and assorted plants

for your small space.

Repeat Session A #1

2. Growing Great Peonies - Scott Reath : Brule Room

This class is about peonies and tree peonies with a focus on raising these spectacular flowers in our northern climate. The discussion will cover the best varieties as well as their origins, history, propagation, hybridization and culture. Weather permitting, there will be many fresh blooms on display.

Scott and his wife Elizabeth have operated Reath's Nursery since 1980.

They are now assisted by their three sons Benjamin, Joseph and Jonathan. This family-owned nursery was started by Scott's father, the late Dr. David Reath in 1958 in the rolling hills of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Reath's Nursery is world renowned for hybridizing and growing the finest peony plants.

3. Roses and Tomatoes - John Agar Hust : Marquette/Nicolet Room

John will share how to grow, prune and display "David Austin Roses." He will also talk about the Shelter Bay Tomato Company Greenhouse Project.

John has farmed most of his life in Marquette County, Wisconsin

and Loveland, Colorado. He is a Portsmouth graduate, Marine Corp Officer and commodity broker.

5. Willow in the Garden - Poppy Hatinger : Pioneer B Room

Poppy will discuss planting and harvesting willow for garden uses both in living willow and wildcraft. You will learn to create an attractive garden accent using a pizza box, five gallon bucket and a handful of willow rods.

Poppy was raised on a potato farm in lower Michigan, developed an interest in “growing” and gardening at an early age. She started basketmaking in the early 80’s which led to cultivating and harvesting willow and other available natural materials for use in gardens and crafting.

2:30-2:50pm

Beverage break / Visit Vendors Skylight Lounge, 2nd Floor Charcoal Room

2:50-3:50pm WORKSHOP SESSION C

1. Now What Do I Do? - Marvin Zehnder : Ontario Room

Horticultural requirements of orchids and how to satisfy those needs in your home.

Marvin is a hobby plantaholic, who has been raising orchids and most every other green thing for years.

2. “An Introduction to Ikebana:

Japanese Flower Arranging” - Marguerite Adair : Brule Room

Ikebana is more complex than symmetrically arranging flowers in a vase; but the basic rules and techniques of this art are the foundation for a lifetime of creative expression. It can be practiced by anyone, anywhere, using any plant materials, as well as man-made materials that may be incorporated into arrangements. This class will introduce you to these basic techniques.

Marguerite was introduced to Ikebana while living in Honolulu and Tokyo, where she completed “the Fourth Course of Study” in the Sogetsu School of Ikebana. Her class invites you to become acquainted with a floral art form that is practiced by some 15 million people in Japan and many more worldwide.

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Repeat Session B #3

4. What the HECK is Hypertufa???

(And How Can I Get Some??!!) - Kari Stordahl : Pioneer A Room

Hypertufa is an easy-to-make, UP-winter-tough “faux stone” material used to create decorative outdoor garden planters and troughs. Discover the joy of this interesting form of container gardening and learn how to make your own hypertufa pots at home!

Kari became a Master Gardener in Colorado in 1996. She has been doing ornamental and vegetable gardening in the UP for 12 years. She is currently Vice President of the NMU Women’s Garden Group.

5. What are Heirloom Vegetables and

Why Grow in Organic Soil? - Joe Sabol : Pioneer B Room

Heirloom vegetables are the plant varieties (cultivars) that were

generally grown before industrialized agriculture and that retain their distinct characteristics through open pollination. Organic soil is a rich basis for growing any crop. The advantages, including the nutritional benefits, of growing heirloom vegetables in organic soil will be discussed.

Joe was raised on a farm in Racine County, Wisconsin. He has a PhD in chemistry, is a retired professor, and is currently a consultant and entrepreneur. He grows heirloom vine crops (pumpkins, melons, and squash) on his family farm and savors the relationship between food, cooking and health.