

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Garden Extravaganza Garden Conference Schedule**  
**June 25, 2011**  
**Northern Michigan University**

9:00-10:30am      Keynoter:      Cold Climate Gardening      Ed Lyon  
There is a reason “zone envy” among gardeners always refers to a desire for warmer zones rather than colder. It seems that the colder the zone, the more limiting the gardening. Although many aspects of this may be true, there are also ways to embrace a colder climate and make it work for successful gardening.

11:00am-noon                      Workshop Session A

1.      New Plants: Promise & Reality                                      Ed Lyon  
            Why doesn't my plant look like it does in the catalog? This is a common complaint and there are many points to consider when purchasing a plant you expect to look as it does from its marketing piece. Ed Lyon will discuss marketing related issues as well as the results of record setting plant releases without adequate trailing. Sprinkled in will be other issues including the continuing challenges with plant names, new trends and gardening tidbits on things to expect in the future. The talk will be backed up with photographs.
  
2.      Use of Pesticides/Treating of Landscape                      Edward James Blignaut  
            Tree Pests & Disease  
            Edward Blignaut will discuss identification and eradication of tree pests and diseases in the Upper Peninsula. He will also discuss environmental concerns involving home-owner do it yourself pesticide application.
  
3.      U.P. Perennials –The Carp River Gardens                      Jim Somers  
            This will be a slide presentation of UP perennials from the Carp River Gardens with general culture comments: bed preparation; soil; plant identification; propagation; and plant growth requirements.
  
4.      Won't You BEE My Neighbor                                      Lee Ossenheimer  
            Though we may at times fail to recognize it, our gardens are shared and enjoyed by a large number of earthly creatures. A variety of bees, including the commonly recognized honey bees, mason bees, and bumblebees, dance with our plants flowers with mutual satisfaction. This session will provide insight into bee communities, how to encourage bee visitation to our gardens, and fundamental beekeeping practices and equipment.
  
5.      The Peasant Garden    Andrea Forsberg  
            This garden combines cottage garden and kitchen garden. Andrea will discuss the history of the Peasant Garden in Germany. This class will show you what plants to use in your garden design and how to plant attractive and useful containers.

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