

Horticulture in the Heartland

March 7, 2015

Schedule

7:30 am Registration

7:50 am Welcome
Karen Vickers, CCC President

8:00 to 8:50 am Session 1

A. Iowa's Lost Landscape ~ Ryan Welch, Environmental Science Instructor at CCC

Tallgrass Prairie Ecosystem is disappearing in Iowa. Discover where they are, why they are unique and why we need to save these treasures.

B. The Joys of Wild Mushrooms ~ Dave Layton, Local Mushroom Expert and past president of Iowa's Prairie States Mushroom Club

Learn identification, where and when to hunt mushrooms and fungal interactions with trees and habitat. Don't be afraid of edible "Fungus Among Us."

C. Fantastic Fun Flowers! ~ Surprise Guest Florist

Simple, fabulous flower arrangements will be created right before your eyes! Learn, love and laugh if you dare at bouquets you can make with flowers & foliage from your own garden.

9:00 to 9:50 am Session 2

A. Conifers - Beyond Yews & Junipers ~ Chuck Porto, Iowa City Landscape and Garden Center

Back by popular demand, Chuck will help you navigate the diverse group of conifers which span giant forest trees to tiny miniatures. The exciting array of colors, textures and sizes will leave you "needing" to add these to your landscape. Questions welcome!

B. Wildlife Up Close and Personal! ~ Ryan Welch, Environmental Science Instructor at CCC

Use native plants in your landscape to attract wildlife. How to find seeds, plants and draw butterflies, birds and other creatures into your yard.

C. Terrarium & Dish Garden Workshop ~ Margo Hansen, Director of Programs at Bickelhaupt Arb.

Watch how easy it is to build miniature landscapes to enjoy indoors year round with tiny plants and fairies, with equal time for the gnomes.

10:00 to 10:50 am Session 3

A. Fruits Galore! ~ Patrick O'Malley, Commercial Horticulture Specialist, ISU Extension

Learn the secrets of pruning and training apple, pear and stone fruit trees to achieve maximum yields. Patrick will walk you through planting care and harvest as interest grows in producing your own fruit.

B. Something Old, Something New: Shrubs and Trees You Didn't Know You Needed ~ Chuck Porto, Iowa City Landscape and Garden Center

Chuck will help you sort through the old standard and plethora of "new" plants, focusing on the underused and underappreciated, and the "best" of the new varieties.

C. The Wonderful World of Rock Gardens ~ Gary Whittenbaugh, nationally known in the American Conifer Society and the North American Rock Garden Society and plant expert

Gary will "rock" your garden world by showing miniature, hardy and unusual plants for small areas and rock gardens. Listen, laugh, and learn from the expert!

11:00 to 11:50 am Session 4

A. Growing Heirlooms for a Greener, Healthier World ~ Glenn Drowns, owner of Sand Hill Preservation, specializing in Heirloom vegetable

Get firsthand knowledge on how to select and grow heirloom vegetables for flavor, texture, nutrition and fun colors you won't get with modern hybrids.

B. Shrubby Fruits (Berries) ~ Patrick O'Malley, Commercial Horticulture Specialist, ISU Extension

Explore the ups and downs of growing your own blueberries, aronia, currants, honeyberry and more. Bring your fruit questions, Patrick is the specialist!

C. Trough Gardens ~ Gary Whittenbaugh, nationally known in the American Conifer Society and the North American Rock Garden Society and plant expert

The Trough Garden Guru will show you how to make your own container, what soil to use, what to plant and how to care for it all four seasons. New plant varieties will be highlighted.

12:00 to 12:50 pm Lunch

1:00 to 1:50 pm Keynote Speaker

The Year of The Tornado & What You Can Expect for Severe Weather Season~ Terry Swails

Terry's keynote is focused on the record-breaking tornado season of 2011 which included massive outbreak of tornadoes in Alabama, which killed more than 350 people, and the Joplin, Missouri tornado a month later killing 160 people... making it the worst tornado disaster in modern U.S. history. Terry's speech discusses the ingredients which produced dramatic insight into the event. Included are some breathtaking videos of the Joplin tornado which illustrates its destructive power and rapid development. At the end of the presentation, Terry will highlight what he expects the upcoming severe weather season will be for our area and open it up for discussion.



Closing Remarks & Door Prizes

Clinton Community College

1000 Lincoln Blvd
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Registration Fee \$30 due February 21, 2015

Late Registration February 22-28 \$35
coffee, rolls, & lunch included

Make checks payable to: **Clinton Trees Forever**

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