

Flora and Fauna

The Mahoning County ANR Volunteer Newsletter
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Please send any articles, pictures, etc. to MGVnewsletter@gmail.com. All items intended for publication MUST be submitted by the 25th of each month.

We welcome and need your input. This is our newsletter. Let's keep it going as strong as ever!

New Year off to a good start!

Hello and I hope everyone had a great New Year! As we said goodbye to 2017, we start reviving our engines for all that 2018 has to offer! 2017 was a time to say goodbye to some of our friends but to also welcome new friends. Some dedicated

board members decided to take a much needed rest from officiating and new ones of stepped up to accept the challenge. Our newly elected officers that took place at our November meeting are:

President—Pam Baytos

Vice President—Merabeth “Pinky” Steffen

Co-Secretaries—Nancy Brundage and Becky Borman.

Also, as we start the New Year, Don't Forget that your yearly dues are due. A form is at the end of this newsletter

MGV Class of 2017 In Their Own Words

Nancy Wloch

My name is Nancy Wloch. I am delighted to have been able to become a new Master Gardener. I am a retired RN and Massage Therapist. Taking the classes to become a MG was always a goal but working made it very difficult. My sister actually gave my tuition as a retirement surprise. It was the perfect gift. My love of gardening definitely started with my mother. She always had a vegetable garden and we would help plant and tend. It was wonderful to run out and get peppers, cukes, tomatoes, lettuce and such. As I grew we had an annual contest to see who would have the first ripe tomato. She also had flowers such as Portulacas, Marigolds, Peonies, and climbing roses. I even tried to make my own perfume out of rose petals and water. We enjoyed experimenting with indoor plants as well.

My back yard is on the edge of Mill Creek Park and this is a blessing and a challenge. I have been working to incorporate perennials and native plants into the landscaping to maintain harmony with the soothing park environment. Of course my deer friends are always stopping by to offer their help with trimming and thinning. I certainly can't expect them to understand the difference between my yard and the park. Apparently everything tastes great.

I have enjoyed so many aspects of the MG program. The local flavors were in-

teresting. The fair was fun. I especially like the clinic. I have learned so much there and frequently felt like "a fish out of water." There is always someone to bounce things off of and assist with problem solving. I like hearing that if you haven't killed some plants you aren't really a gardener. It is refreshing to discuss gardening with likeminded people and not bore my family to tears. I look forward to continued learning and future garden adventures.

Nancy Wloch—MGV intern

November MGV Meeting

Opening

The regular meeting of the Master Gardener Volunteers—Mahoning County was called to order at 6:30pm on November 9th in Ohio State Extension Office by Marilyn McKinley.

Program

We met before the regular meeting to work on decorations for the tree for Fellows Riverside Gardens.

Committee Business

Wreaths Across America—Mike Beaudis—Veterans wreath laying ceremony will be held on December 2nd at Jackson Township Cemetery. The cemetery is ¼ mile north of Route 18 (Mahoning Ave.) on Route 45.

Fair Committee—Barb Delisio—Barb is looking for a new chairperson to take over as chairman of the committee for 2018. She has compiled a

notebook with all the relevant information needed. Please talk to Barb, Marilyn or Pam if you are interested in volunteering.

Fellows Riverside Garden—Thresea

Harris—Tree decorating at Mill Creek parks tree display will be done on November 28th. Decorations for the tree were made before this meeting. Volunteers are needed to help decorate tree.

Awards Banquet—June Nolasco—The annual recognition banquet will be held on Tuesday, December 5th, 2017 at Tavo-la restaurant. The cost will be \$15.00/person. Flyers were mailed to all members and reservations are due by November 20th. The committee has been busy with plans to make this a fun event for everyone so get your reservations in early!

Garden Arts & Crafts—Margaret Biros-

chak--Holiday Container Class will be held on November 13th at 1:00pm. Pots must be 12" or less! There will be no charge for Master Gardeners who come to help with the class. You can then make your own container afterwards.

There is a final alcohol ink class being held December 11th. The project will be clay pots instead of tiles.

There will be new garden art programs beginning in the New Year. Watch you newsletter for more information.

Clinic—Clinic is officially closed for the year. We had a great year with at least 733 questions answered which is equal to or more than last year. Great job everyone!

Coffee with the Master Gardeners—

Programs have been set up for early next year. Watch your newsletter and email for more information.

Committee to Review Committees—A

new committee has been set up to review all of the current committees. According to the state, our organization needs to be looked at every 2 years as a way of keeping current and eliminating confusion as to where to place volunteer hours in the state system.

Speakers Bureau—

There is a call for a speaker on Prairie Gardens at the Salem Library "Art in the Park" series in April. Kary Shively & Peg Zeleznik have volunteered.

Announcements

A slate of officers for 2018 has been voted on and we would like to congratulate Pam Baytos, our new President; Merabeth Steffen (i.e. Pinky), our new Vice President and our two new secretaries—Nancy Brundage & Becky Borman.

Our new fiscal year started on November 1st—it's time to make an early New Year's resolution and get your volunteer hours recorded monthly! It's so much easier to record as you go than to try and remember everything at the end of the year!

Kary Shively is heading up a new Junior Master Gardener program committee to work through 4-H. The ages and format can be what we want. There is an existing program through Texas A&M and the University of Tennessee that you can read about online. The program can be

done at Boardman stables. Please contact Pam or Kary if you are interested in participating!

New Mater Gardener classes will start in March. Mentors & teachers will be needed. Email Eric or Pam if you are available to help. We will also need volunteers for hospitality—sign up's will be available at the January meeting.

New Vindy articles are needed—suggestions included articles on houseplants.

Eric also announced that we have the opportunity to promote gardening on a live, call-in radio show. It would be for 1 hour, 2x a week with a total of about 37 minutes of live calling. Youngstown t.v. internet will be available for research. It would run on Saturdays from 12-1 and 2-3 people would be needed each week. The location is at the clear stations radio in Poland. Email Eric if you are interested in helping! Eric will be hosting WKBN 570 garden program for two Saturdays in December—9th & 16th—37 minutes of live calling. There is also the possibility of having a “Live from the clinic” homey, chatty, basic program. Please email Eric if you are interested in helping!



November OCVN Meeting

A public meeting by OCVN's was held on November 15th at the Canfield Public Library in which Heather Merritt, state and federal rehabilitator from Birds in Flight Sanctuary was the speaker.

She explained to the attendees about the many licenses required, how birds and animals are rescued and what it is like to be a rehabilitator. Her sanctuary is the only one in a 23 county area that takes birds. The highlight of the meeting was when she brought the wild birds from their carriers. The birds were a Red-shoulder hawk, Harris's Hawk, Eastern Screech owl and Barred owl. These birds had all been injured but were not able to be released and are now used for Education. Ms. Merritt walked through the room holding each bird so everyone had a closeup look. It was a very informative meeting that was enjoyed by the 126 attendees.

Nancy Brundage—OCVN

ODD and Ends

Trumbull County MGV's will be hosting a Presentation Development workshop on January 18th from 9am—12 pm in Cortland. The cost of this workshop is \$5 and attendees are encouraged to bring their own laptop preloaded with Power-Point, but laptops will be available.

2018 Upcoming Events

January 22—Coffee with the Master Gardeners—How to Interpret Seed Catalogs

February 10th—Beech Creek Botanical Garden Symposium 8am—4 pm

February 12th - MGVS Open House 1pm

February 26th—Coffee with the Master Gardeners Backyard Maple Syrup: Tap Those Trees

March 22nd—MGVS classes start (If helping with class, please park across the street at the fairgrounds if you are able to without any problems)

April 14th—Spring Seminar—Details to follow at later date.

MGVS 2018 Meeting Schedule

January 11 - organizational meeting—OSUE 6:30 pm

February 8 —TBA

March 8—TBA

April 12 —TBA

May 10—Plant Exchange and Potluck, OSUE 6 pm

June 14—Tentative garden tour at Pinky Steffen's home

July 12—TBA

August 9— Finalize plans for fair

September 13 —TBA

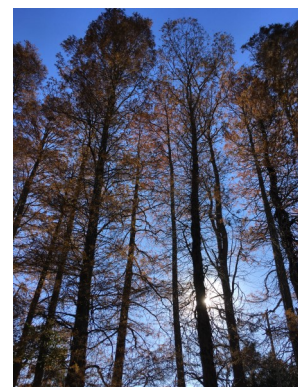
October 11—TBA

November 8—Fellows Christmas Tree Preparation

December—ANR Volunteer Banquet

OCVN 2018 Meeting Schedule TBA

On November 29th, 2017, Michelle Spornak, Lil Quaranta, David Sprague, Becky Borman and Pinky Steffen attended a Demystifying Plant Diseases workshop in Wooster. Here are some of the pictures they shared.





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INVOICE

January 2, 2018

Please pay the 2018 Support Fee by Friday, February 9th.

2018 Master Gardener Volunteer Support Fee

State dues must be paid to be reactivated in the VMS System.

	Cost Per	Total
2018 State Dues for Active Service in OSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Program	\$10	\$10
Total		\$10

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE:

Ohio State University Extension

Mahoning County

490 S. Broad Street

Canfield, OH 44406-1604

Monday, February 12, 1pm
490 S. Broad St. Canfield, OH
Questions: 330-533-5538



Open House

Master Gardener Volunteer Program

Join us for some social time to talk about the program, enjoy refreshments and fellowship with current volunteers. We'll share details about our upcoming training and help you with any questions about joining. Classes start March 22nd.

The OSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Program provides intensive training in horticulture to interested Ohio resident who then volunteer their time assisting with educational programs and activities in Mahoning County. Volunteers are not required to have gardening skills or knowledge; a passion for learning about gardening and sharing this knowledge with others is a must!

Master Gardener Volunteers provide such educational services to their communities as: answering gardening questions from the public; conducting plant clinics; gardening activities with children, senior citizens, or disabled persons; beautifying the community; developing community or demonstration gardens; and other horticultural activities.



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Coffee with the Master Gardeners

How to Interpret Seed Catalogues

Start your year off right by getting your seeds in order! Join us to learn about reading seed catalogues and how to make the proper selection.

Speakers: David Sprague, Barb Delisio, Master Gardener Volunteer

Monday, January 22

9:30 am—Coffee, Donuts, Refreshments

10 am-12 pm—Program

Location: 490 S. Broad St. Canfield, OH

Cost: \$15/person

Details: Register ASAP – Seating is limited

Contact: 330-533-5538

REGISTRATION INFORMATION. Registration for *Coffee with the Master Gardeners* includes the program, coffee and a light breakfast, and handouts. Please mail to 490 S. Broad St. Canfield, OH 44406, fax (330-533-2424), or drop off the registration to the OSU Extension Office. The program is filled on a “first come, first served basis.”

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Number Attending (x \$15): _____ Amount Enclosed: _____



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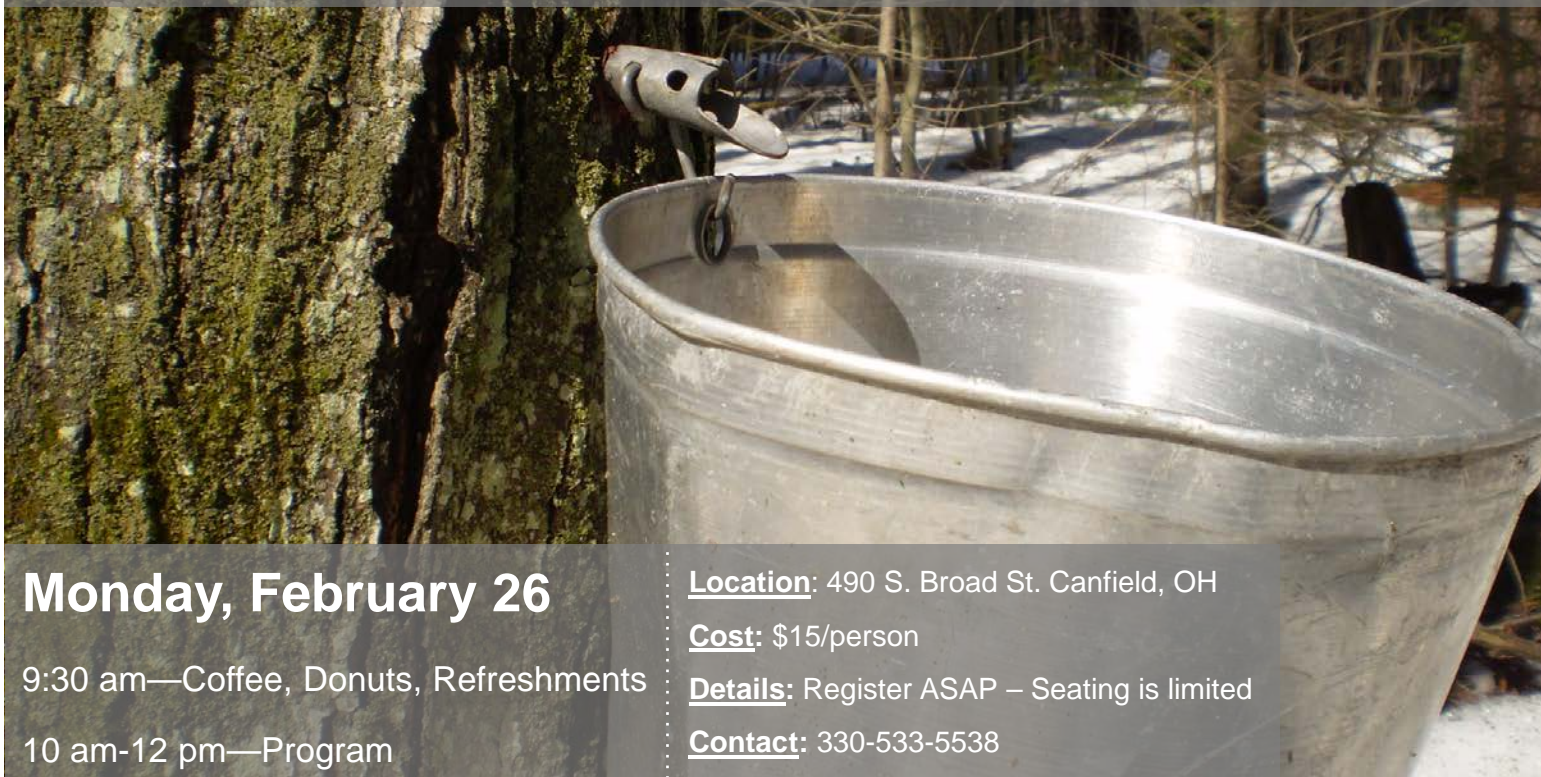
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Coffee with the Master Gardeners

Backyard Maple Syrup

Who doesn't love fresh maple syrup on their pancakes in the morning? If you want to learn how to collect your own maple syrup, join us for some coffee!

Speaker: Carolyn F., Master Gardener Volunteer



Monday, February 26

9:30 am—Coffee, Donuts, Refreshments

10 am-12 pm—Program

Location: 490 S. Broad St. Canfield, OH

Cost: \$15/person

Details: Register ASAP – Seating is limited

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Symposium Registration

Deadline: February 3 (after the 4th, add \$5.00)

Enter the amounts below for which
you are including payment.

Symposium \$48.00 \$ _____

(non-member of Beech Creek Gardens)

Or

Symposium \$38.00 \$ _____

(member of Beech Creek or horticulture student)

☐ Join or ☐ Renew w/Beech Creek Gardens
& save \$10.00 on the Symposium!

BC Individual Membership \$30.00 \$ _____

BC Family Membership \$50.00 \$ _____

(optional) Lunch \$8.00 \$ _____

Select one:

☐ Roasted Turkey ☐ Honey Baked Ham

☐ Mediterranean Veggie ☐ Chef Salad

(There are no nearby restaurants.)

Workshop Supplies \$20.00 \$ _____

(pay this only if you are taking the Workshop Session)

Late Fee \$5.00 \$ _____

(add per person after Feb. 4)

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Ph _____

Email _____

Mail your registration & payment to:

Beech Creek Gardens

11929 Beech St NE Alliance, OH 44601

☞ Copy both sides for your records.

Keynote Address

One hundred years of Front Yards: The Evolution of the Foundation Planting

When we think of the foundation planting, one word usually comes to mind: yuck. And yet, this style of landscape persists in cities around the country. Through the past 100 years, the way homeowners designed their front yards changed, often with historical events, often as home styles changed. This presentation will showcase the changes that have taken place in Ohio cities from the 1920's through modern times, and inspire you!

Dr. Laura Deeter, is currently a Full Professor of Horticulture at Ohio State ATI in Wooster, OH teaching a multitude of horticulture classes including: Woody & Herbaceous Plant Identification, Landscape Design, Sustainable Landscaping, Plant Health Management, and Landscape Construction to name a few.



She was awarded the . . . *ATI Distinguished Teaching Award twice, the OSU Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching, the Perennial Plant Association Teaching Award the American Horticulture Society Teaching Award, and the Perennial Plant Association Service Award.*

She travels extensively around the country speaking on a variety of topics ranging from taxonomy and nomenclature to shade gardens, design, color, and specialty gardens and plants. Dr. Deeter received her PhD in horticulture from The Ohio State University after studying road-salt tolerance in herbaceous perennials under Dr. Steve Still.

At home she gardens on her tenth of an acre with her hubby, two kids and three dogs, 100 pink flamingos and counts her 300+ species of perennials as dear friends.

Garden Vendors

Books	Pottery	Garden Supplies
Live Plants	Candles	Handmade Soaps
Local Honey	Potpourri	Jewelry
Garden Art	Home-made Food	& More

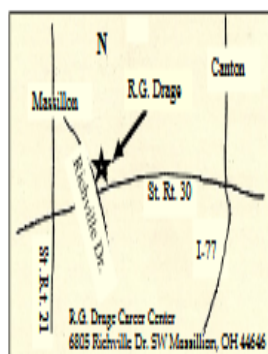
25+ Great Raffle Baskets!

Box Lunch from "Honey Baked Ham"

Choices: (include beverage, chips, cookie, #1, 2, 3 on Multigrain)

1) Roasted Turkey	2) Honey-baked Ham
3) Mediterranean Veggie	4) Chef Salad

Lunch is optional - cost is \$8.00



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11929 Beech St. NE
Alliance, OH 44601

18th Annual Beech Creek Garden Symposium

February 10, 2018

at R.G. Drage Career Center
6805 Richville Dr. SW Massillon, OH



Session Topics

- ◆ 52 Weeks of Bloom & Color
- ◆ Small Space Vegetable Gardening
- ◆ Nature's Course: Permaculture Garden
- ◆ Creative Container Beauty
- ◆ Gardening w/Native Plants
- ◆ Hands-on, Make & Take Workshop:
Art in the Garden, River Rock Rain Chain

Keynote Address

by Dr. Laura Deeter

One Hundred Years
of Front Yard Gardening

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Container Beauty, Peppers & Palms Among the Petunias

Ready to spice up your container gardens with a plant other than geraniums? Join horticulture expert Dr. Mark Miller as he explores container gardening by adding edibles to your traditional pots planted with ornamentals. We'll also learn how to add tropical plants to container gardens that'll add interest and beauty all summer long.



Dr. Mark Miller, is Outreach Education Manager at Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens. He received a B.S. in Horticulture, M.S. in Agricultural Education, & Ph.D. in Environmental Education from O.S.U. His research focus is providing environmental education through plant-based programming and children's gardening. Mark has worked for the U.S. Peace Corps, nursery & landscape design firms, Cooperative Extension, the non-profit arena (including the American Horticultural Society), web-based education providers, colleges/universities and public gardens. He is the author, contributor or editor of a number of published works, and has served as a consultant with varied institutions, organizations and companies.



Gardening with Native Plants

If you are thinking about starting or expanding a native plant garden, this

presentation is for you. Discover what goes into the planning and maintenance of the Myrtle S. Holden Wildflower garden at the Holden Arboretum. Recommended native plants and cultivars for the home garden and how to combine and care for them will also be covered. Plant selections are based on ornamental value, size, and cultural conditions.

Ann Budzjak Rzepka, is the Horticulturist that maintains the Myrtle S. Holden Wildflower Garden at the Holden Arboretum. She also assists with the heritage species monitoring program and helps maintain Holden's commitment to the Center for Plant Conservation and the preservation of rare and endangered plant species. She earned a bachelor's in environmental studies from Hiram College.

Small Space Veggie Gardening

Want to grow food but have little space? Learn design tricks and plant varieties that are suitable for small spaces and containers. This informative session will teach you techniques to grow intensively, to extend your season and plan succession crops. Garden preparation, maintenance and harvesting will also be covered. Don't let a small space keep you from having fresh foods just outside your door!

Lynn Gregor, has nearly 25 years of horticulture experience, specializing in urban agriculture & education. Lynn worked with community gardeners in Cleveland for 10 years with OSU Extension. There she established the market garden program and co-founded City Fresh. She is the co-author of *A Place To Grow: Voices and Images of Urban Gardeners*. Currently she works with the non-profit, Green Sprout, on developing school garden programs and other local food system development projects. She also is co-owner of Seed + Sprig, a vendor at the Haymaker Farmers' Market in Kent that sells herb seedlings and handmade cedar planter boxes.

Workshop ~ Make & Take

Art in the Garden:

River Rock Rain Chain

Transform your plain gutter downspout into a pleasing water feature. From the soft tinkling of individual droplets to the soothing rush of white water, rain chains are a treat to listen to. Using a combination of river rock and recycled colored glass - your beautiful rain chain will guide rain water visibly from the roof to the ground artistically. All supplies included, supply fee \$20.00.

Melinda Carmichael,

is Associate Director of Beech Creek Botanical Garden & Nature Preserve. She has worked as a Manager & Administrator in the horticulture profession for 38 years. Along with her organizational skills, Melinda is a craftswoman and loves sharing this creativity with others. She has taught thousands of people a variety of projects including wreath making, floral arranging, basket weaving, and more.



52 Weeks of Bloom & Color

Did you know there is something blooming with interest in the garden every week of the year? Join us for a year in review as we take a photographic journey through the seasons, discovering all of the hidden gems of the garden. We will discuss trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals and all of the aspects that make a garden shine throughout the year.



Michelle Riley, is owner of All About You Signature Landscape Design, Inc., founder of NEOhioGarden.com. She is certified through the Ohio Department of Agriculture, and member of the Ohio Landscape Association. Michelle has designed, implemented and maintained gardens, estates and commercial landscapes throughout Akron, Cleveland and the surrounding areas for over 20 years. In addition, she has completed landscape designs in Chicago, Illinois, Washington, as well as Chautauqua, New York. Michelle is a Landscape Concierge that is passionate about your landscape experience. Her designs disclose her ability to "tune into" the customers' wants and needs.

Taking Nature's Course:

The Permaculture Garden

From tilling to pesticides, why is gardening often approached as a battle against nature? Yet, if we observe healthy natural systems in their own right, they are both productive and resilient - all without human intervention. This disconnect between how we often operate in the world and how nature operates, gave rise to what is known as permaculture. From principals to practicalities, this session will introduce gardeners to the benefits of gardening with nature as our teacher. No matter your level of expertise, participants will find the exciting and innovative techniques offered by permaculture to be a refreshing approach to gardening.

Jonathan Hull, is a permaculture educator, designer, and consultant. After receiving his Permaculture Design Certificate (PDC) in 2006, he co-founded Green Triangle, a Cleveland area network of permaculture educators and designers. He has also taught a diverse range of workshops on topics such as soil restoration, bio-char stove construction, site mapping and home weatherization. An avid researcher and experimenter, he is dedicated to making permaculture accessible to everyone.

Schedule & Registration Form

Complete both sides, tear off and mail in.
(Please ~ Make a copy for your records)
Your copy of payment is your confirmation.

7:45-8:35am Registration, Vendors Continental Breakfast

(We serve a great assortment of muffins, breads, hot coffee & tea - please enjoy these in the cafeteria between 7:45-8:35am, refreshments are not permitted in the auditorium, thank you).

8:40-8:50am Welcome

8:50-9:50am Keynote Address

One hundred years of Front Yards: The Evolution of the Foundation Planting

Check one session in each time slot

10:05-11:10am

- ☐ 52 Weeks of Bloom & Color
- ☐ Gardening w/Native Plants
- ☐ Small Space Veggie Garden

11:25am-12:30pm

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- ☐ Gardening w/Native Plants
- ☐ Workshop: Rock Rain Chain
(additional supply fee \$20.00 this class)

12:30-1:35pm Lunch, Vendors, Exhibits, Raffle Baskets

1:35-2:40pm

- ☐ Taking Nature's Course
- ☐ Container Garden Beauty
- ☐ Workshop: Rock Rain Chain
(additional supply fee \$20.00 this class)

2:55-4:00pm

- ☐ Taking Nature's Course
- ☐ Container Garden Beauty
- ☐ Small Space Veggie Garden