

GARDEN DAY 2010: "Greening" Your Garden

Saturday, March 27, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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Registration Fee:
\$65 Per Person

Glen Oaks
Oakland County Parks
30500 West 13 Mile Rd.
Farmington Hills, MI
48334
(between Orchard Lake
and Middlebelt Roads)

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8:30-9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00-9:45 a.m.	<u>Rain Gardens: A Beautiful Solution to Water Pollution</u> Lillian Dean, FAICP; Coordinator, Healthy Lawns and Gardens Program, SOCWA: Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority, Royal Oak This session will review rain garden siting, options for the soil mix, sources for rain garden plants, and rain garden maintenance. SOCWA's partnership with municipalities in the Rouge watershed as well as recent research by Lawrence Technological University will be highlighted.
9:45-10:30 a.m.	<u>The Magic of Composting</u> Peggy Malnati and Carol Alexander, SOCWA This session, presented by two SOCWA Master Composters, will review the five easy steps for making compost at home...including materials, management of the pile, biological process of decomposition, and use of compost in the home garden. A table-top demonstration of composting will be included.
10:30-10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45-11:45 a.m.	<u>Goof Proof Plants</u> Polly Bailey-Rule, Four Star Greenhouse/Proven Winners This presentation and discussion will focus on "goof proof" plants for difficult situations. Learn about varieties that will not only survive, but thrive in hot and dry locations, windy spots, wet areas, shade, etc. Tips and ideas will be shared for correcting these difficult situations. Also, see the newest Proven Winners® varieties available for Spring 2010.
11:45-12:30 p.m.	Lunch
12:30- 1:30 p.m.	<u>Irrigation is a Solution, Not a Problem</u> Andy Smith, External Affairs Director, Irrigation Association It is no secret that irrigation systems consume a significant amount of water and many irrigation systems apply water far in excess of what is necessary to keep plants vibrant and healthy. The good news is that the irrigation industry has and continues to develop more tools to improve water use efficiency and combat waste. Join the Irrigation Association's External Affairs Director, Andy Smith, to learn how technology, practices and people can unite and transform irrigation problems into comprehensive water solutions.
1:30-2:30 p.m.	<u>Eco-Paving: The Green Side of Paving</u> Mike Rafferty, Unilock Michigan This presentation will inspire Home Gardeners, Master Gardeners and anyone interested in the green industry to make permeable interlocking concrete pavers the first choice for sustainable, stormwater solutions. Permeable pavers allow water infiltration between units, not through the paver itself. There is also an aesthetic quality to pavers because they are made in several different shapes, colors and textures. All of these options and benefits will be explored.
2:30-2:45 p.m.	Break
2:45-3:30 p.m.	<u>Native Plants for the Urban Landscape</u> Ruth Vrbensky, Oakland Wildflower Farm Ruth Vrbensky, owner of native plant nursery Oakland Wildflower Farm, will discuss the advantages of using plants native to Michigan in your landscape. An Advanced Master Gardener, Ruth will give a brief introduction on invasives, rain gardens, and their impact on the environment.
3:30-4:30 p.m.	<u>New Annuals and Perennials for 2010</u> George Papadelis, Telly's Greenhouse, Troy, MI Learn about some of the wonderful new plants you'll see at Telly's this Spring. George will highlight some of this season's new and exciting introductions for your gardening pleasure.
4:30 p.m.	Adjourn

Speaker Biographies:

Lillian Dean, FAICP, has coordinated the Healthy Lawns and Gardens Program for SOCWA since 1992. The program includes citizen volunteer training, partnerships with municipalities, public workshops, and strategic education outreach to change homeowner lawn and garden practices. Lillian has an M.S. degree in urban planning, is a Certified Arborist, and has received special awards in recognition of effective projects and the outstanding volunteers that she works with.

Peggy Malnati is an Advanced Master Gardener and Michigan Conservation Steward with the Oakland County Extension Agency, and a Master Composter, Master Recycler, Ecological Gardening Educator, and volunteer with the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA). Peggy, who has been a professional writer for over two-and-a-half decades, frequently speaks on environmental topics before children and adult environmental and gardening groups throughout Michigan. In her spare time, she cares for her one-acre farm in Farmington Hills.

Carol Alexander is a SOCWA Master Composter and is actively involved in developing home and community sustainable landscapes. She strongly believes we need to build connecting corridors between our communities.

Polly Bailey-Rule, CLP, CGIP is the Landscape Account Manager for Four Star Greenhouse, Inc. in Carleton, Michigan. Previously, she was the President/Owner of Five Star Garden Service, Inc. located in Kiowa, Colorado, where she directed development and growth of the high-end residential gardening business. Polly was a Board member of the Associated Landscape Contractors of Colorado. She currently is a Southeast Michigan Nursery and Landscape Association (SEMNLA) Board Director-at-Large.

Andy Smith, CIC, CID, CLIA, External Affairs Director of the Irrigation Association, spent over 20 years in the irrigation contracting field after growing up in a family run landscape and nursery business and studying Horticulture at Michigan State University. Smith was a long time member of IA until joining the IA staff in October of 2005. Andy is an IA Certified Irrigation Contractor, Certified Irrigation Designer and Certified Landscape Irrigation Auditor. He has a strong background in agricultural, turf/landscape and golf course irrigation. His activities all center on supporting the IA mission which is simply to "promote efficient irrigation".

Mike Rafferty has 18 years experience in the Landscape Industry. Mike has been with Unilock Michigan for 11 years and his current responsibilities include Commercial Sales.

Ruth Vrbensky is an active member of the Master Gardener Society of Oakland County and has been teaching Master Gardener candidates about native plants since 2003. She is the owner of Oakland Wildflower Farm, a native plant nursery specializing in Southeast Michigan genotypes. Oakland Wildflower Farm produces a variety of wildflowers, grasses, sedges, shrubs and trees and is a member of the Michigan Native Plant Producers Association. The Oakland Wildflower Farm produced some of the natives featured in the Tollgate Children's Garden and a salt tolerant entry garden at MSU Tollgate Farms. A wildflower enthusiast, Ruth was involved in the installation of three native landscape demonstrations in Ortonville--a small garden in the VFW Memorial Park, a modified stream-buffer to stabilize the bank of Kearsley Creek and a more formal Heritage Garden.

George Papadelis and Mark Papadelis were youngsters setting up a roadside stand to sell plants they had started and grown themselves a little over two decades ago. George has parlayed a little table full of homegrown flowers into acres of healthy, burgeoning blooms that grace the flowerboxes of apartments, the yards of suburban homes, and the gardens of estates throughout the tri-county area. While George developed the greenhouse and garden center, his brother Mark has been developing Telly's Nursery selling trees and shrubs. Side by side they have grown their businesses, giving Telly's Greenhouse and Garden Center customers a wide selection of plants, great quality, and friendly, knowledgeable service at a reasonable price.

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