



Growing Great Gardens

The Taylor Conservatory Foundation and Taylor Garden Club,
in partnership with Wayne County Community College District

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Dear Gardening Friend:

It's time again for our 4th annual "**Growing Great Gardens**", Saturday, March 17, 8 - 4 p.m. at the Wayne County Community College District, Downriver Campus, 21000 Northline Road in Taylor. Join us for a full day of gardening fun, education and inspiration! Our speakers will cover everything 'green' from A-Z, indoors and out, on flowers, trees and veggies. In a nod to St. Patrick's Day, be sure to wear your 'green' and we'll have some Irish music and other fun surprises during the day.

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Speaking of green, **Lindsay Pielack**, of Greening of Detroit will kick off our morning with her keynote, *From Motown to Growtown: Urban Gardening in Detroit*. She'll tell us about the incredible gardens and gardeners that are flourishing in and around Detroit. Our afternoon keynote is the energetic and nationally known plantsman, **George Papadelis**, of Telly's Nursery, to inspire us with his passion for *Underused Annuals For Your Garden*.

Good news! The cost of the conference is *still an outstanding value for only \$25* (\$30 after February 21). You'll enjoy two keynote presentations, two workshops, a box lunch, a garden info goodie bag and a chance to win many beautiful door prizes. Plus...*all of the classes this year will be held in the beautiful Heinz C. Prechter Performing Arts Center at the college. This will give us plenty of space in the new auditorium and classrooms, so you can bring a friend, two or three!*

Our Garden Marketplace is available all day to shop for garden-related books, soaps, herbal products, plants, tools and other interesting items. You'll be able to see some of the outstanding work that non-profit organizations are doing in our community, too. And, the conference counts as 4 Master Gardener education hours.

Pre-registration is *highly recommended, as we've sold out very quickly each year*. Complete the enclosed registration form with your check or credit card information and return it to the address on the form. Registration forms are also available online at www.taylorconservatory.org, or www.taylorgardenclub.com

See you at GGG!

Sincerely,

Patty Donahue, co-chair
Ken Hughes, co-chair

P.S. The proceeds from this event are used to further advance horticultural education and garden development in our community. Thank you for your support!



Growing Great Gardens

Program Schedule

- 8:00-9:00 a.m.** **Registration and MarketPlace (Coffee, tea, pastries from Tim Horton)**
- 9:00-10:30 a.m.** **Welcome and Morning Keynote, Lindsay Pielack**

From Motown to Growtown: Urban Agriculture in Detroit. *Lindsay Pielack, Urban Garden Program Manager, has worked with the Greening of Detroit since 2005 coordinating new garden development, facilitating resource distribution, and working with community members to build connection, leadership and capacity within Detroit's urban agriculture community. She previously served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Paraguay working with a rural community on Agroforestry projects and graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Science in Resource Ecology and Management.*

Gardening not only beautifies our community, but provides us with healthy food, especially important in urban areas with inadequate access to fresh and affordable food. The urban agriculture work in Detroit is a story of energy, resilience, creativity and hope. Collaborative gardening projects are thriving in Detroit, as noted by the Christian Science Monitor calling them a "model for our nation". With a focus on building capacity in the community with small-scale projects from the ground-up, Lindsay's story will amaze and inspire you.

- 10:30 -10:45 a.m.** **Break and Shopping**
- 10:50 -11:55 a.m.** **Classes 1-6 (see *Classes and Instructors*)**
- 12:00 -12:40 p.m.** **Lunch and Garden MarketPlace shopping (Lunch from Secret Recipes)**
- 12:40-1:45 p.m.** **Classes 7-12 (see *Classes and Instructors*)**
- 1:50 - 2:05p.m.** **Break and Shopping**
- 2:05 - 3:20 p.m.** **Afternoon Keynote, George Papadelis**

Underused Annuals For Your Garden. *George is the owner of Telly's Greenhouse, a family owned and operated greenhouse and garden center that has grown in Troy for more than three decades, with a staff of dedicated plant geeks committed to providing a tremendous variety of plants, education and superlative customer service.*

Looking for adventure? Want to add some pizzazz to your garden. Make a vow to stretch a bit and plant something different in your yard. George will take us on a journey to discover the many amazing varieties of easy care annuals available that will turn heads and make neighbors notice. Sit back, enjoy the great photos, and learn from a dedicated nurseryman who has a powerful passion for all things "plants". Plant lists will be provided and a good time guaranteed.

- 3:20 - 4:00 p.m.** **Shopping, Door Prizes and Wrap Up**

Growing Great Gardens Class Descriptions

EASY THREE-SEASON CONTAINERS: ONE POT, THREE COMBOS-LAUREL BLACKWELL Learn how to create dazzling container combinations that will extend your display from March to November by replacing several plants to reflect the changing seasons. You will review several combinations as well as frost tolerant annuals. Laurel's extensive knowledge of plants and her practical experience as a horticulturist will help you keep your containers looking gorgeous all season long. *Class 1 and Class 10.*

GO NUTS FOR NATIVES! TREES AND SHRUBS FOR BIRDS, BEES, AND BUTTERFLIES-TOM O'DELL Learn why planting native species is important, which are the best trees and shrubs to plant in your landscapes that will diversify plant life, provide food for birds, bees and other wildlife and reduce the amount of invasive species in your neighborhood. *Class 2*

CULTIVATING YOUR GREEN THUMB INDOORS-LISA STEINKOPF A perfect class for people with the perennial brown thumb, this presentation concentrates on the care and cultivation of indoor houseplants. Lisa will discuss the care needed to make your houseplants thrive. She'll cover topics such as pest identification and control, diseases, soil, watering and fertilization methods. *Class 3*

CONIFERS IN THE LANDSCAPE-DON WILD The diversity of available conifers for the home landscape is tremendous. Nurseries and plantspeople around the world are devoted to the discovery and introduction of new selections that vary in size, form, color and texture. Learn about their habitat, forms, and how to identify and use conifers in the garden. *Class 4*

THE WILD GARDEN: FIRST AID FROM WEEDS-COLEEN FRENCH One gardener's weeds....can be another gardener's refreshing tea and soothing salve! Find out which weeds and invasive herbs can be your friends in the garden. The steps in making an herbal salve, tincture, and tea will be demonstrated. Recipes, instructions, and a small herbal salve to take home are included. *Class 5*

RAISE IT UP! GROWING IN RAISED BEDS-LINDSAY PIELACK Learn to grow lots of food in a small space. Using her experience from working with urban gardens in Detroit, Lindsay Pielack will share tips and techniques for gardeners considering growing vegetables in raised beds. Lindsay will walk participants through the pros and cons of using raised beds, including site considerations, growing needs of vegetables, cost and aesthetics. *Class 6*

ATTRACTING HUMMINGBIRDS TO YOUR GARDEN-ALLEN CHARTIER Learn more about these beautiful birds through the expertise of Allen and his review of the Great Lakes HummerNet project, a group of volunteers dedicated to researching hummingbirds in Michigan, Ohio, and northern Indiana. You will learn about their plans, how and where to view them, and how to attract these beauties to your yard. *Class 7*

LIVING WALLS, FROM START TO FINISH-JAMES RIZZO, DAVID BILLING Learn how easy it is to "grow up" with vertical gardening. Sometimes referred to as "Green Walls", vertical gardens take gardening in a whole new direction, and elevate it to a living art form. Learn the history of Living Walls, where they are going, and how to create and care for your own Living Wall. Filled with practical tips for everyday gardeners. *Class 8*

THE ART OF TOPIARY-LISA STEINKOPF Shaping plants into fanciful shapes is fun and exciting. This program will cover the basics of shaping plants, selecting the best plants to use and how to care for them. Lisa will demonstrate with a live topiary. *Class 9*

A SPOT O' TEA-VICKIE O'NEIL Learn a bit of history of the different types of tea and how to brew that perfect cup of "tea". Also enjoy a sampling of St. Patrick's Day cream scones and shortbread while sipping a cup of "tea" during a lesson on etiquette of the high, afternoon, and low tea customs. *Class 11*

BACKYARD BERRIES AND FRUIT TREES FOR THE SMALL YARD-KIM ROTH Fruits come in all different shapes and sizes to fit all different sized yards and lifestyles. We are going to look at some hardy fruits to fit into a residential landscape. The options are almost endless. From small native strawberries to those large ones on steroids to apple trees that will take up little more than 2' worth of space yet produce bushels (sounds like an info-mercial I know, but true!), to boysenberries for wine. We will look at a some well-known, not so well-known, and some of the new cultivars in fruits for you to start growing this year. *Class 12*

Growing Great Gardens Speaker Biographies

LAUREL BLACKWELL received her BS in Botany at the University of Michigan, and is the Horticulturist for Ford Motor Company's commercial and corporate properties in Dearborn. She is a volunteer and past board member of the Taylor Conservatory. While her professional career has focused mainly on commercial landscapes for fifteen years, she has a diverse horticultural knowledge and love of annuals, woody plants, grasses and perennials.

ALLEN CHARTIER is Project Director for the Great Lakes HummerNet, a research project aimed at learning more about hummingbirds with the help of volunteer observers throughout Michigan, and investigating wintering hummingbirds in Ohio and Indiana. He has been a birder since age 11, and has traveled extensively to see and photograph birds, especially hummingbirds. Author of numerous publications and books, including *A Birder's Guide to Michigan* (2004), and contributing author to the *National Geographic Complete Birds of North America* (2005) and the *National Geographic Complete Birds of the World* (2009).

COLEEN FRENCH is the owner of French Garden Creations and has been growing and using herbs for over 30 years. She has taught herb classes since 1996. She is an Advanced Master Gardener, a member of the Portland Garden Club in her home town and serves on the Board of the Michigan Herb Associates. Coleen works out of her home, travels around Michigan presenting workshops, and does a thriving mail order business with her herbal soaps, salves, lip balms and essential oils.

TOM O'DELL has a B.S. from the School of Natural Resources at the University of Michigan and has been with Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum since 1989. Tom brings a wide range of experience to the collections and natural areas department, including turf, grounds, and facilities maintenance. He currently oversees the installation and care of much of their outdoor woody plant collections. He also works with natural areas management and restoration and serves as Trails Manager at the Arb and Gardens. Tom is an avid naturalist, animal tracker, and bird watcher.

VICKY O'NEIL is the owner of Victoria's Tea Salon, a catering firm that promotes the fine art of taking tea. Vicky believes we live in such a rushed society, that most people do not take the time to enjoy what is at our finger tips. Vicky hopes to change that mindset, by sharing her love of tea and it's customs.

KIM ROTH has 25 years in the garden industry, and is currently a purchaser for Christensen's Plant Center. She doesn't get to "garden" so much as she gets to test plants, and she states "If it can live at my house, it can live anywhere!" When she is not busy 'testing' plants, she is busy writing magazine articles & giving talks about the joys of plants.

JAMES RIZZO AND DAVID BILLING are owners of Bright Green, the manufacture of Living Wall Planters in Michigan. They have been creating Living Walls for the last six years all over the world and recently launched a new retail product sold at Independent Garden Centers.

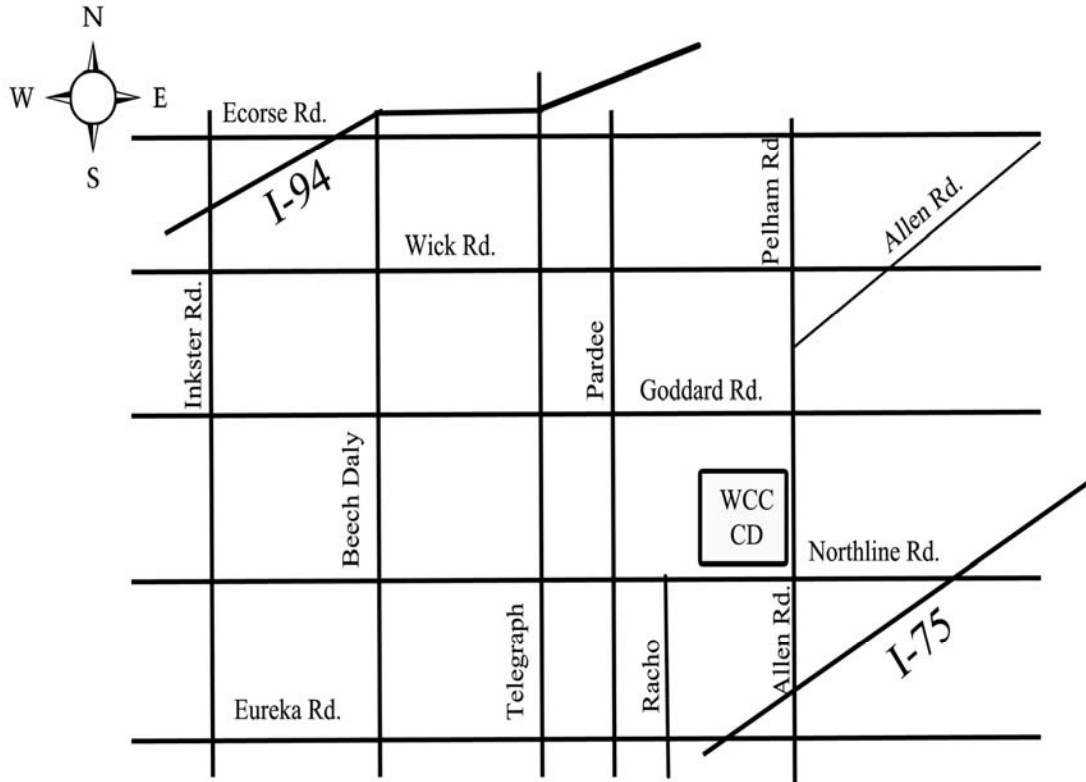
LISA STEINKOPF (the Houseplant Guru) is from Steinkopf Nursery in Farmington Hills, MI, an 82-year old family-owned business. Lisa has gardened since she was a child, helping in the family vegetable garden and her mother's flower garden. She loves outdoor gardening, but her true passion lies indoors with houseplants, with over 300 beauties in her home and sunroom. She is a member of two African violet clubs, the Michigan Cactus and Succulent Society, and Hill and Dale Garden Club. She is the horticulture chair for District I, Garden Clubs of Michigan, a Certified Indoor Landscape Technician and a Certified Green Industry Professional. She has been involved in the nursery industry for over 25 years.

DON WILD is a hobby gardener who has specialized in dwarf and unusual conifers as a portion of his effort to garden for winter effect over the past 12 years. He is past-president of the American Conifer Society and a board member for 6 years. He was an active volunteer assisting in the care of the Harper collection at Hidden Lake Gardens for nearly 10 years.

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Map to Growing Great Gardens

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From the west: Take I-94 (East) to Telegraph Road (South) to Northline (East) to WCCCD. Turn left into the main drive, bear to the right at the "Y" towards the EAST parking lot. Turn left into the EAST parking lot. Limited overflow may be available in the WEST lot.

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