

The Nature of Things

Garden Expectations Conference



March 6, 2010

Appleton East High School • Appleton, WI

Presented by:

Outagamie County Master Gardeners Association
and University Extension of Wisconsin



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Directions

From South:

Take Hwy 41 north, take exit #134 (Hwy 441) north toward Appleton. Continue on Hwy 441 to the KK/Calumet St. exit (6.8 miles), turn left onto Calumet St. Take a right on E. John St., turn left on Emmers.

From North

Take Hwy 41 south, exit 441 south toward Appleton. Travel 3.8 miles and exit on KK/Calumet St., turn right onto Calumet St. Take a right on E. John St., turn left on Emmers.

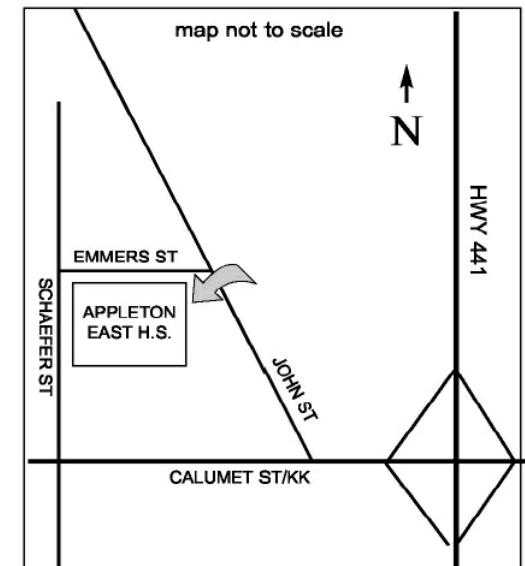
From West:

Take Hwy 10 east (Hwy. 10 will merge onto Hwy 441 north). Continue on Hwy 441 to the KK/Calumet St. exit (6.8 miles). Turn left onto Calumet. Take a right on E. John St., turn left on Emmers.

Conference Location:

Appleton East High School

2121 Emmers Dr. • Appleton, WI 54915



Saturday, March 6, 2010 • 9:00am - 3:30pm

8:00am Registration
8:45am Welcome & Opening Remarks

Gardening is the enjoyment of all that nature offers. Learn how to provide an inviting landscape for people and animals alike. Use native plantings to enhance your backyard and help restore a bit of our natural heritage in your corner of the world. Grow that lush lawn you've always dreamed of in a more eco-friendly way, and be inspired to sit back and enjoy the lessons along the way. It's the nature of things!



Schedule

9:00am

"Growing Green - Eco-Friendly Lawns"

Presenter: Kevin Jarek - *Outagamie County Crops, Soil and Horticulture Agent UWEX*

Most homeowners overdo it when it comes to their lawns. But less can be more! Learn how to use a more organic approach and still have a lawn that stands out in the neighborhood as a shining example of what a healthy, environmentally sound lawn should look like. Make the transition and become a better neighbor at the same time.

Kevin Jarek has a Masters Degree in Agricultural Education and works extensively with growers to produce the highest yields by evaluating and amending soil fertility and assessing water needs.

10:30am

"Gardening & the Life Journey"

Presenter: Mary Agria - *Author of Time in a Garden*

Drawing on the characters and gardening wisdom expressed in her novel, Mary talks about how life, like the garden itself, experiences its share of changes and problems that leave us wondering how to cope. The challenges gardeners face every day can teach us a great deal about love and loss and what makes for healthy growth as families and communities.

An Appleton native with a Masters Degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Mary Agria is author of the best-selling novel, TIME IN A GARDEN, and a monthly newspaper column on gardening and spirituality.

11:30am Lunch is Served

Build your own sandwich, soup, refreshments and dessert

12:30pm

"Prairie Plants for Urban Gardens"

Presenter: Neil Diboll - *Prairie Ecologist
Prairie Nursery • Westfield, WI*

You don't need acres of land to grow and appreciate prairie plants! Learn how you can incorporate these beautiful native flowers, grasses, trees and shrubs into your landscape no matter how large or small, whether it's a cottage garden or a formal setting.

Recognized internationally as an expert in ecological and natural landscape design, Neil Diboll has spent 25 years in research, design, and installation of native plant communities for prairies, wetlands and woodlands.

2:15pm

"Attracting Backyard Wildlife"

Presenter: Tammy Borden
Master Gardener Volunteer

What would a garden be without the chirping of birds, the buzz of bees or the movement of butterfly wings? It's these kinds of creatures that bring your garden to life. Find out how to attract more beneficial wildlife to your urban or rural backyard, and get tips on how to keep those pesky varmints out.

Tammy is an avid bird and wildlife enthusiast, attracting dozens of species to her yard. She has previously hosted a weekly radio program on bird watching and education.

Registration Form

Please Print Clearly

(Your personal information will never be shared with outside parties)

Name:
Address:
Phone:
E-mail:

Open to the Public!

Conference Fee: \$30

- Lunch provided and included with registration
- Door prizes and a variety of vendors
- Register by Feb. 26th - limited to 400 registrants

Questions? Contact either:

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