Isabella County MSU Extension
Attn: Belinda Laughlin
Garden Conference
200 North Main Street
Mt. Pleasant MI 48858

SPRING INTO GARDENING CONFERENCE
EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 16, 2018

Saturday, April 14, 2018
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Spring Into Gardening Conference

A day-long Master Garden Conference held in Mount Pleasant, Michigan at the Commission on Aging. Sponsored by the Master Gardener Association of Isabella County

We have been busy finding speakers to provide a great conference with a wide variety of topics for all to enjoy!

This conference is for the beginner to advanced gardeners who love to learn about gardening. Please invite a friend to come along for a fun filled day!

PHONE: 989-400-1391 or email: b.laughlin@cmich.edu

MapQuest the above address for more specific directions

From the North:
Take US 27 to the US-127-BUS exit 144. At the traffic circle, take the 2nd exit onto US-127/N. Mission St/Old US 27. Turn right onto E Pickard Road (2.2 mi) turn left on Lincoln Road (.1 mi) turn right into Commission on Aging.

From the South:
Take US 27 to the US-127-BUS exit 143. Turn right onto M-20 W/E Pickard Road (3.8 mi) turn left on Lincoln Road (.1 mi) turn right into Commission on Aging.

From the East:
Take US-10 West to M-20 West towards Mt. Pleasant. Continue straight onto E Pickard Road at Mission (2.2 mi) turn left on Lincoln Road (.1 mi) turn right into Commission on Aging.

From the West:
Take US-131 to M-20 east toward M-66. In Remus turn right onto M-20. Turn left onto S Meridian Road (1 mi) turn right onto E Pickard Road (1.8 mi) turn right onto Lincoln Road (.1mi) turn right into Commission on Aging.

**For local area hotel information, check out www.mountpleasantwow.com/areahotels.htm.

Return Registration Forms to:

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Isabella Commission on Aging

8:30 - 9:00 am - Registration
9:00 - 9:30 am - Welcome
9:30 - 10:30 am - Straum Yorton, CMU—How to be healthier in the Garden
10:30-10:45 am—Door Prizes
10:45 – 11:45 am— Duke Elsner, MSU—Pollinators
11:45—1:00 pm — Lunch / Visit vendors
1:00—2:00 pm— Art Cameron, MSU—Small Garden Design with Flair
2:00 - 2:15 pm - Door Prizes
2:15 - 3:15 pm - Joel Clifton, MSU - Soil Testing

About the Speakers -

Straum Yorton, CMU - Started as a CMU student in 1986 ultimately earning his Sports Medicine degree. And has worked for CMU as an athletic trainer at the CHIP Facility increasing the health and wellness of CMU employees and retirees since 1992.

He gardened most of his life with his father and grandmother and now as a dad. He enjoys gardening with his own family with two daughters age 6 and 8.

He is going to get us up and moving and showing us how to be healthier in the garden.

Erwin “Duke” Elsner, PhD. (The Bug Guy) , Duke is a small fruit and consumer horticulture, Educator specializing in wild pollinator and butterfly conservation. Duke is an educator for Michigan State University Extension based out of the Grand Traverse County Extension office in Traverse City, Michigan. He has been an Extension educator with MSU since 1990. He holds a B.S. M.S. and Ph.D in entomology, the study of insects and their relatives. He will share about the pollinators and habitats they need.

Art Cameron—Ornamental Horticulture Production Educator—Small Garden Design with Flair: It can be easy to add some personal flair to your garden and looking for ideas is half the fun. Art will take you on a creative journey through gardens near and far to discover how flair can be discovered and displayed by plant selection, using unique plant combinations, and incorporating creative elements such as bamboo trellises, woven willow fences, hand-made stepping stones and simple garden art. Find your own garden flair in this entertaining presentation.

Joel Clifton, Agronomist at Morgan Composting, Inc. he graduated from MSU in Soil Science and Agronomy. Joel will be talking about Soil Testing—Learn how to understand your soil test results and what you can do to make your soil better as a result of the testing. He works for Morgan Composting, Inc. which strives to be a driving force in Agribusiness that promotes sustainable practices and to be an innovation provider of economical & health soil products. The one you will recognize most is Dairy Items of interest:

• Raffle Drawing
• Tickets are $2 each or 3 for $5.00. All proceeds will be used for local Master Gardener Programs.

$65.00 cost includes:
• Four Speakers
• Lunch
• Vendors

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Master Gardeners that attend all day will receive five (5) education hours

Spring Into Gardening Conference Registration Form

One registration form per person

Early Registration Deadline
March 16, 2018
Registration: $65.00
Late Registration: $75.00
(after March 17, 2018)

Make checks payable to: MGAIC (Master Gardener Association of Isabella County)

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

Name
Address
Phone (with area code)
E-mail Address

☐ Check to request a Vegetarian Meal
☐ Check to request a Diabetic Meal

All confirmations will be sent via email unless you do not have an email address.

Cancellation Policy:
Sorry, no refunds.
(Substitutes are acceptable.)