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**\*Credit card payment option on secure site (above) will receive immediate confirmation**

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Mail to:  
MSU ANR Events Services / GR Smart Gardening  
Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture  
446 W. Circle Drive, Room 11  
East Lansing, MI 48824

**\*Your registration includes a ticket to the 2015 West Michigan Home and Garden Show**

**Early Bird Registration by Feb. 13—\$59  
Late Registration —\$70**

**Enrollment deadline is Friday, February 27, 2015 or until full**

- ⇒Registration at the door is not available.
- ⇒Allow one week for processing checks.
- ⇒Confirmations will only be sent in the mail along with your ticket for the Home and Garden Show until February 27.



## Applause Applause!!

Thanks to **Proven Winners** for providing the 2015 Smart Gardening Conference gift bag.



...and to Showspan West Michigan, our 2015 Smart Gardening Conference partner!



**\*Special Needs:** Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting the local sponsor by Feb. 15, 2015.

**\*Re-certification:** MSU Extension Master Gardeners qualify for 6 education credits.

**\*Cancellation Policy:** Sorry, no refunds, but attendance substitutions are acceptable. This event will not be canceled unless the facility closes.

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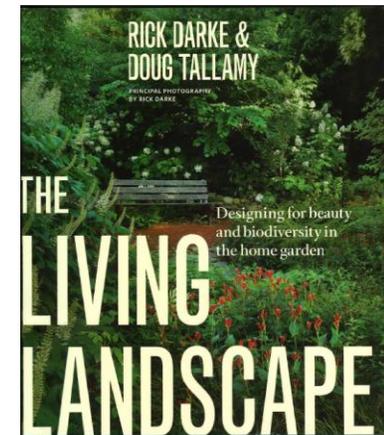


## 2015 CONFERENCE

Featuring:

***Rick Darke***

**Nationally Known Horticulture Expert,  
Plantsman and Author**



***Saturday, March 7, 2015  
Monroe Meeting Rooms  
DeVos Place  
Grand Rapids, Michigan  
8:30 am – 4:00 pm***

## 9 a.m. Welcome to Smart Gardening!

Rebecca Finneran

Michigan State University Extension

### "Tapping the Smart Gardener's Work Force—Predators, Parasitoids and Pollinators!"

Elly Maxwell

Entomologist, Dow Gardens, Midland MI



Insects are the most abundant wildlife visitor to backyards in Michigan. Although some may be considered pests, an even greater number

are beneficial. Join Dow Garden's Entomologist Elly Maxwell, on an exuberant educational journey to help you recognize and maximize Mother Nature's natural pest control. By creating a great work environment (your garden), you will harness the planet's largest work force –beneficial insects.

### "Vegetable Potpourri for the Smart Gardener"

Rebecca Krans

Michigan State University Extension



Whether a seasoned or novice vegetable gardener, learn "Smart Gardening" techniques that will help your gardens flourish. Learn

additional ways to make use of cover crops, composting, and flowers to attract beneficial insects within your vegetable garden! Make use of companion planting techniques that help you expand your space and extend your vegetable harvest beyond the end of the growing season.

### "Grow More with Less-a Smart Approach to Gardening!"

Vincent Simeone

Horticulturist, Author, Lecturer

Oyster Bay, NY

A lifetime of horticulture education and practical experience led Vincent (Vinnie) Simeone to develop a smart strategy for growing more with less while managing a large botanical garden and his own home garden. Author and lecturer Simeone will cover all the eco-friendly essentials in one straight forward presentation that will give gardeners at every level the confidence to engage these time-tested practices. Simeone makes the what, how, and why of sustainable gardening unmistakably clear with his expertly illustrated message!



#### Author Book Signing

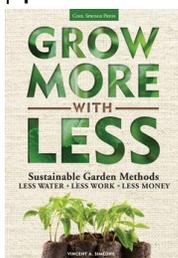
West Michigan Master Gardener Association

will be selling Rick Darke's newest

publication *The Living Landscape*

and Vincent Simeone's *Grow More with Less*.

Get your books signed by the authors!



## LUNCH BREAK 12:45-2:15 pm

Visit conference vendors and the West Michigan Home and Garden Show!



### KEYNOTE:

### "Smart Design of the Living Landscape-Putting back the Layers"

Rick Darke,

Horticulturist, Landscape Design Consultant, Author, Photographer, Landenberg, PA



Centric to the *Smart Gardening* message is the idea of biodiversity and sustainable gardening practices. Aside from these buzz words, how does one really design a beautiful, ecologically healthy and "Smart" garden? Internationally known voice for landscape sustainability and noted author Rick Darke will help conference participants put



practical design ideas in place through a gorgeously illustrated and inspirational presentation.

Author of the newly released book "The Living Landscape" Darke will explain how to use this definitive guide to designing a beautiful, biodiverse home garden

4 p.m. – Adjourn