Spring Into Gardening Conference

Early Registration DEADLINE: March 17, 2017

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Garden Conference
200 North Main Street
Mt. Pleasant MI 48858

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Saturday, April 1, 2017

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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A day-long Master Garden Conference held in Mount Pleasant, Michigan at the Comfort Inn and Suites. 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

Comfort Inn and Suites

2424 South Mission, Mt. Pleasant MI 48858
(989) 772-4000
www.comfortinn.com

MapQuest the above address for more specific directions

From the North:

Take US 27 to the US-127-BUS exit. Follow Mission Road 3 Miles straight ahead through all 7 stoplights turning right on West Campus Drive.

From the South:

Take US 27 to the US-127-BUS exit. Turn left at the first stop light onto West Campus Drive. The Hotel is located on the left hand side of the street.

From the East:

Take US-10 West to M-20 West towards Mt. Pleasant. At Mission Road, turn left. Continue through six traffic lights. At the seventh light, turn right onto Campus Drive/Bluegrass Road. The hotel entrance is on the left side of the road.

From the West:

Take US-131 to M-46 East. Take US-27 North towards Clare. Continue North for approximately 15 miles. Take the first Mt. Pleasant exit (on left). At first light, turn left onto Campus Drive/Bluegrass Road.

Note: A block of rooms at a discounted rate has been reserved at the Comfort Inn & Suites. Be sure to mention the Master Gardening Association of Isabella County if you make reservations. **For additional area hotel information, check out www.mountpleasantwow.com/areahotels.htm.

Return Registration Forms to:

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MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

Saturday, April 1, 2017

Comfort Inn and Suites

8:30 - 9:00 am - Registration
9:00 - 9:30 am - Welcome
9:30 -10:30 am - **Mike LeValley & Stan Lilly**—Michigan Butterflies and their host plants
10:30—10:45 am—Door Prizes
10:45 –11:45 am— **Peter Carrington**—Edible & Toxic Plants of Michigan
11:45—1:00 pm — Lunch / Visit vendors
1:00—2:00 pm— **Dr. David Roberts**—10 Things to Know About Your Trees
2:00 - 2:15 pm - Door Prizes
2:15 - 3:15 pm - **Jack Barnwell** - Mackinac Gardens
3:15 - 3:45 pm - Door Prize / Raffle Drawing

About the Speakers -

Mike LeValley has run an environmental education program for the Isabella Conservation District in Mt. Pleasant. Mike lives in Alma with his wife and a house full of pets. Speaking with Mike is **Stan Lilly** the Executive Director of the Chippewa Watershed Conservancy since 2004. He is and avid bird and butterfly watcher. When not serving in his official role at the conservancy, among his many volunteer activities, he is the compiler for the Mt. Pleasant Circle of the Audubon Christmas Bird Count.

Peter Carrington, Assistant Curator of MSU W. J. Beal Botanical Garden, where he is the edible and toxic plant specialist. He will cover the edible and toxic plants of Michigan. He has been an assistant instructor in the plant biology department since 2005 and has been teaching edible and toxic plants for 42 year. He has also taught wilderness survival techniques.

Dr. David L. Roberts, Ph.D. –10 Things to know about your trees. David has a B.S and M.S. degrees in Plant Pathology form Ohio State University. Ph.D. in Botany and Plant Pathology from Michigan State University in 1982. Director of MSU's Plant & Pest Diagnostic Clinic from 1984-1998. As part of his Michigan State University duties, Dr. Roberts presents many lectures and workshops around Michigan and nationally. He has always been a great supporter of the Master Gardening program.

Jack Barnwell , is an award winning garden designer, author and owner of three different businesses. Jack has over twenty years of experience creating breathtaking commercial and private garden displays. One of which is the gardens at Mackinac Island. Because of the complete motor vehicle ban on Mackinac Island, all of Jack's landscape construction must be done without the use of trucks and machinery. Plants and materials are brought to the Island by boat and moved n location by horse and bike power.

Please Note: Speakers can change from the time of printing the brochure to the conference for unforeseen reasons beyond our control. This has never happened but could.

Items of interest:

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

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

$65.00 cost includes:

- Four Speakers
- Lunch
- Vendors

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Spring Into Gardening Conference Registration Form

One registration form per person

Early Registration Deadline
March 17, 2017
Registration: $65.00
Late Registration: $75.00
(after March 18, 2017)

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.

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Cancellation Policy:

Sorry, no refunds.
(Substitutes are acceptable)