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*Your registration name badge will be mailed to you. Show this badge to provide you admittance to the 2016 West Michigan Home and Garden Show anytime during the weekend. Registrations after February 26 will only be able to be picked up at the door.



**Early Bird Registration by Feb. 26—\$60
Late Registration —\$70**

**Enrollment deadline is Friday,
February 26, 2016 or until full**

- ⇒Registration at the door is not available.
- ⇒Allow 10 business days for check processing.
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*Applause
Applause!!*

Thanks to **Proven Winners** for providing the 2016 Smart Gardening Conference gift bag.



...and to Showspan West Michigan, our 2016 Smart Gardening Conference partner!



***Special Needs:**

Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting the local sponsor (MSUE) by Feb. 15, 2016.

***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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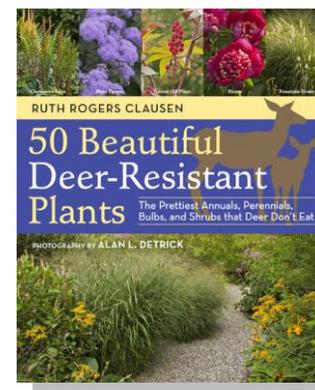
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2016 CONFERENCE

Featuring:

Ruth Rogers-Clausen



**Nationally
Known
Horticulture
Expert and
Author**



Saturday, March 5, 2016

***DeVos Place
Grand Rapids, Michigan
8:30 am – 4:00 pm***

9 a.m. Welcome!

*Diane Brady and Rebecca Finneran
Michigan State University Extension*

Native Plants with Bling!

*Mary Wilson, Michigan State
University Extension*

**State of the Monarch Address—
Conservation for a Favorite Butterfly**

*Duke Elsner, Michigan State University
Extension*



The monarch butterfly is one of the most widely recognized butterflies in North America.

Concern about the decline of the monarch has many butterfly

enthusiasts and gardeners wondering if or what can be done to conserve this beautiful insect. Join entomologist Duke Elsner on a quest to investigate one of America’s most loved insect species and learn how appoint your garden “smartly” to enhance their survival.

KEYNOTE:

Smart Plants that Deer Don’t Eat!

*Ruth Rogers-Clausen, Easton, Maryland,
Horticulturist, Author and Lecturer*

Keeping your beautiful garden off the menu from marauding deer can be as simple as choosing the right plants. Ruth Rogers-Clausen, a horticulturist trained in England is author of several books including *50 Beautiful Deer-Resistant Plants*. Clausen will introduce us to dozens of versatile and drool-worthy options and her delightful teaching style will make this presentation not only enjoyable but one to remember! The best annuals, perennials, bulbs, ferns, grasses, and shrubs — plus advice on how to grow them — will be highlighted with her favorite deer-resistant companions for a Smart Garden design.



There are many reasons you might want native plants in your garden, yet a common perception is that they are drab and boring.

Not so, as we’ll learn from horticulture educator and woody plant expert Mary Wilson! Sharing her amazing collection of images, Wilson will expound on both native species and their cultivars. No longer the step-children of the plant world, these colorful favorites have attitude and bling!



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

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

Smart Plants for Pollinators!

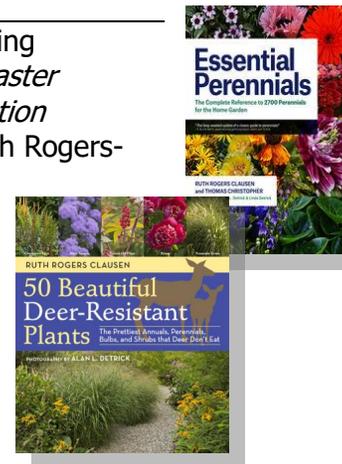
*Rebecca Finneran and Abi Saeed
Michigan State University Extension*



Pollinators are essential to our environment and the food we eat. Like the Monarch, bee declines have people worried about survival

of native bees and beneficial insects. By choosing the right plants and adopting “Smart Gardening” behaviors, home gardeners can help our native bee and insect populations thrive. Join these MSU Extension Horticulture Educators in exploring a wide palette of plants as well as conservation techniques to encourage pollinators.

Author Book Signing
*West Michigan Master
Gardener Association*
will be selling Ruth Rogers-
Clausen’s
newest
publication *50
Beautiful Deer
Resistant Plants*



KEYNOTE:

Designing a Sustainable “Smart” Garden

*Jeff Epping, Olbrich Gardens, Madison,
Wisconsin, Director of Horticulture*

The Smart Gardening Conference wouldn’t be complete without a world-class presentation on sustainable



gardening! Jeff Epping is a leader in practicing sustainability while creating breathtakingly beautiful garden designs. Drawing upon inspiration found during his travels in the U.S. and abroad, Epping takes creativity to a new level while conserving resources and implementing environmentally savvy gardening methods. Epping’s practical pearls of wisdom combined with his easy and humorous teaching style will invigorate your passion for gardening!

4 p.m. – Adjourn