

GARDENING DAY OF LEARNING

Location: Bloomer Senior Center – 2121 Duncan Rd.,
Bloomer, WI
Date: SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024
Time: 8:45 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Registration Fee: \$40

Conference Agenda

8:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Registration/Vendor Show

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Sunbow Farm has produced local, organically grown produce for the Chippewa Valley for over 20 years. The farm uses no tilling or synthetic chemicals and provides boxes of produce that are custom packed giving the subscriber choices from more than 75 different products. Their CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) boxes last from May through October. Kristina Beuning, the owner is a former faculty member from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and continues to educate any and all on organic farming, CSA's, and crafting herbal products and more!

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Break

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

John Hagger is a very enthusiastic past president of the Northern Wisconsin Hosta Society. He has over 1500 varieties of hostas in his collection as an avid collector of unique varieties and a hosta hybridizer. When he retired over 10 years ago, he REALLY started gardening and has a yard full of hostas at his home in Seymour, WI. He will talk about hostas of the year through the years, new varieties and how to repel and discourage pests like slugs and deer that make our plants in general less attractive.

11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Lunch (Catered by Main Street Café), Vendor Show, Door Prize Drawing

12:45 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.

John Hager is enthusiastic not only about hostas, but he is also quite knowledgeable about daylilies. Did you know that these beautiful perennials are not toxic to dogs, but they are toxic to cats causing vomiting, lethargy, kidney failure and death? Did you know that there are over 89,000 daylily cultivars in existence and more than 20,000 hybrids? Did you know that the orange daylily is so common that it is mistaken a native species but is actually an introduced escapee in Canada and the U.S and is classified as an invasive species? John has more information about daylilies than can fit into an hour!

Bonus Speakers

Included in your registration are two additional speakers. We would like to invite you to join us to attend on the following dates. Each of the speakers will be done by video conference at the Bloomer Senior Center. The presentation will start at 6:30 p.m. We welcome you to join us beforehand at 6:00 p.m. for a potluck. Bring a dish to pass and enjoy having a meal with a fellow gardener. Beverages will be provided.

Tuesday, June 18, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m. - Susan Carpenter is the Native Plant Garden curator and gardener at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Arboretum. Since 2003 she has worked with students and community volunteers to maintain and monitor a 4-acre garden representing the plant communities of southern Wisconsin. She also leads a conservation project that involves students and the public in documenting and studying native bumble bees, including the endangered rusty-patched bumble bee, *Bombus affinis*. A graduate of Stanford University, Susan earned her BS in Botany and MS in Science Education at UW-Madison. Her professional interests include plant ecology, ecological restoration pollinator conservation, and science education. Her presentation for us is “Bumble Bee Conservation”.

Tuesday, July 16, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m. - David Stevens is the curator of Longenecker Horticultural Gardens at the UW-Madison’s Arboretum. His presentation “Native Shrubs and Trees” will focus on learning about incorporating native woody plants in your home landscape to attract and sustain birds and pollinators.

For questions contact Michelle Cicha @ Bloomergarden@yahoo.com

REGISTRATION FORM

Registration Deadline is April 12, 2024

Last Name

First Name

Email address

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Home Address

City

State

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Send Registration & payment to: Bloomer Garden Club, 2601 9th Ave., Bloomer, WI 54724

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