

The Isanti County Master Gardeners

invite you to the
9th annual

Burst into Spring



Saturday, March 3, 2012
8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**North Isanti
Baptist Church**

Pre-registration - \$15.00
Registration at door - \$20.00

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Isanti County



Please join us as we present a variety of classes to fit all levels of gardening skills. From container to straw bale gardening, wild edibles to invasive plants, questionable garden advice to real gardening experiences and how to make your garden the envy of the neighborhood - this event has everything you need.

Schedule of Activities

8:00 - 8:45 Registration, Vendors open
8:45 - 9:00 Welcome/Introduction
9:00 - 9:15 Break
9:15 - 10:15 Keynote Speaker

Amazing Hummingbirds, Unique Images and Characteristics

Stan Tekiela

Stan is a naturalist, wildlife photographer and writer, and originator of the popular state-specific field guides for Birds, Wildflowers, and Trees. As a well-known columnist and radio personality, his syndicated column appears in over 20 newspapers. His wildlife programs are broadcast on a number of Midwest radio stations.

Based on Stan's latest book "Amazing Hummingbirds", this presentation takes a fun and entertaining look at the world of hummingbirds. Stan has traveled all over the US studying and capturing the many dazzling images of hummingbirds that adorn this book and presentation. He will talk about how they feed, catch insects, mate, migrate, and so much more.

Join us for a fun filled presentation on one of Minnesota's most fascinating, beloved, and inspiring backyard visitors - the hummingbird.

10:15 - 10:30 Break
10:30 - 11:30 Session 1
11:35 - 12:45 Lunch (for purchase),
Silent Auction Winners posted at 12:30
12:45 - 1:45 Session 2
1:45 - 2:15 Break, Door Prizes & Vendor
Card winners announced
2:15 - 3:15 Session 3
3:30 Doors close

(Beverages and snacks also available for purchase)

**Class sizes are limited,
pre-registration is encouraged.**

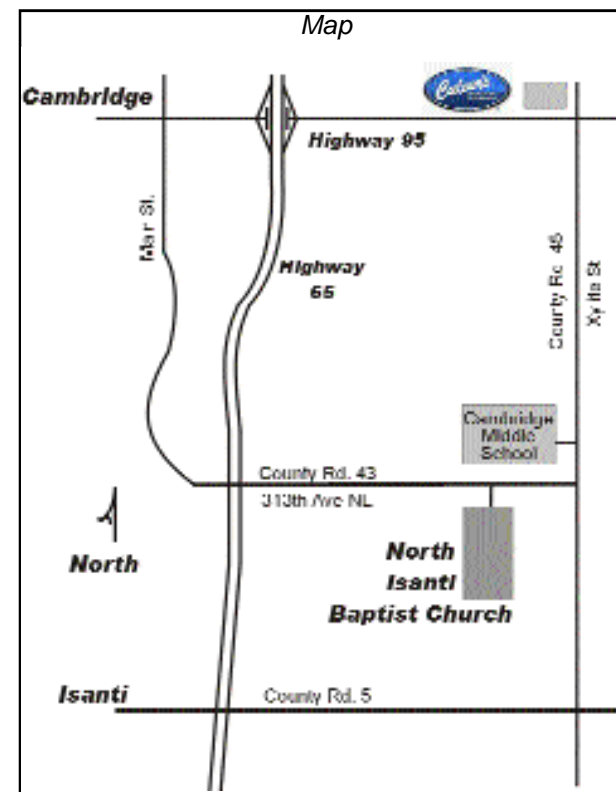
Pre-register for classes by returning the attached form along with your payment no later than February 24.

**Browse and shop the vendors,
register for door prizes and
visit the silent auction**

**Silent Auction winners announced at
12:30 and posted in lunch area.
Door prize drawings will be held from
1:45-2:15. Must be present to win.**

North Isanti Baptist Church

2248 313th Avenue NE
Cambridge, Minnesota



Container Water Gardens

Soni Forsman

Learn how to select a watertight container and turn it into a small water garden by just adding water and a few aquatic plants. Soni will discuss plant varieties, how to pot the plants before they are put into the container, plus summer and winter care. Use these small water gardens to draw attention to your deck, patio or flower gardens.

Soni began her adventures with water gardens in 1979. Starting in the 1990's, she has written articles and provided classes on water gardens. Soni has been featured on KARE 11, Fox Morning News, KSTP and Rebecca's Garden.

Garden Wiser as You Grow Older

Holly Anderson

If you are spending more time on your garden and enjoying it less, you need to visit with Holly to discover labor saving techniques, low-maintenance plants, realistic lawn care, how to prioritize tasks, learn to relish those imperfections, and so much more. A garden should be a sanctuary, a place to regain your sanity and not just another chore.

Holly has been an Isanti County Master Gardener for the past nine years and has many years of gardening experience with perennials, vegetable gardens, and growing raspberries.

Pollinator Crisis--We are the Rescue Team "Para Bee Medics"

Karl Foord

Native pollinators are being threatened by habitat destruction and pesticide use. Karl will show us how we can come to their rescue by planting flowers that provide a healthy habitat for the over 350 varieties of Minnesota native bee species. You will be amazed at the diversity and beauty of these insects.

Karl is a U of M Regional Extension Educator with a Masters degree in Horticulture. Because of his love of photographing flowers, he developed a passion for researching bees in their natural habitat.

Invasive Plants and Your Garden

Laura Van Riper

Buckthorn, bittersweet, barberry, and many others - oh my! Invasive plants are non-native species that have negative impacts on our environment, economy, and/or human health. Learn about the impacts of invasive plants, how gardeners can help, alternatives to planting invasive species, and how to aid in the early detection of new invasive plants.

Laura is the Terrestrial Invasive Species Coordinator for the Ecological and Water Resources Division at the Minnesota DNR. She earned a Ph.D. in ecology from the U of M. Over her career, Laura has enjoyed working in the prairies and forests of Minnesota, South Dakota, and North Dakota.

Straw Bale Gardening

Beverly J. McLaughlin

Interested in finding out more about this new gardening approach? Is straw bale gardening a new fad or does it really work? Beverly will share her experiences with straw bale gardening: what steps to take to prepare the straw for planting, how to maintain it, and how to use the decomposing straw for next years compost. Learn what grows well, what doesn't and some of the pros and cons to using this gardening approach.

Beverly is an Isanti County Master Gardener with many years of experience in vegetable gardening. She has been experimenting with straw bale gardening for the last two years.

Tracking Down Wild Edibles

Marisa Harder-Chapman

Explore the tasty culinary world beyond carrots, beans, and tomatoes by discovering wild edibles. Learn how to find, harvest and prepare a variety of flowers, fruits, nuts, leaves, and roots plus one edible mushroom. You will be surprised at what can be found growing uninvited in your yard and garden or along the path through the woods or prairie.

Marisa, an Isanti County Master Gardener, grew up exploring wild edibles. She has studied herbology and wildcrafting as part of her MA in Holistic Health Studies at St. Catherine University.

Keeping Color and Interest in Your Gardens Year Round

Barbara Orstad and Carol Bray

Have you ever tried to figure out what to plant and when in order to keep the "flow" of color in your gardens and yard all year long? Join Barb and Carol as they explore the seasonal possibilities for your gardens. You will be introduced to annuals, perennials and shrubs that will make your gardens look like a collage of ongoing color, capturing the "eye" of all who visit your gardens.

Barbara, a Kanabec County Master Gardener of ten years, has interests in perennial, native and water-wise gardening. She is the owner of Botanical Designs in Mora. Carol has been an Isanti County Master Gardener for nine years with a focus on perennials, hostas, and fruit. Carol regularly writes on horticulture issues for the Isanti County Newspaper and other local organizations.

Decoding Gardening Advice

Meleah Maynard

There is a lot of gardening advice out there! Even the pros can be wrong once in a while. Meleah and U of M Professor, Jeff Gilman researched some of the most common gardening recommendations and turned their findings into a new book: "*Decoding Gardening Advice: The Science Behind the 100 Most Common Recommendations*". Join Meleah and learn the outcomes of her research.

Meleah, Hennepin County Master Gardener, is a journalist as well as a garden writer. Her articles have appeared in regional and national publications. In addition to her "Perennial Favorites" column in Northern Gardener magazine, Meleah writes her bi-monthly "Everyday Gardener" column for Minneapolis' Southwest Journal.

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Session 1 10:30 - 11:30

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- † † † Pollinator Crisis - We are the Rescue Team “Para Bee Medics”
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