

The Isanti County Master Gardeners

invite you to the
6th annual

Burst into Spring



Saturday, March 7, 2009
8:30 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



The theme for this year's event is
" **Gardening 4 Health** "

Join us as we present classes that help improve our environment, address food production, are therapeutic, and show how to make gardening affordable.

Schedule of Activities

8:30 - 9:15 Registration, Vendors open
9:15 - 9:30 Welcome/Introduction
9:30 - 10:30 Keynote Speaker

Water - Smart Landscaping

Gregg Thompson

Gregg is an Urban Conservation Specialist with the Association of Metropolitan Soil and Water Conservation Districts. His background is in landscape architecture, with over 15 years of experience working in residential and commercial landscape projects, and public-land projects. Gregg is involved in native plant community restoration, native re-vegetation, stormwater treatment practices utilizing native vegetation and bio-stabilization on shorelands and streambanks.

Join us and learn about local examples of multi-function landscape practices and careful plant selection that can reduce water use, increase water infiltration and reduce stormwater run off pollution of streams and lakes. Discover how these practices can be strategically utilized in urbanized environments to have positive impacts.

10:30 - 10:45 Break
10:45 - 11:35 Session 1
11:35 - 12:20 Lunch, Door Prizes
12:20 - 1:10 Session 2
1:10 - 1:25 Break
1:25 - 2:15 Session 3
2:15 - 3:00 Question/Answer Forum
3:00 - 3:30 Silent Auction closes
3:30 Doors close

(Beverages, snacks, and lunch will be available.)

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 28.

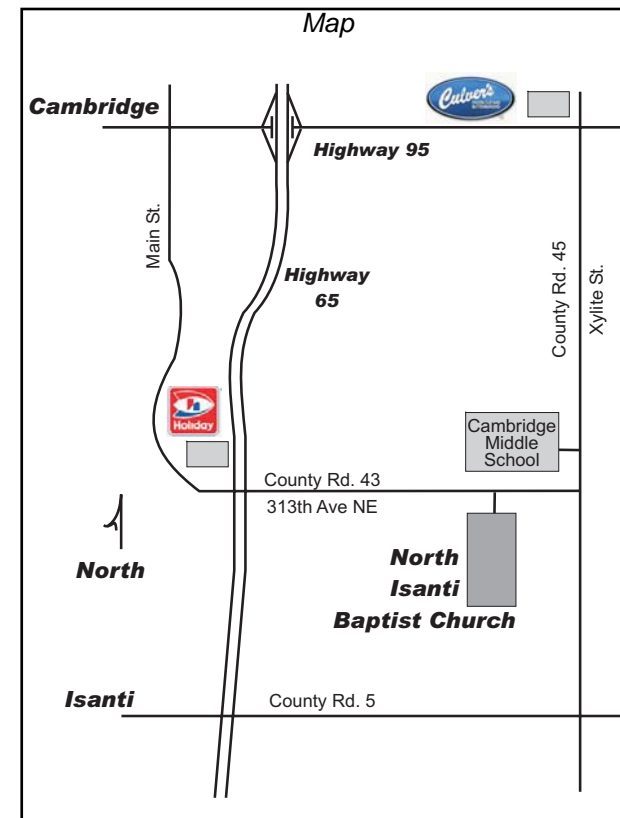
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**Browse and shop the vendors,
register for door prizes and
visit the silent auction**

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**Drawings for door prizes will be held
during lunch. Registrants must be
present to win.**

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This one-day gardening event
will be held at:

North Isanti Baptist Church

2248 313th Avenue NE
Cambridge, Minnesota



Clean the Air in your Home Naturally

Patricia Jaeger

Environment

Pat brings 7 years of experience as a Master Gardener specializing in indoor plants.

In this class she will show you how to remove toxins and chemicals found in your home by simply using indoor plants. Pat will also share with you the best home fragrances to use without bringing more chemicals into your home. Learn these tips from someone who has a real passion for taking steps to improve one's own health.

Shoreland Buffers and Erosion Control

Mike Mueller

Environment

Mike is a hydrologist with the MN-DNR stationed in Cambridge. He has an interest in rain gardens, native wildflowers and flower garden.

Join Mike and learn guidelines for establishing water quality practices on the landscape, using native plants. This will include some basics on erosion control practices and design tips. Each participant will receive a copy of a booklet to take home with them.

Honey Bees - What's the Buzz

Joerg Kessler

Food Production

Joerg is a member of the Minnesota Honeybee Association. His father kept 700 hives as a beekeeper. Joerg went back into keeping bees in 2004 and currently maintains 10 hives. He mentors beginning beekeepers and makes multiple presentations on bees each year.

In this class you will learn answers to questions such as these: What does a hive look like inside? What bees do and other interesting facts? What is currently happening to our bees?

Preserving Your Harvest

Donna Edstrom

Affordability

Donna has been an Isanti County Master Gardener for 8 years. She has many years of canning experience while living on the family farm in Isanti County.

Donna will show you the equipment needed and will offer tips on safe practices while preserving food. Those attending this class will also take home (enjoy) many of Donna's tested recipes.

Basic Garden Design for All

Diana Gagnon

Therapeutic

Diana has a degree in horticulture and has received the MNLA Certified Landscape Professional award. She is a co-owner of Northland Landscaping and Nursery in Isanti. She has 11 years of nursery experience.

Join Diana as she shows you specific ways to help plan and implement beginning gardens and more purposeful garden designs.

Butterfly & Bird Landscaping- Make a Change

Diana Gagnon

Therapeutic

Diana will show you various ways of making the outdoors a place to enjoy by using basic garden strategies to attract birds and butterflies.

Wine Making - Essentials for Beginners

Mike and Ann Tessneer

Food Production

Mike and Ann have been making wine for 7 years. They initially made wine from kits and made their first fresh fruit wine using crab apples from a tree in the backyard. A few years later, they began using and mixing a variety of locally produced fresh fruits (apple, blueberry, currant, rhubarb, strawberry, pear, and plum). Last summer, they expanded their orchard and planted a small vineyard of Frontenac and Marquette grapes. Wine making begins next fall!

Join Mike and Ann and get an overview of equipment needed, ingredients, techniques, and recipes for wine making on a small scale. At the end of the class, they plan to have a variety of fruit wines for tasting.

Save Your Garden with Critter Control Tips

Troy Orr

Food Production

Troy has worked 14 years in wildlife control and is currently employed by North Country Nuisance Wildlife Control. He graduated from the National Wildlife Damage Management Academy.

Troy will provide trapping and other valuable tips to remove such pests as woodchucks, moles, rabbits, raccoons and gophers. He states that he "has trapped over 1000 moles".

Herbs - Easy Growing & Guide to Cooking

Myrl Moran

Affordability

Myrl and her husband Dan have owned and operated Melon Patch Herbs for 30 years. They have a variety of quality herbs ranging from real French tarragon to 8 different basil on their rural Princeton farm. One of their specialties is lavender. They have co-authored several books including: *The Herbal Kitchen*, *The Herbal Cookbook*, and *The Herbal Solution*.

Join Myrl as she shows you easy ways to grow and how to use 12 wonderful culinary herbs.

Building a Do-It-Yourself Pondless Waterfall

Barbara Jo Iverson

Therapeutic

Barbara joined the Isanti Master Gardeners in 2007. She has lived in east central Minnesota for the past 30 years.

Barbara will share with you information about web sites, suppliers and what she learned as she and her husband built their waterfall/stream. She will show pictures of various finished waterfalls and their waterfall/stream during the building process as well as finished pictures.

Seed Saving - A more Affordable Harvest

Ann Bercher

Affordability

Ann is Program Supervisor at the historic Oliver H. Kelley Farm.

Join Ann as she talks which plants to save seeds from so that you will have the same quality of produce for future years. Learn when and how to harvest the seeds and how to store them for next year.

Trees 4 Life

Dave Hanson

Environment

Dave is a Research Specialist in Urban and Community Forestry at the University of Minnesota. One of his primary duties is to coordinate the Tree Care Advisor Program.

We value trees for their beauty, their longevity, and for their environmental and ecological benefits.

Join Dave as he talks about some of the "health" pros and cons of trees in our communities. Listen as he offers some advice on the correct selection and placement to avoid many of the real or perceived tree problems.

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