Sherburne County Master Gardeners
University of Minnesota Extension Office
Sherburne County Government Center
13880 Business Center Drive NW
Elk River, MN 55330-1692

Return Service Requested

University of Minnesota Extension is an equal opportunity educator and employer.

Master Gardener™
Growing since 1977

SHERBURNE COUNTY

9th Annual Garden Education Expo

Saturday, April 13, 2013

8:00 am—3:00 pm

Big Lake High School
501 Minnesota Avenue
Big Lake, MN 55309

The Master Gardeners of Sherburne County invite you to come and participate in a day of learning at the 9th Annual Garden Education Expo.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
EXTENSION

For more information contact us at:

Phone.....763-765-3075
Email .....mnext-sherburne@umn.edu
Online..... www.extension.umn.edu/county/Sherburne
Facebook ... www.facebook.com/SherburneMasterGardeners

GENERAL INFORMATION

Saturday, April 13, 2013

Big Lake High School

Enter Door "B"

501 Minnesota Avenue

Big Lake, MN 55309

The Garden Education Expo will feature:

- **Informative Sessions**
- **Vendors** (*with more to come...*)
  - Toad Lady Pottery
  - Amy Lea 'n Me
  - The Teashoppe Gallery
  - Nature Redone
  - Busse Gardens
  - TSE, Inc.
  - Green Valley Greenhouse
  - Tom Potvin
  - Wild About Birds
- **Educational Displays**
- **Silent Auction**
- **Door Prizes**
- **$25 per person fee includes:**
  - Sessions
  - Materials
  - Continental breakfast/lunch

Garden vendors & educational displays open to the public all day at no charge!

EXPO SCHEDULE

8:00-8:45 am
Registration

8:45—10:00 am
Keynote Speaker

10:15—11:15 am
Session I

11:15 am—12:15 pm
Lunch & time to visit the vendors

12:15—1:15 pm
Session II

1:45—2:45 pm
Session III

Final drawing, door prizes & evaluation

SESSION TOPICS

Top 10 Gardening Blunders, and How to Avoid Them (Keynote)

Don Engebretson; The Renegade Gardener: author, Master Gardener, and Northern Gardener columnist

- To make Don's "Top 10," a gardening blunder must be common, major, and one that Don himself has made at least three times in his 30 years of gardening. Find out what's on Don's list—and how to benefit from his mistakes.

Straw Bale Gardening (1A) and (2A)

Joel Karsten; BS Horticulture, author and gardener

- Here is your chance to learn all about how to grow vegetables using bales of straw-yes, *straw.* Joel will share the process, techniques, and the many benefits of straw bale gardening.

Growing and Cooking with Herbs (1B)

Marty Bergland; lifelong gardener, Emeritus Master Gardener, and co-author of *Grow, Harvest and Eat—Essential Herbs from Garden to Table*

- Learn many ways to grow, harvest, and prepare or cook more than 20 culinary herbs. These herbs are easily grown in gardens, raised beds, landscapes, and containers and have many uses in your kitchen.

Really Cool Plants for Northern Gardens (1C)

Don Engebretson; The Renegade Gardener: author, Master Gardener, and Northern Gardener columnist

- Get an overview of new and underused perennials, shrubs, and small trees that have much to offer to northern gardeners and their gardens.

Common Garden Myths & the Mayhem They Cause (2B)

Don Engebretson; The Renegade Gardener: author, Master Gardener, and Northern Gardener columnist

- You can't trust the claims made by the garden industry, or old university research, or what your grandma told you, or even what you read in garden magazines, for that matter. Don debunks some of the most common myths.

Shade Perennials to Enhance Your Landscape (2C)

Mike Heger; experienced gardener and owner of Ambergate Gardens

- Brighten your shady areas with the foliage color, texture, and flowers of shade-loving perennials. Mike Heger of Ambergate Gardens will recommend beautiful plants and specific combinations for various degrees of shade. After hearing his tips, you'll be eager to experiment in the shady areas of your landscape.

Creating Outdoor Rooms (3A)

Joel Karsten; BS Horticulture, author and gardener

- Want to use your outdoor space to its full potential? If so, then this session is for you! Learn to create amazing outdoor living spaces using basic design principles.

Echinaceas (3B)

Mike Heger; experienced gardener and owner of Ambergate Gardens

- Many varieties of coneflower—*Echinacea*—have long been staples in our perennial gardens. In recent years, the gardening world has witnessed the introduction of many new cultivar selections. This presentation will highlight some of the more prominent *Echinacea* hybridizing programs and the selections they have introduced. In addition, some of the best performing introductions for our region will be noted, along with the reason that they stand out from the pack.

Beyond Apples—Other Fruit Tree Options for Minnesota (3C)

Theresa Rooney, Hennepin County Master Gardener

- Learn what fruit trees and bushes—besides apples—can be grown in Minnesota and find out how to incorporate them as part of your landscape design.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please register by April 5, 2013

Space is limited, registrations for sessions will be on a first come, first serve basis!

Please fill out a separate form for each attendee

~~The cost for the Expo is $25 per person.~~

No cancellations/refunds after April 5

After April 5 registrations & walk-ins will be $30

Cost includes informative sessions, materials, continental breakfast/lunch

Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code

☐ Home ☐ Cell

Phone Number

Email

Select choice for lunch

___ Club Sandwich ___ Veggie Wrap

___ Raspberry Chicken Salad ___ Philly Beef Wrap

___ Grilled Chicken Caesar Wrap

Please make your check payable to:

Sherburne County Master Gardeners

Mail payment & registration form to:

Sherburne County Master Gardeners
Sherburne County Government Center
13880 Business Center Drive NW
Elk River, MN 55330-1692

Number your choices for each Concurrent Session, in order of preference (marking 1 as your first choice, 2 as your second choice, etc.)

Informative sessions will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. Every effort will be made to grant your first choice.

Keynote Speaker..... 8:45 - 10:00 am

K _____ Top 10 Gardening Blunders, and How to Avoid Them

Concurrent Session I.....10:15 - 11:15 am

1A _____ Straw Bale Gardening

1B _____ Growing & Cooking with Herbs

1C _____ Really Cool Plants for Northern Gardens

Concurrent Session II..... 12:15 - 1:15 pm

2A _____ Straw Bale Gardening

2B _____ Common Garden Myths and the Mayhem They Cause

2C _____ Shade Perennials to Enhance Your Landscape

Concurrent Session III ..... 1:45 - 2:45 pm

3A _____ Creating Outdoor Rooms

3B _____ Echinaceas

3C _____ Beyond Apples—Other Fruit Tree Options for Minnesota

Cut Here Cut Here Cut Here Cut Here Cut Here