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International Master Gardener Conference
September 22–25, 2015
Preconference Tour of Nebraska
Saturday, September 19 -
Tuesday September 22, 2015

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Preconference Workshop 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
   Landscape Design Basics, Julie Weisenhorn

Mini Preconference Tour 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
   • A Capital Day of Gardens and More

Mini Preconference Tour 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
   • Nebraska City, Home of Arbor Day!

Registration 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Trade show 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Silent Auction 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Committee Meetings 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
   4:00 - 4:45 IMGC Committee
   5:00 - 5:45 Coordinators Meeting

Welcome Reception 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
   ‘A Taste of the Mid-West’

Wednesday, September 23, 2015

Registration 7:00 am - 9:00 am

Trade show 7:00 am - 6:30 pm

Silent Auction 7:00 am - 6:30 pm

Breakfast 7:00 am - 9:00 am

General Session 9:00 am - 10:30 am
   9:00 - 9:15 Daily Announcements
   9:15 – 10:30 Keynote
   A life Arranged Around Flowers, J. Schwanke

Morning Break, A Visit with the Vendors 10:30 am - 11:00 am

Book Signing 10:30 am - 11:00 am
   Fun with Flowers, J. Schwanke

Morning Day Tours 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
   • Dallas Johnson Greenhouse & the Glenwood Giving Gardens, Glenwood, IA

Book Signing 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
   Pollinators of Native Plants, Heather Holm

Lunch 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Afternoon Day Tour 1:15 pm - 4:30 pm
   • Sustainable Green Infrastructure of Omaha

Afternoon Break Out Session (II) 1:15 pm - 2:15 pm
1:15 - 2:15 - Midwest Flavor (Room A)
   Top Performing Low-Maintenance Annuals for Midwest Landscapes, Pam Bennett (B)

1:15 - 2:15 - From the Ground Up (Room B)
   How to Identify Good Bugs in the Garden, Kelly Allsup (B)

1:15 - 2:15 - Design (Room E)
   Biodiversity in Home Gardens, Gail Langellotto (I)

1:15 - 2:15 - Professional Development (Room F)
   Growing and Keeping Your Master Gardener Volunteers, Diana Benzing (B) (Two-hours)

1:15 - 2:15 - Horizons (Room H)
The 100 Gallon Challenge: Water Conservation in the Landscape, John Fech, (B)

1:15 - 2:15 - Community Involvement {Room K}
Hands-on Diagnostic Tools for Cool-Season Turfs, Amy Timmerman (B) (Two-hours)

1:15 - 2:15 - Working in Community {Room ?}
Partnering to Create Meaningful Job Training Opportunities for Underserved Adults, Jacqueline Kowalski: (B)

1:15 - 2:15 - Desing (Hands-on) {Room D}
I Want To: Landscape Design Workshop, Kim Todd & Elizabeth Killinger (B) (Three-hours)

Afternoon Break Out Session (III) 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

2:30 - 3:30 - Midwest Flavor {Room A}
Our Not so Friendly Furry and Feathered Friends, Earl Hallberg (B)

2:30 - 3:30 - From the Ground Up {Room B}
Understanding Soils in Your Landscape: Details for Success, Ted Hartsig (I)

2:30 - 3:30 - Design {Room E}
Good Eats from a Small Spot, Lisa Sanderson (B)

2:30 - 3:30 - Professional Development {Room F}
Growing and Keeping Your Master Gardener Volunteers, Diana Benzing (B) (Two-hour Cont.)

2:30 - 3:30 - Horizons {Room H}
There’s an App for That!, Cynthia Haynes (B)

2:30 - 3:30 - Community Involvement {Room K}
Hands-on Diagnostic Tools for Cool-Season Turfs, Amy Timmerman (B) (Two-hour Cont.)

2:30 - 3:30 - Working in Community {Room ?}
“Immersion into Wellness”: Master Gardeners Working with Youth, Bruce Black (B)

2:30 - 3:30 - Desing (Hands-on) {Room D}
I Want To: Landscape Design Workshop, Kim Todd and Elizabeth Killinger (B) (Three-hour Cont.)

Afternoon Break Out Session (IV) 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm

3:45 - 4:45 - Professional Development {Room F}
John Bartram: America’s Master Gardener, Kirk Brown (I)

3:45 - 4:45 - Horizons {Room H}
QR Codes and Demo Gardens: A Match Made in Heaven, Patricia Lunn Adsit (I)

3:45 - 4:45 - Community Involvement {Room K}
Hands-on Diagnostic Workshop for Landscape Plants, Amy Timmerman (B) (Two-hour)

3:45 - 4:45 - Working in Community {Room ?}
SPROUTS: Youth Gardening Without a Garden, Sheri Dorn and Krissy Slagle (I) (Two-hour Cont.)

3:45 - 4:45 - Desing (Hands-on) {Room D}
I Want To: Landscape Design Workshop, Kim Todd and Elizabeth Killinger (B) (Three-hour Cont.)

3:45 - 4:45 - Midwest Flavor {Room A}
Meet, Greet, and Eat Your Midwestern Prairie Natives, Lisa Hickey (B)

3:45 - 4:45 - From the Ground Up {Room B}
From Plant to Plate: Growing and Using Herbs, Susan Applegent Hurst (B) (Two-hours)

3:45 - 4:45 - Design {Room E}
Planting Design Tips, Lisa Orgler (I)

3:45 - 4:45 - From the Ground Up {Room B}
From Plant to Plate: Growing and Using Herbs, Susan Applegent Hurst (B) (Two-hours)

3:45 - 4:45 - Design {Room E}
Planting Design Tips, Lisa Orgler (I)

Book Signing 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Garden-pedia, Pam Bennett
Daffodil, Brent Heath

Dinner 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Search for Excellence Awards
Thursday, September 24, 2015

Trade show {Room ??} 7:00 am - 12:00 pm

Silent Auction 7:00 am - 6:30 pm

Breakfast {Room ??} 7:00 am - 9:00 am

General Session {Room ??} 9:00 am - 10:30 am
9:00 - 9:15 Daily Announcements
9:15 - 10:30 Keynote, That Tree, Mark Hirsch

Morning Break 10:30 am - 11:00 am

Book Signing 10:30 am - 11:00 am

Morning Break Out Session (VI) 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
11:00 - 12:00 - Midwest Flavor {Room A}
Super Sempervivums, Martha A. Smith (B)

11:00 - 12:00 - From the Ground Up {Room B}
Rain Water Harvesting for Landscape Irrigation, Dotty Woodson (B)

11:00 - 12:00- Design {Room E}
Fun with Flowers and J. J. Schwanke (B)

11:00 - 12:00- Professional Development {Room F}
Creating a Leadership Pipeline, Patricia Lunn Adsit (A)

11:00 - 12:00 - Horizons {Room H}
How Plants Think: Science or Snake Oil?, Tony Mc-Cammon (B)

11:00 - 12:00 - Community Involvement {Room K}
Trough Gardening, Gary Whittenbaugh (B)

11:00 - 12:00 - Working in Community {Room ?}
Gardening with Children, Becky and Jerry Blades (I)

11:00 - 12:00 - Design (Hands-on) {Room D}
Draw Your Garden: Exploring the Basics of Landscape Graphics, Lisa Orgler (B)

Morning Day Tour 11:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- Henry Doorly Zoo, Omaha Nebraska

Book Signing 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
Pollinators of Native Plants, Heather Holm

Lunch 12:00 am - 1:00 pm

Afternoon Day Tour 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm
- Lauritzen Gardens, Omaha Nebraska

Afternoon Break Out Session (VII) 1:15 pm - 2:15 pm
1:15 - 2:15 - Midwest Flavor {Room A}
When Worlds Collide: Case Studies of Invasive Species, Pam Bennett & James Chatfield (B)

1:15 - 2:15 - From the Ground Up {Room B}
Build Your Soil: Key Differences Between Organic and Synthetic Fertilizers, Kyle Lilly (I)

1:15 - 2:15- Design {Room E}
Plants on the Page: Garden Design Lessons from Magazines, Susan Appleget Hurst (B) (Two-hour)

1:15 - 2:15- Professional Development {Room F}
Developing Extension Master Gardener Program Leaders, Dave Close (I)

1:15 - 2:15 - Horizons {Room H}
A Simple Approach to Landscape Photography, Mark Hirsch (B)

1:15 - 2:15 - Community Involvement {Room K}
Using Floral Design as Therapeutic Horticulture, Candice Miller and Kelly Allsup (B) (Two-hour/Fee)

1:15 - 2:15- Working in Community {Room ?}
Conducting Successful Youth Programs, Joanne Connor (I)

1:15 - 2:15 - Desing (Hands-on) {Room D}
Growing Community Gardens from the Ground Up, Lisa Sanderson (B)

Afternoon Break Out Session (VIII) 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm
2:30 - 3:30 - Midwest Flavor {Room A}
Entomophagy: Are Insects the Next Foodie Craze?, Ashley Kulhanek (B)

2:30 - 3:30 - From the Ground Up {Room B}
Plant Tissue Culture for Dummies...Like Me!, Rob Mortko (B) (Two-hour)

2:30 - 3:30- Design {Room E}
Plants on the Page: Garden Design Lessons from Magazines, Susan Appleget Hurst (B) (Two-hour Cont.)

2:30 - 3:30- Professional Development {Room F}
Restructuring the Master Gardener Training Program to Increase Volunteer Retention, Sonja Johanson (B)

2:30 - 3:30 - Horizons {Room H}
Rock Grids and Pebble Mulch: Early Pueblo Methods, Sylvia Hacker (B) (Two-Hour)

2:30 - 3:30 - Community Involvement {Room K}
Using Floral Design as Therapeutic Horticulture,
Candice Miller and Kelly Allsup (B) (Two-hour/Fee Cont.)

2:30 - 3:30 - Working in Community {Room ?}
Founding, Teaching, and Facilitating a School-Based Community Garden Club, Carol Labuzzetta (B) (Two-hour)

2:30 - 3:30 - Design (Hands-on) {Room D}
Hypertufa! What Is It?, Yvonne Pund (B)

3:45 - 4:45 - Midwest Flavor {Room A}
Mushrooms and Molds: The Rotten World Around Us, Tom Weber (B)

3:45 - 4:45 - From the Ground Up {Room B}
Plant Tissue Culture for Dummies...Like Me!, Rob Mortko (B) (Two-hour Cont.)

3:45 - 4:45 - Design {Room E}
The Right-Size Flower Garden, Kerry Ann Mendez (I)

3:45 - 4:45 - Professional Development {Room F}
From Poster Postmortem to Presentation Pizzazz, Denny Schrock, (I)

3:45 - 4:45 - Horizons {Room H}
Rock Grids and Pebble Mulch: Early Pueblo Methods, Sylvia Hacker (B) (Two-Hour Cont.)

3:45 - 4:45 - Community Involvement {Room K}
Experiential Environmental Education for Youth, Kari Abbott and Cathy Hill (B) (Two-hour)

3:45 - 4:45 - Working in Community {Room ?}
Founding, Teaching, and Facilitating a School-Based Community Garden Club, Carol Labuzzetta (B) (Two-hour Cont.)

3:45 - 4:45 - Design (Hands-on) {Room D}
Papercrete, a Hypertufa Alternative: Mud Pies for Big Kids, Lee Coates (B) (Fee)

5:00 - 6:00 - Horizons {Room H}
No Watering Required: Water-Wise Garden Design, Kirk Brown (A)

5:00 - 6:00 - Community Involvement {Room K}
Experiential Environmental Education for Youth, Kari Abbott and Cathy Hill (B) (Two-hour Cont.)

5:00 - 6:00 - Working in Community {Room ?}
The A, B, C’s of Starting an Ample Harvest-Type Program in Your Community, Gary Oppenheimer (B)

5:00 - 6:00 - Design (Hands-on) {Room D}
Papercrete, a Hypertufa Alternative: Mud Pies for Big Kids, Lee Coates (B) (Fee)

Book Signing 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Right-Size Flower Garden, Kerry Ann Mendez

Friday, September 25, 2015

Silent Auction (Winning Bid Announcements) 7:30 am - 9:00 am

Dinner -- on your own

Book Signing 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Right-Size Flower Garden, Kerry Ann Mendez

Morning Break Out Session (XI) 9:00 am - 10:00 am

9:00 - 10:00 - Midwest Flavor {Room A}
Little Prairie by the House, Jan Riggenbach (I)

9:00 - 10:00 - From the Ground Up {Room B}
What AILS Your Plant?, Meredith Seaver (I)

9:00 - 10:00 - Design {Room E}
Design Tips for Knockout, Easy-Care Gardens, Kerry Ann Mendez (I)

9:00 - 10:00 - Professional Development {Room F}
Darn, I Wish I Had Known That! 10 Garden Mistakes to Avoid, Pamela Bennett (B)

9:00 - 10:00 - Horizons {Room H}
What is Your Horticulture IQ?, Martha A. Smith (B)

9:00 - 10:00 - Community Involvement {Room K}
Stormwater Sleuth and Running Rain! Educating Youth About Rain Gardens and More!, Kelly Feehan (B)

9:00 - 10:00 - Working in Community {Room ?}
The Master Gardener Program in South Korea, Lee Wonsuk and Richard Durham (B)

Morning Break 10:00 am - 10:30 am
Book Signing 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Your Midwest Garden, Jan Riggenbach

Morning Break Out Session (XII) 10:30 am - 11:30 am

10:30 - 11:30 - Midwest Flavor {Room A}
Gardening with Insects, Lynn Loughary (B)

10:30 - 11:30 - From the Ground Up {Room B}
Latin Lumina: The Fun and Function of Plant Names, Pamela and James Chatfield (I)

10:30 - 11:30 - Design {Room E}
Creating a Firewise Landscape, Amy Jo Detweiler (B)

10:30 - 11:30 - Professional Development {Room F}
Local Food Systems: Engaging Consumers, Community Partners, and Local Food Producers, Laurie Taylor (B)

10:30 - 11:30 - Horizons {Room H}
Evolving Rain Garden/Bioretention Planting Design in the Omaha Region, Steve Rodie (I)

10:30 - 11:30 - Community Involvement {Room K}

10:30 - 11:30 - Working in Community {Room ?}
Citizen Science and Pollinators in South Dakota, Amanda Bachmann (B)

10:30 - 11:30 - Design (Hands-on) {Room D}
Living Flower Arrangements, Brent Heath (B) (Fee)

Lunch 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

General Session {Room ??} 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
1:00 – 2:00  Keynote, Ending the Waste of Food - From the Ground Up,
Gary Oppenheimer
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Closing remarks

Conference Adjourns 3:00 pm

Mini Postconference Tour 3:00 pm - 8:30 pm
• Loess Hills Tour

Post Conference Tour of Iowa
Friday, September 25 - Sunday, September 27, 2015

**Schedule Subject to Change**