

*15th Annual*

*Burst*  
*into Spring*

*Horticultural Day 2018*

**Saturday, March 10, 2018**

**8:00 am - 3:30 pm**

**Armed Forces Reserve and  
Community Center**

505 Spirit River Drive, Cambridge, Minnesota



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Isanti County Master Gardeners



## Gardening for a Changing Climate

Dry spells, violent storms, late fall, bitter winter. How is a garden supposed to keep up? University of Minnesota Extension educator, **Julie Weisenhorn**, provides guidance to gardening in our somewhat unpredictable climate.

Creating healthy gardens that give properly selected plants a “leg up” on storms and drought as well as some ways to make landscaping more fool-proof (and still fun for the gardener) will be discussed.

### **Julie Weisenhorn,**

U of M Extension Educator, Horticulture

Julie Weisenhorn holds a M.A. in Visual Communication from the University of Minnesota (U of MN) School of Journalism and Mass Communication (1990), and a second Master's in Horticulture also from the U of MN (2002). She taught basic and advanced landscape design in the U of MN Department of Horticultural Science from 2002-2007, and served as state director of the Extension Master Gardener Program from 2007-2014.

From 2014 to present day, Weisenhorn is a full-time Extension Educator in horticulture with statewide responsibility for teaching, research, and outreach on various horticulture topics around sustainability with special focus on plant selection and sustainable residential landscape design. She coordinates and regularly appears on the popular WCCO Radio Smart Gardens show, is editor and a contributor to the Extension Yard & Garden News, and recently released the second version of the Plant Elements of Design plant selection database. In her own words, “This is the best job I have ever had.” An avid photographer and accomplished musician, Weisenhorn is a native of Rochester, MN. She and her husband Karl make their home in Mound, MN, where Julie experiments with sustainable landscaping in her own yard and just can't say no to a new plant.



8:00 - 9:00 . . . . .	Check-in/Registration, Vendors open
9:00 - 9:15 . . . . .	Welcome/Introduction
<b>9:15 - 10:30 . . . . .</b>	<b>Keynote Speaker, Julie Weisenhorn</b>
10:30 - 10:45 . . . . .	Break
<b>10:45 - 11:45 . . . . .</b>	<b>Session 1 Classes</b>
11:45 - 12:30 . . . . .	Lunch
	Silent Auction bidding closes at 12:30
<b>12:30 - 1:30 . . . . .</b>	<b>Session 2 Classes</b>
1:30 - 2:00 . . . . .	Break
	Door Prize & Silent Auction pick up
<b>2:00 - 3:00 . . . . .</b>	<b>Session 3 Classes</b>
3:00 - 3:30 . . . . .	Last minute shopping
3:30 . . . . .	Doors close

**While you're there**

- Coffee, lemonade, and water available all day at no charge
- Complimentary donuts and fruit in the morning and cupcakes in the afternoon
- Soft drinks are available in vending machines

**Silent Auction bidding closes at 12:30.**

The winners will be posted in the lunch area.

**Door prize drawings will be held from 1:45 - 2:00.**

Must be present to win.

*Proceeds from the Silent Auction help to fund the Isanti County Master Gardener Program and the many community activities they are involved in.*



# Session 1: 10:45 – 11:45

## **A | Plant Selection for Water Wise Gardening**

**Julie Weisenhorn, MA, Visual Design, Horticulture**

*Weisenhorn is a full-time Extension Educator in Horticulture with statewide responsibility for teaching, research and outreach on various Horticulture topics around sustainability with special focus on plant selection and sustainable residential landscape design.*

Even in the land of 10,000 lakes, gardeners should be conscientious about conserving water. This includes considerations of soil health, plant choices, and best practices. Join University of Minnesota Extension educator, Julie Weisenhorn, in exploring garden styles, plant selection and other landscape practices that provide a “water wise” approach for home gardeners.

## **B | Fruit Tree Selection for Your Backyard**

**Kelsey Sparks, MA, Horticulture**

*Kelsey is a greenhouse and nursery manager at Green Barn Garden Center and is a third generation member of the family business. She studied business and horticulture at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls and has a Master of Agriculture in Horticulture degree from the University of Minnesota.*

Have you thought about adding fruit trees to your backyard? Join this class to learn about fruit tree options for our region and what to consider before you buy. Pollination, rootstocks, variety selection, site selection, care, common pests, and common diseases will be discussed in this class. This class will include apple, plum, cherry, pear, and apricot trees for Minnesota.

## **C | Beginner’s Kitchen Garden**

**Rhonda Breeding, Isanti County Master Gardener**

*Rhonda has had a large kitchen garden for the past 5 years and has been an Isanti County Master Gardener for 2 years. She uses her Gardening skills to grow fruits and vegetables for her family of six.*

This class will cover the basics of starting a kitchen garden. We will cover location, plant selection, and harvesting.

**Break for Lunch 11:45 - 12:30**

See menu on page 10.

# Session 2: 12:30 – 1:30

## **D | The Benefits of Native Grasses and Sedges**

**Diane Narem**, Research Scientist

*Diane Narem is a researcher in the Department of Horticultural Sciences at the U of MN. Currently, her research focuses on native grasses and their importance for many of our native skipper butterflies. Her previous research was done at South Dakota State University and focused on prairie conservation and the Dakota skipper butterfly.*

Native grasses provide numerous benefits to their surrounding environment. Hear an overview of the benefits and learn about individual grass species preferences and suitability for different sites and design needs.

## **E | Beekeeping Basics**

**Wayne Yust**, Isanti County Master Gardener

*Wayne raised bees as a teenager and received a merit badge in the Boy Scouts for beekeeping. Wayne began beekeeping for a second time in 1998, and had as many as six hives until 2009. He has taken beekeeping classes at the U of MN on “Beekeeping in Northern Climates”, and “Raising Your Queens”. He has also been a member of the Minnesota Hobby beekeepers. Wayne has been a Master Gardener since 2016.*

This class will give a brief overview of the process of choosing and purchasing honeybees, including which variety may be best for you. Equipment needed to get started will be covered, as well as, what to expect during the first year of beekeeping. This will include what to do and look for as you go on this grand adventure of beekeeping.

## **F | Green Infrastructure: Landscaping for Water Quality**

**Matthew Kumka**, Landscape Architect

*Matthew Kumka is a landscape architect that specializes in sustainable site development and green infrastructure including, regenerative design, stormwater best management practices, and native plant community restoration. He has served as lead designer and project manager on numerous landscape projects related to stormwater quality improvement and ecologically-appropriate placemaking. For the last ten years he has worked with many of the Twin Cities Watershed Districts and Cities to develop landscaping to improve water quality.*

Find out the latest in designing for water quality improvement. See examples of innovative projects with inspirations from nature including proven planting strategies.

**Break 1:30 - 2:00**

**Door Prize & Silent Auction pick-up.**

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# Session 3: 2:00 – 3:00

## **G | Gardening for Monarchs and other Native Butterflies**

**Rebecca Mauriala-Kuehn**, Isanti County Master Gardener

*Rebecca Mauriala-Kuehn is a Commercial Butterfly Farmer and Master Gardener who works with Organizations/Businesses to provide all life stages of Monarchs for their specific needs. She believes that promoting healthy Monarch larva to schools and Monarchs for release helps increase the population and education. Rebecca started Butterfly Memories in 2007. Her customers have included The Butterfly House at the Minnesota State Fair, Prairie Restoration, Relay for Life and many others East of the Continental Divide.* Learn about the Monarch Life Cycle, Migration and what you can do to help increase the Population. Attract all native butterfly species by providing host and nectar plants. Attendees will receive a Kritter Keeper and 2 varieties of milkweed seeds.

## **H | Water: Waste Product to Resource**

**Matthew Kumka**, Landscape Architect

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Learn about how our land use patterns negatively affects surface water quality and what are the drivers of this change.

## **I | Do-It-Yourself Water Features**

**Ken Schroepfer & Robin Weber**, Isanti County Master Gardeners

*Ken has been an active Master Gardener for 35 years in both urban and rural counties. He has taught community education classes on a variety of subjects and specializes in starting annuals and perennials from seed, renovating old apple trees, and DIY landscape design and garden structures. Robin has been a Master Gardener for 16 years and has done many home visits to troubleshoot problems. Her interests include propagation, houseplants, and insects and she has spent years expanding her knowledge on various topics.*

This class will show you how you can easily create various water features to enhance your garden. In addition, you'll learn the benefits of rain barrels, how to build one to recycle rain water, and have the option to take one home for a small fee! **Optional: If you would like to purchase a 55 gallon pre-drilled rain barrel and kit with necessary parts and instructions, there is an additional cost of \$20 (to be paid with registration). Available to take home that day.**

**6** Check out our vendors online.



# Vendors

## **Amway/Nutriplant Ag Foliar Nutritional Supplement**

Rochelle Knight: [www.amway.com/rochelleknight](http://www.amway.com/rochelleknight)

## **Amy Lea 'n Me**

Garden decor, solar lanterns, stakes, pots, and planters  
[www.amyleanme.com](http://www.amyleanme.com)

## **Angel-Lined**

Cards, Shawls, Infinity Scarves, and Silk Scarves  
[www.angel-lined.com](http://www.angel-lined.com)

## **Busse Gardens**

The Minnesota Perennial People. Offering a wide variety of perennials for any garden and use. Watch for their April pottery and succulents event.  
[www.bussegardens.com](http://www.bussegardens.com)

## **Cambridge/Isanti Farmers Market**

Crafts, canned products, eggs produced by local growers and vendors.  
[www.minnesotagrown.com/member/cambridge-isanti-farmers-market](http://www.minnesotagrown.com/member/cambridge-isanti-farmers-market)

## **City of Isanti Parks**

Open spaces, parks, trails integrated into neighborhoods.  
[www.co.isanti.mn.us](http://www.co.isanti.mn.us)

## **Corner Room**

Bird houses, feeders, wooden boxes, wood signs, quilted craft items, cutting boards  
Email: [trfgirl72@gmail.com](mailto:trfgirl72@gmail.com)



# Vendors

## **Cowsmo, Inc.**

Organic compost & potting soil.  
[www.cowsmocompost.com](http://www.cowsmocompost.com)

## **E2's Emu Ranch**

Established in 1996, E2's emu's are fed an all natural feed, free of hormones and chemicals, producing the highest quality meat and oil products.  
[www.e2semuranch.com](http://www.e2semuranch.com)

## **Friends School of Minnesota**

FSMN is an independent K-8 progressive, Quaker school in St. Paul, Minnesota. They host an annual plant sale.  
[www.fsmn.org](http://www.fsmn.org)

## **Grazeland Farm**

Weed control mats from recycled wool, lanolin hand lotion, and wool socks.  
Email: [grazelandsheep@gmail.com](mailto:grazelandsheep@gmail.com)

## **Green Barn Garden Center**

Family business for over 60 years with 20,000 square feet of display greenhouse filled with annuals, perennials, herbs, vegetable plants and seeds, nursery stock, hanging baskets and patio planters.  
[www.greenbarngardencenter.com](http://www.greenbarngardencenter.com)

## **Larsen Gardens**

Original water color paintings, creative nature inspired garden art, including gourd birdhouses, concrete leaves and some surprise garden items sure to please!  
Email: [donna@larsengardens.com](mailto:donna@larsengardens.com)





# Vendors

## **Mahgee's Naturals**

Handcrafted soaps, creams, lip balms and body butter.

[www.mahgeesnaturals.com](http://www.mahgeesnaturals.com)

## **Minnesota Water Garden Society**

Display of water gardens and info.

[www.mwgs.org](http://www.mwgs.org)

## **Moonlight Harvest**

Metal yard wind balances, yard decorations

Email: [annslohsons16@gmail.com](mailto:annslohsons16@gmail.com)

## **Peterson's North Branch Mill**

Garden related products

[www.petersonscountrymill.com](http://www.petersonscountrymill.com)

## **Smude Sunflower Oil/Kowalsek Salves**

Sunflower oil, Skin salves and pure honey

[www.smudeoil.com](http://www.smudeoil.com)

## **Sunrise Apiary**

Variety of Honey

Warren Schave: [www.sunriseapiariesllc.com](http://www.sunriseapiariesllc.com)

## **Sunrise River Apple Farm**

Jams, Jellies, Salsa, Dressing, etc. Varieties of greenhouse grown plants.

Ed & Steph Stec: [www.sunriseriverfarm.com](http://www.sunriseriverfarm.com)

**Want to be a vendor?**

**Contact Ruth Paschke at [rp6236@msn.com](mailto:rp6236@msn.com)**

Registration is \$27.00 with lunch and \$20.00 without lunch, see page 11 for more information.

*Class sizes are limited, advance registration is highly recommended.*

Registrations, along with payment, must be received no later than February 28. For more information, call 763-689-8254 or email [jrwatson@umn.edu](mailto:jrwatson@umn.edu), or visit [www.isanticountymastergardeners.com](http://www.isanticountymastergardeners.com).

**Option 1**

Hearty Garden Salad  
*Gluten free / vegetarian*  
 Mixed greens with seasonal vegetables  
 Variety of dressings  
 Gluten free roll  
 Gluten free dessert

**Option 2**

Chef Salad  
 Ham, turkey, cheese, tomatoes, onion & hard-boiled egg served on a mix of lettuce and spinach  
 Variety of dressings  
 Dinner roll  
 Dessert

**Option 3**

Soup & Sandwich  
 -Chicken wild rice OR hearty vegetable  
 -Turkey & cheddar OR chicken salad on a croissant  
 Pickles  
 Dessert

**Grow with us!**

**Become a U of M Extension Master Gardener**

**Who are Master Gardeners?**

Master Gardeners are from all walks of life and volunteer on behalf of their university. They are eager to share best practices in gardening with people in their community that promote healthy landscapes, healthy foods, and healthy lives. They have completed a university-taught core course and contributed a certain number of hours to teaching research-based horticulture practices in their communities.



## Please Print

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I am attending Burst Into Spring . . . . . \$20

### Session Workshop Choices *Circle your first choice for each session*

#### Session 1

A | B | C

#### Session 2

D | E | F

#### Session 3

G | H | I

I would like to purchase a Rain Barrel and Kit (Session 3, Wkshp I) . . . \$20

*Circle your second choice for each session*

#### Session 1

A | B | C

#### Session 2

D | E | F

#### Session 3

G | H | I

## Lunch choices

*Please only check your choice if you plan to purchase the \$7 lunch, also please note your Soup and Sandwich choice in Option 3. Descriptions on previous page.*

1: Hearty Garden Salad . . . . . \$7  
*Gluten free and vegetarian*

2: Chef Salad . . . . . \$7

3: Soup and Sandwich . . . . . \$7

Please list your soup/sandwich \_\_\_\_\_

Please add up your total here \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this registration along with a check payable to **Isanti County Master Gardeners** (mailing address found on the other side of this form).



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