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Saturday, April 11, 2015
8:00 am—3:00 pm

EXPO SCHEDULE

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8:45 – 10:00 am
Keynote Speaker

10:15 – 11:15 am
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Lunch & time to visit the vendors

12:15 – 1:15 pm
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Session III

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♦ Vendors
♦ Educational Displays
♦ Silent Auction
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  • Materials
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• Learn about “backyard maple sugarin’”—including how to identify and select varieties of maple trees for tapping, how and when to tap them, various methods of collecting sap, and how to operate an old-fashioned wood-fired cooker/evaporator to produce a unique batch of nature’s sweetness. Other topics covered will be equipment needed to set up your own sugar-bush; using a hydrometer (and your own taste buds!) to test the final product for quality and proper consistency in preparation for canning; and canning, grading, and storing maple syrup.

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• Most of us lead stressful lives these days; further compounded by our reliance on technology and social media. For those reasons, a quiet retreat in your home and garden has become even more important. You deserve a sanctuary that makes you feel alive, fulfills a desire to escape outside worries, and is a stress-free zone. Chris will motivate you to expand your horizons and create your own thrilling, yet soothing and inviting, space for all seasons.

1C – Introducing New Garden Annuals for 2015
Heidi Doering
• Ready, Set, Go! We all spend time looking through garden catalogs over the winter. Winter’s the time to discover what new plant varieties you want to search out in spring to accent your garden planters and landscapes. Heidi travels throughout the Midwest during the summer months to determine which new varieties will perform best in Midwest gardens. See the best of the new seed and vegetative annuals coming to a garden center or home improvement center near you in 2015.

2A – Weaving Willow through the Garden
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• Willow has been a workhorse in gardens across the world for centuries. It is a critical first food source for pollinators in spring, they play a supporting role in vegetable production, and it brings an elegant touch of nature into a space when used to decorate gardens and homes. Heidi will demonstrate how willow can be used in your garden, discuss variety selection, and show how to plant and maintain willows.

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Jerry Ford
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