Spring Design Program - April 27

The MSU Horticulture Gardens will host four prominent speakers for an all-day program on Garden Design on Saturday, April 27, 2013.

The ever-popular Janet Macunovich will give a hands-on workshop on Designing with Perennials where you will first take a beautiful virtual tour of gardens to visualize form and texture. Then you’ll use models to experiment with Janet’s process for arranging plants in the landscape for all-season interest.

Dr. Bob Schutzki will give you tips on how you can develop your own creative edge. He will review the basics and show you ways to organize and transform your landscape space.

Dr. Art Cameron, MSU Horticulture Garden Director, will take you on a colorful and imaginative journey through gardens near and far, where he will give you ideas for designing your garden with a bit of creative flair!

Dr. Norm Lownds, 4-H Children’s Garden Curator will take you for a virtual romp through the 4-H Children’s Gardens exploring how to design for the kid in each of us. View the gardens with the eyes of curiosity and wonder to discover the amazement and fun in the garden. Norm will help you insert these ideas into your own garden. Come prepared to have some fun.

The all-day program will take place on campus in the new building adjacent to the Plant and Soil Science Building. This new facility has an excellent lecture hall and atrium where lunch will be served and the Garden Marketplace vendors will be open for business.

The cost for MSU Horticulture Garden members is $69 for a full day program including lunch. Nonmembers pay $79. Find further information and to register online or download an application at http://www.hrt.msu.edu/spring-design-program/.

Upcoming events in the MSU Horticulture Gardens

Curious Gardener Series - February 28th to May 14th
http://www.hrt.msu.edu/curious-gardener/ - and see next page for further information

Spring Design Program - April 27, 8:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
A full-day program featuring 4 experts in landscape design and maintenance. For further information, see above and go to http://www.hrt.msu.edu/spring-design-program/.

VIP Plant Sale – Members only - Friday, May 17, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Public Plant Sale: Saturday, May 18, 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

20th Anniversary Progressive Dinner: Thursday, August 1, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
A progressive dinner in the gardens to celebrate our birthday! Stayed tuned for further details

Garden Day: Friday, August 2, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Featuring keynote speakers Jane Taylor and Felder Rushing! A day full of education, entertainment and shopping!
Starting Your Own Seeds Indoors
February 28 6-8 PM
Get a head start on your garden this season by learning how to start seeds indoors. Dan Bulkowski will teach you how to germinate and grow healthy seedlings. Also, he will cover where the pros look for seeds and divulge other gardening secrets. Come get all your seed starting questions answered.

Garden Bling: Creating Art for the Garden
March 12 6-8 PM
The winter is a great time to decorate the garden! There are so many wonderful craft projects out there to help us make our gardens shine. In this workshop we will create whimsical garden stakes, trellis, and containers to adorn our gardens this spring. Each participant will make three garden projects to take home and ideas for many more. Presented by Katie McCarver, Renata Reibitz, and Jessica Wright

Waking up the Garden
April 16 6-8 PM
When spring arrives do you know what to do to give your plants, shrubs, trees and evergreens the best start possible? Join Renata Reibitz who will discuss the various tasks required to wake up the Perennial Gardens at MSU. Topics will range from weeding, dividing and pruning to amending and mulching the soil. *If the weather is nice, plan on a walk through the gardens.

Themed Herb Containers
May 14 6-8 PM
Get to know your herbs through touch, smell, and mostly importantly taste. Herb containers are great if you are a cooking enthusiast, but don’t forget to quench your thirst after a long day of gardening. Katie McCarver will help you create your very own themed (it’s a surprise) herb container to enjoy all summer long. Herbal cocktails and mocktails will be provided as an example of just how far the use of your herb container will go this summer.
Successful Yarn Bomb

Lynn Troldahl-Hershberger Hefferan organized a group of fiber artists who together created a successful yarn “bombing” event in the MSU Horticulture Gardens. Up to 200 local artists were involved each creating small pieces that were assembled on site. The event culminated in a celebration with music and fun for all. The event and final art exhibit have been featured in local newspapers and radio shows. The trees are located just across from the 4-H Children’s Garden and should remain through most of the winter! Thanks to Lynn for coordinating this successful effort!

More photos can be seen on our website at http://www.hrt.msu.edu/2012-october-yarn-bombing/
Become a Member of the MSU Horticulture Gardens

The MSU Horticulture Gardens are largely self-funded and depend on generous contributions from interested garden enthusiasts and supporters like you! Please consider joining as an MSU Horticulture Garden Member. Members of the MSU Horticulture Gardens not only support our day-to-day activities, they enjoy many special benefits, such as discounts to all our special events and programs. They also gain early entry to our members-only 'VIP' Plant Sale. Members also receive a 10% discount on all purchased plants and items.

All MSU Horticulture Garden members gain special admission privileges to over 200 American Horticultural Society reciprocal gardens, providing cost savings that can more than make up for your MSU Gardens membership fee! If you travel and visit other gardens, even in Michigan, you can quickly recoup the Membership fee and more. To learn more about the AHS Reciprocal Admissions Program, visit www.ahs.org/events/reciprocal_events.htm

Membership are per calendar year, January 1 through December 31 and benefits vary with the level as described below:

**Individual Member $35**
- VIP early bird plant sale invitation
- 10% discount on all plant sale purchases for individual member
- Free admission to AHS Reciprocal Gardens
- Discounts on MSU Horticulture Garden programs

**Family Membership $50**
All of the above for you, a spouse, and immediate dependents, plus:
- VIP wine and chocolate donor reception invitation

**Contributor $100**
All of the above, plus:
- Five free parking tokens

**Patron $1,000**
All of the above, plus:
- One free Garden Day admission
- Unlimited parking during the garden season *(sorry, this excludes MSU employees and students)*
- Honorary brick in the Garden walkway (a $250 value)

Portions of the membership fee may be tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

We welcome your gift in any amount. Thank you!

To join online or to download a printable membership application, please visit our website at http://www.hrt.msu.edu/2013-garden-memberships/
Dow Gardens to Host “Know It and Grow It”

Dow Gardens will be welcoming guest speakers Dan Hinkley, Suzy Bales, and Chuck Martin on February 23 in Midland Michigan. All three speakers are MSU Horticulture Graduates!

Award winning plantsman Dan Hinkley (http://www.danielhinkley.com/) will present "The Forgotten Elements of Good Design" as well as "New and Exciting Perennials, Shrubs and Trees for American Gardens". Gardening Author Suzy Bales (http://www.suzybalesgarden.com/) will present 'The Down to Earth Gardener”. Dow Garden Horticulturist Chuck Martin will present "Favorite Ferns, Funkia (Hosta) and other Foliage Flora.

Early registration for the all-day seminar is $60. After February 8 the fee is $75.00.

The event can be found at www.dowgardens.org as well as on the Dow Garden Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/dowgardens.

2012 School Participation Summary

The MSU Horticulture Gardens hosted over 10,000 children and adults in our programs last year. This included:

- **Butterflies in the Garden**: Over 4,000 children from over 100 schools
- **Summer 4-H Children’s Garden Programs** – nearly 1,000 children involved in 15 summer teaching programs
- **Seeds of Science** – over 400 children from 6 schools
- **Garden Discovery Program** – over 2,500 children from 37 schools

Jessica Wright - Youth Education Coordinator

Jessica coordinates all of our school education programs. Working with several dedicated volunteers (pictured left with Jessica is Marlene Cosgrove), she teaches thousands of children in classrooms and in the gardens. We feel this is an important part of the mission of our MSU Horticulture Gardens, though the position is not permanently funded. If you have an interest in sponsoring school visits to the MSU Gardens, or of helping to endow this position permanently, please contact Garden Director Dr. Art Cameron (cameron@msu.edu).