

Margaret Murphy — “Gardening Trends 2020” Be inspired by new ideas and see what’s trending for the yard and garden in 2020.

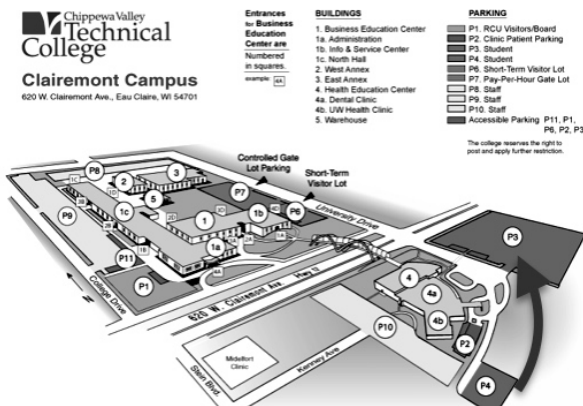
Jake Lau, Heidi Sanders and Nik Novak — “The Local Food Movement In Your Community! Growing/Selling/Serving” Hear from Just Local Foods and a local farmer about what it takes to provide us with locally grown and organic food. The local food movement is growing: learn why.

Andy Heren and Gary Mathis — “The Heirloom Garden” Heirloom tomatoes seem to be all the rage. In the “Heirloom Garden” Andy and Gary will explore what heirloom vegetables, fruits, and flowers are and why people prefer them. They will tell you how we got heirlooms, some of their favorites, and will ask you to share yours. They also will discuss common garden diseases, especially those affecting tomatoes. Join them for some new plant suggestions and a few laughs along the way.

John Hagar — “Hostas and Stuff...(not your ordinary hosta presentation)” — John will take you to his extensive hosta garden via his photography. His talk will include hybridizing hostas, hosta sports, growing tips and growing daylilies.

Jack Wagener — “Growing Hemp in Wisconsin” Jack owns land in the township of Brackett and has just completed his first year of growing hemp to be used for CBD oil. He’ll share his experiences about what is involved in the process of getting hemp grown and ready for use.

Dora Wood — “Mushroom Growing Workshop” In this hands-on workshop, participants will create a make-and-take oyster mushroom toilet paper roll and a 12” shitake mushroom log of their own to grow at home. The workshop includes all materials and take-home care instructions.



Parking:

Seminar Attendees should park in Student P Lot 3 and use the foot bridge to the main building (4a). The seminar will start in Room 103 (Conference Center).

Questions?

Please go to

www.eauclaireareamastergardener.org or call Andy Heren at 715-839-4712



Ready, Set, Grow... Winter Garden Seminar February 1, 2020

Chippewa Valley Technical College
620 W. Clairemont Ave.
Eau Claire, WI

Hosted by the Eau Claire Area
Master Gardener Volunteers
Association and
Eau Claire County UW-Extension

Speakers

Bonnie Blodgett – *Keynote Speaker*

Presentation: “Adventures in Gardening: The Blundering Gardener Strikes Back”

Bonnie discovered gardening by accident. Her gardening skills were honed from the accidents/experiments more often than when following the rules. Her presentation will consist of this "just go for it!" philosophy, and her photos of her garden showing the happy and unhappy accidents. Bonnie will also discuss her loss of sense of smell and how that event turned into a valuable learning experience and the basis her 2010 book, Remembering Smell.

Shaun Christensen – “Floral Design”

Shaun Christensen of Christensen Florist and Greenhouses will do what he does best: Create beautiful floral arrangements.

Michael Travis – “Perennials and Garden Health” Dr. Travis will discuss soil health and how it is the foundation of sustainable food production and environmental quality.

Chris Gaetzke and Douglas Owens-Pike – “Woody Invasives” Shrubs and trees are an important part of our Western Wisconsin history and geography. Unfortunately some other “woodies” have entered our landscape that have negatively impacted our local vegetation. Chris Gaetzke and Douglas Owens-Pike, members from the Lower Chippewa Invasives Partnership, will talk about the woodies, such as Japanese barberry, buckthorn, non-native honeysuckle, cork tree, burning bush, black locust, Siberian elm, and Amur maple, that aggressively compete with our native vegetation. They will also discuss how to control these problematic and approaching invaders, and suggest native alternatives.



Schedule

8:00 AM Registration

8:45 AM Welcome and Opening

Remarks: Margaret Murphy

9 AM Keynote Speaker

Bonnie Blodgett: “Adventures in Gardening: The Blundering Gardener Strikes Back”

10:00 AM Vendors

10:30 AM Breakout Session I

Shaun Christensen: “Floral Design”

Mike Travis: “Perennials and Garden Health”

Chris Gaetzke and Douglas Owens-Pike: “Woody Invasives”

11:30 AM Lunch / Vendors

12:45 PM Breakout Session II

Margaret Murphy: “Gardening Trends 2020”

Jake Lau, Heidi Sanders, and Nik Novak: “The Local Food Movement in your Community! Growing/Selling/Serving”

John Hagar: “Hostas and Stuff... (not your ordinary hosta presentation)”

1:45 PM Break / Vendors

2:15 PM Breakout Session III

Jack Wagener: “Growing Hemp in Wisconsin”

Andy Heren and Gary Mathis: “The Heirloom Garden”

Dora Wood: “Mushroom Growing Workshop”

Registration

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone#: _____

Email: _____

Cost: **\$35.00** postmarked by 1/24/20. The fee will be **\$40.00** thereafter and at the door.

Add **\$15.00** if you are signing up for the Mushroom Growing Workshop

Lunch and 2 snack breaks are included in the registration fee.

Choose 1 breakout per session:

Breakout session I

___ Shaun Christensen

___ Michael Travis

___ Chris Gaetzke/Douglas Owen-Pike

Breakout Session II

___ Margaret Murphy

___ Jake Lau/Heidi Sanders/Nik Novak

___ John Hagar

Breakout Session III

___ Jack Wagener

___ Andy Heren/Gary Mathis

___ Dora Wood

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Eau Claire County UWEX/Attn WGS
227 1st St. West, Altoona WI 54720

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Note: Please email Andy Heren at Andy.Heren@co.eau-claire.wi.us with your breakout selections.