

2019 Gardening Saturday Breakout Session Descriptions

Adding Enjoyment to Your Garden Through Innovative Design

We often think of gardens as visual pleasures, however through intentional design we can add enjoyment for all of our senses. Participants will learn basic design choices that will aid them in adding to an existing garden or planning elements for a new garden that increase our use and enjoyment of the space.

Common Diseases and Abiotic Disorders of Turf and Trees Found in Northern Great Plains Landscapes

I will discuss diseases of trees and turf that are commonly found throughout the states of ND and MN, as well as disorders that can be confused with a disease but are linked to the environmental stresses, and provide management advice.

Getting to the Root of Plant Problems

Soils are important for plant survival as it provided water, nutrients, and a place to live for most plants. Participants of this presentation will explore what soils are and how to improve them for success in the garden and landscape.

Knowing and Growing Cacti

A surprising look at what is and what isn't a cactus, along with a look into the amazing diversity of this iconic plant family. Exploring the natural distribution and diverse habitats where cacti can be found. And a discussion of what it takes to grow both hardy and non-hardy varieties of cacti in Minnesota.

New Plants on the Bench

Like to keep on the up and up? Do you like to be the envy of your neighbors with fun and colorful plants? Then this presentation is for you! Alisha will highlight new annuals and perennials that are being released for the upcoming season. Come and see if something suits your fancy!

One-day Water Features

Have you ever thought of adding some moving water to your landscape, but don't know how, are too intimidated by a pond, or don't want to spend too much money? Then One-day Water Features is for you. Jan Schreier, teaches you step by step how to turn almost any object into a beautiful decorative fountain that adds sound, beauty and a stunning focal point to your garden. Best of all, these fountains can be completed by one person in one day! Learn the materials to use, critical construction techniques for low maintenance, and how to take care of your feature year 'round. And once you build it, they will come: Birds, toads, frogs, and sometimes even garter snakes and deer have been seen taking a sip.

Orchids: Native Hidden Treasurers

This is a fun photo journey of the areas Native Orchids that are seldom seen. We will see some of the rare color forms and variations that sometimes occur. We will also briefly take a look at the various habitats that these treasures occur in.

Organic Gardening the Easy Way

Organic produce has become a buzz word that many consumers do not understand the meaning of. During this presentation we will discuss what organic means and how to apply organic techniques in our own garden to produce healthy vegetables that taste great.

Peerless Peonies

Peonies provide classic beauty in your garden or vase, making them a favorite of novice and expert gardeners alike. The Top 10 peony questions will be answered and you will get a sneak peak into the next generation of peonies -- be prepared to think beyond pink, red, and white!

Propagation with Cuttings

Working with plants is similar to a gardener's playground! Learn some simple and easy techniques to propagate with cuttings such as succulents, houseplants, and other assorted plants.

She Shed Construction

We used to call outbuildings "sheds," and they were used to store lawnmowers, shovels, and rakes; but sometime in the last 10-15 years, these sheds have been converted to backyard oases, where a person can sit and enjoy the songs of birds, the scents of flowers, and the sounds of water features. This class will show two construction methods to build a shed, and show various ways to personalize it with windows and doors. You are on your own to decide on your curtains, furniture and floor coverings.

Succulent Garden Make and Take

While creating a make and take succulent garden during this class, Jan will share tips and tricks for having a successful succulent garden outside on your summer patio and for inside during the winter.

What's Wrong with My Tomatoes and Potatoes

Tomatoes, potatoes, and other members of the nightshade family are subject to numerous diseases, insect pests, and other disorders. Learn how to diagnose the most common problems and how to prevent or mitigate the problem(s) for the 2019 growing season.