

CENTRAL WISCONSIN'S LARGEST

# *Gardening Conference*

JANUARY 24-25, 2020



# EVENT SCHEDULE

- EVENT IS HELD AT NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE, WAUSAU, AND IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC -

## FRIDAY, JAN 24 DINNER AND A MOVIE

### New For 2020!

Join us for Garden Visions' first Friday night dinner and a movie. This relaxing dining experience will include a choice of three entrées and a showing of the movie *Five Seasons: The Gardens of Piet Oudolf*. The cost of \$25.00 per attendee will cover the entire evening to be held in the **Center for Health Sciences** building at the Wausau Northcentral Technical College Campus.

**5:00 pm - 5:45 pm** ..... **Registration**

**5:45 pm - 6:30 pm** ..... **Dinner**

**6:45 pm - 8:00 pm** ..... **Movie**

*Five Seasons: The Gardens of Piet Oudolf*

**Menu choices:** Option 1 - Prosciutto Wrapped Chicken Breast a la Florentine (gluten free)

Option 2 - Honey Mustard Crusted Boneless Pork Loin (gluten free)

Option 3 - Eggplant Parmesan

## SATURDAY, JAN 25 GARDEN CONFERENCE

**7:30 am - 8:30 am**      **Check-In/Registration, visit vendors, purchase raffle tickets**

**8:30 am - 8:45 am**      **Welcome & Introductions**

**8:45 am - 10:15 am**    **Keynote: Roy Diblik - Know Maintenance Gardening**

**10:15 pm - 10:45 am**   **Break, visit vendors, purchase raffle tickets**

**10:45 am - 12:00 pm**   **Breakout Session 1 (concurrent sessions)**

1 - Nate Bremer – Woody or Tree Peonies

2 - Noel Valdes – Intensive Food Production Using Open Raised Beds

3 - David Stephens – Flowering Shrubs for All Seasons

4 - Brian Hudelson – Top Ten Plant Diseases of 2019

5 - David Speth – Diversity of Conifers in Residential Landscape

**12:00 pm - 1:00 pm**      **Lunch, visit vendors, last chance to purchase raffle tickets**

**1:00 pm - 2:15 pm**      **Breakout Session 2 (concurrent sessions)**

1 - Nancy Laliberte – Exploring Nature Journaling (this session will last two blocks)

2 - Fawn Mueller – Floral Design Workshop (this session will last two blocks)

3 - Nate Bremer – Daylily Secrets, Daylilies for the Northern Gardener

4 - Jay Anderson – Getting Your Lawn Off Drugs

5 - Ben Futa – Brown is a Color Too

6 - Brian Hudelson – Growing Healthy Plants: Basics in Plant Disease Management

**2:15 pm - 2:45 pm**      **Break, visit vendors, raffle prize winners announced** (pick up prizes anytime before 4:30 pm)

**2:45 pm - 4:00 pm**      **Breakout Session 3 (concurrent sessions)**

1 - Nancy Laliberte – Exploring Nature Journaling (this session will last two blocks)

2 - Fawn Mueller – Floral Design Workshop (this session will last two blocks)

3 - Noel Valdes – Composting for Beginners (and Experts, too)

4 - Brad Schmicker – Exploring Flower Photography: From Garden to Still Life

5 - Linda Grilley – The Shade Garden Collaborative

An evening out  
featuring dinner  
and the movie

***Five Seasons:  
The Gardens  
of Piet Oudolf***

Piet Oudolf is a world-renowned Dutch garden and landscape designer who is at the forefront of the New Perennial movement. This garden design style uses a range of herbaceous perennials and grasses planted in drifts to invoke a naturalistic look. Over the course of his career, which spans over four decades, Piet has constructed dozens of private and corporate gardens and collaborated on public spaces throughout the world including New York's High Line Garden, Lurie Garden in Chicago and his private garden and test beds at Hummelo in his native Holland.

In *Five Seasons: The Gardens of Piet Oudolf*, we have a poignant and unprecedented glimpse into the 73-year-old designer's world and thoughts. We follow his creative process from his beautifully abstract sketches, to his theories on beauty, to the ecological implications of his ideas.

Piet Oudolf has radically redefined what gardens can be. As Rick Darke, the famous botanist, says to Piet in the film, "your work teaches us to see what we have been unable to see." Through poetic cinematography and unique access, FIVE SEASONS will reveal all that Piet sees and celebrate all that we as viewers have been unable to see. For gardeners everywhere, the film is a tantalizing 75 minutes in which to lose yourself in one man's vision and passion.

**Shortlisted by Screen Awards for the 2019  
Documentary Film Release of the Year!**



## SATURDAY KEYNOTE

### **ROY DIBLIK**

Roy is a noted Plantsman, designer, and owner of Northwind Perennial Farm, a nursery in Burlington, Wisconsin. He is best known as the plantsman behind Piet Oudolf's midwestern garden designs, including the Lurie Garden at Millennium Park in Chicago. Roy is author of "The Know Maintenance Perennial Garden," a simplified approach that promotes use of hardy, beautiful plants that are complementary and thrive together as a community. He believes that gardens should be thoughtful, ecologically directed, emotionally outreaching and yet very personal.

#### **Know Maintenance Gardening**

Roy will discuss the developing partnership between the gardener, the plants and nature, always knowing the beauty is in the doing.

# BREAKOUT SESSIONS

## BEN FUTA

Ben is passionate for connecting people to plants, and one another, through public gardens and garden design. His interest lies in designing mixed perennial gardens that embrace ecology as an essential component, harnessing the power of nature to create a more resilient, harmonious, and rewarding gardening experience. Ben is the Director of the Allen Centennial Garden at UW-Madison.

### BROWN IS A COLOR TOO

Late fall and early winter are not typically considered a time of excitement in the garden, yet there's still so much to see and experience. This presentation explores inspirational plant combinations and maintenance methods for enhancing a garden in November and beyond.

## BRAD SCHMICKER

Brad is a photography enthusiast, who began with a Brownie camera handed down from an older sister, but soon a birthday present upgraded his equipment to a Kodak Instamatic. He continued playing and exploring with SLR and DSLR cameras. As an elementary teacher, he taught camera skills and techniques to upper-grade students including creating stop-motion videos. Through many years of UW Continuing Education courses, Brad taught adults (and young people) how to use Photoshop to improve and enhance their personal photography experience.

### EXPLORING FLOWER PHOTOGRAPHY: FROM GARDEN TO STILL LIFE

In this workshop, participants will focus on composition, natural light and studio-style still life photography. Composition, often missed by novice photographers, can make or break a great photo. Outdoor natural lighting is key to a great image and we'll discuss inexpensive ways to help the sun. Does Wisconsin weather keep you indoors? Try using inexpensive studio booths and shoot your own still life. This workshop is designed for you to play, test, and have fun with macro photography. Bring your cameras, tripods and any personal item as a macro subject. Additional tripods, lights, booths and macro subjects (flowers) are provided.

**Class limit 24.**

## JAY ANDERSON

Jay has traveled North America since 2000, learning from some of the most prominent scientists to create his craft of providing beneficial microorganisms to plants and turf creating the correct soil balance and nutrient cycling for plants. By using these methods, Jay has created healthy gardens and turf for Olbrich Botanical and Allen Centennial Gardens in Madison and surrounding growers in the Dane County area.

### GETTING YOUR LAWN OFF DRUGS

Jay Anderson, owner of Bando Organics of Madison, has an extensive knowledge of creating healthy habitats for sustainable landscapes and organic lawn care. Jay will discuss what it takes to provide healthy systems to flourish without using harmful herbicides or overabundance of conventional fertilizer. Applications of synthetic fertilizers, although effective in greening up your grass, kill off most or all of the soil food web microbes. Jay will discuss the role of the soil food web in your lawn and how to take stock of the status of the food web in your yard.

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## BRIAN HUDELSON

Brian Hudelson, affectionately known as "Dr. Death," is the Director of the UW-Madison Plant Disease Diagnostics Clinic (PDDC). The PDDC provides expertise in diagnosing plant disease problems and information on plant diseases and their control to a wide range of clientele throughout the state of Wisconsin.

### GROWING HEALTHY PLANTS – BASICS IN PLANT DISEASE MANAGEMENT

Learn about common methods for disease control, their pros and cons, and how you can adapt these techniques for use in your own home garden.

### TOP 10 PLANT DISEASES OF 2019

Take a nostalgic trip back to the summer of 2019 to revisit and learn about your favorite plant diseases of the year. Learn tips on how to identify the diseases (and/or when to ask for help) and how to control them.



## DAVID SPETH

David is a member of the American Conifer Society and is currently serving as its Central Region's Director. He actively volunteers in local gardening projects promoting unique conifers. With his wife, Sherry, he has converted major parts of their yard into beds that incorporate and highlight the diversity of conifers. He is a graduate of UW-Madison in Civil & Environmental Engineering, and until retirement was Executive Vice President for a Midwest engineering company located in Sheboygan.

### DIVERSITY OF CONIFERS IN RESIDENTIAL LANDSCAPE

Conifers are often thought of in utilitarian roles such as in wind breaks or as Christmas trees. With the diversity of color, shape, size, and winter heartiness, conifers are becoming a basic landscape element that should be considered for residential and public gardens. This presentation features the diversity of conifers from the speaker's residential garden demonstrating the unique and special features of conifers that provide four seasons of interest in a Wisconsin landscape.

## DAVID STEPHENS

David is curator of Longenecker Horticultural Gardens, the living collection of woody plants, at the UW-Madison Arboretum. The Gardens, first established in 1935, contain Wisconsin's premiere collection of woody ornamental plants with approximately 4,000 specimens representing over 2,600 taxa. Prior to his current role, David spent 14 years working in the field of forest tree genetics with the UW-Madison Forest and Wildlife Ecology Department. David has a Bachelor's degree in Horticulture from Virginia Tech and a Master's degree in Horticulture from UW-Madison. When not at the Arboretum, he helps run a 130-acre certified organic farm near Baraboo with his wife Jane, producing specialty herbs, vegetables, grass-fed beef, pastured poultry and maple syrup.

### FLOWERING SHRUBS FOR ALL SEASONS—HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE UW-MADISON ARBORETUM'S LIVING COLLECTION

While often associated with spring, flowering shrubs can add color and interest throughout the growing season. David will highlight some of his favorite flowering shrubs hardy to USDA zone 4 from the UW-Madison Arboretum's extensive collection.

## FAWN MUELLER

Fawn is owner and floral artist behind Inspired by Nature, based in Wausau. Flowers are her artistic passion and she has been a florist since 2001. As a floral artist, she specializes in weddings and events including sympathy tributes and hands-on workshops. She is back this year as requested by so many of her floral workshop participants from Garden Visions 2019!

### FLORAL DESIGN WORKSHOP

In this session, attendees can create lovely floral compote centerpieces with fresh and seasonal flowers in our hands-on portion of the Inspired by Nature's presentation. We will cover how to buy and select fresh flowers, prolong cut flower longevity and work with wet foam. Presentation will include learning basic floral design skills.

**Note: The cost of the floral workshop is an additional \$30 (tax included). In addition to registering for Garden Visions 2020, attendees must sign up for the hands-on portion by going to [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com). Search for "Garden Visions Floral Workshop" to make your reservations and pay online. Registration will be open from December 1 to January 18 and is limited to 50 participants.**

Attendees are asked to bring their own floral cutters or paring knives as there will be limited cutters to use. Attendees are welcome to listen and watch the presentation without registering for the hands-on portion if they should choose. Inspired by Nature will provide all the ingredients and vessels needed as well as material to keep the flowers from freezing for transportation.



## NANCY LALIBERTE

Nancy was born and raised in western Wisconsin. Her love for art was apparent as a very young child after she snuck a crayon into her crib and created her first wall "mural" at the age of two. She studied graphic communications and journalism at UW-Oshkosh and graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. After working for over 20 years as an art director and designer in the advertising industry, she decided to replace the computer for an easel and pursue her love of painting. Nancy's artwork reflects her life-long love for the color and light found in nature, and in everyday scenes. Her sketchbook illustrations are included in the book, *A World of Artist's Journal Pages*, by Dawn DeVries Sokol. Nancy enjoys sketching and painting out on location and in her Wausau studio.

### EXPLORING NATURE JOURNALING

Expand and deepen your connection to nature's wonders, and grow in your creative abilities with simple, yet fun, sketching and journaling techniques. No art experience is necessary, just a willingness to engage your hands, eyes, mind and heart. Nancy will assist participants in creating a gardening journal that is very unique and personal. **Class size is limited to 25** and includes a sketchbook for you to keep.

**Note: The cost of the exploring nature journaling workshop is an additional \$30 (tax included)**

# BREAKOUT SESSIONS

## **NATE BREMER**

Nate is a Wisconsin hybridizer, plantsman, retired teacher and lecturer specializing in northern hardy Paeonia (peony) and Hemerocallis (daylily) and Liliium (true lilies). He is an active member and Vice President of the American Peony Society. Nate is the proprietor of Solaris Farms, a family-run perennial nursery and hybridizing operation. A passionate gardener with a fascination for plant genetics, he has a special interest in hybridizing and promoting perennials with proven performance for the growing conditions of the upper Midwest.

### **WOODY OR TREE PEONIES**

Tree Peonies, more accurately “shrub peonies or woody peonies,” are among the finest flowering plants available to gardeners today and may easily be grown in most of the northern tier of the United States. The plants possess flowers that appear to be from “another world” and colors range from white to lavender, red to yellow and every other, except true blue. Nate will dispel some myths about growing these tremendously worthy plants and look at the wide range of varieties and forms available to the gardener today. Getting to know this plant intimately will allow anyone to grow this plant successfully.

### **DAYLILY SECRETS, DAYLILIES FOR THE NORTHERN GARDENER**

Daylilies can be hardy, tender, gorgeous, easy to grow, temperamental growers, heavy bloomers, short time bloomers, tall, short, expensive, inexpensive, long lived, short lived, large flowered, small flowered, oddly shaped, star shaped, round, ruffled, sculpted and the list could go on and on. Perhaps no other plant has been so heavily hybridized to attain such a variety of flower and plant characteristics. One thing that daylilies will do is capture your imagination and perhaps your entire garden if you get hooked. Join Nate in an overview of this wonderful group of summer blooming plants.

## **NOEL VALDES**

Noel is a home gardener and the owner of CobraHead LLC, Cambridge, Wisconsin. CobraHead produces garden hand tools of Noel's design. Noel has been perfecting open raised bed vegetable growing for over 30 years. He believes that a return to small scale food production is essential for the health of the planet.

### **INTENSIVE FOOD PRODUCTION USING OPEN RAISED BEDS**

Open raised bed gardens offer advantages to both the beginning and veteran gardener interested in maximizing food production while using the least amount of outside material inputs. Unlike the trendy containerized raised beds, open beds use few external material inputs and can be a good choice when soil conditions permit and maximum food output is desired. The technique includes spacing of plants in blocks rather than rows. As plants mature, they form a green canopy that suppresses weed growth below the leaf cover. Production is greatly increased using this method. Noel will describe techniques and inputs that make this approach successful for the backyard gardener, providing the basis for a truly sustainable gardening system.

### **COMPOSTING FOR BEGINNERS (AND EXPERTS, TOO)**

Composting is essential for any gardener who expects to approach sustainability in their growing endeavors. Properly made and used, it also produces the healthiest plants. The use of outside inputs for growing, synthetic fertilizers particularly, have detrimental effects on soil health, whether used in large-scale agriculture or a small home garden. Noel will cover easy ways to start composting and show that one can have a large, healthy and productive garden with no fertilizer inputs other than home-made compost. Making compost is actually very easy. And other than the labor involved, compost is free.

## **LINDA GRILLEY**

Linda has been a Master Gardener since 2009 and has worked extensively with Monk Botanical Gardens as a two-term president from 2010 to 2017. During that time the Gardens built the Tree House, developed the initial phase of the Meditation Garden and completed the Kitchen Garden and Potager building. Additionally, she has been instrumental in developing and managing development of the Shade Garden, a collaborative effort between the North Central Wisconsin Master Gardeners Association and the Monk Botanical Garden

### **THE SHADE GARDEN COLLABORATIVE, CREATING A HOSTA DEMONSTRATION GARDEN AT THE MONK BOTANICAL GARDENS**

Linda will be discussing the progress made during the past two years on garden design, site preparation, and requirements needed to obtain designation as a Hosta Display Garden by the National Hosta Association. She will also discuss the collaborative work being done between the North Central Wisconsin Master Gardeners Association and the Monk Botanical Gardens.

# DIRECTIONS

## NORTHCENTRAL TECHNICAL COLLEGE

1000 W Campus Drive, Wausau, WI

### Traveling south on Hwy I-39/51:

Take Exit 194 toward NTC. Keep straight to take ramp to NTC. Keep left at the fork in the ramp. Enter roundabout and take 3rd Exit on to Business 51. Pass through 1 roundabout continuing on Business 51. Turn LEFT at light and turn RIGHT into NTC entrance.

### Traveling north on Hwy I-39/51:

Take Exit 194B. Turn RIGHT on Business 51. Take next immediate LEFT at traffic light. Go ½ block to next light and turn RIGHT into NTC entrance.

### From the east or west on Hwy 29:

Take the exit for I-39/51 North. Once on I-39/51 North, follow the previous directions.

### From the east on Hwy 52:

Take Hwy 52 E to North 5th Street, turn left onto North 5th Street, then turn right onto Central Bridge Street, then turn right onto North 1st Ave. to W Campus Drive, turn RIGHT on Campus Dr. to NTC.

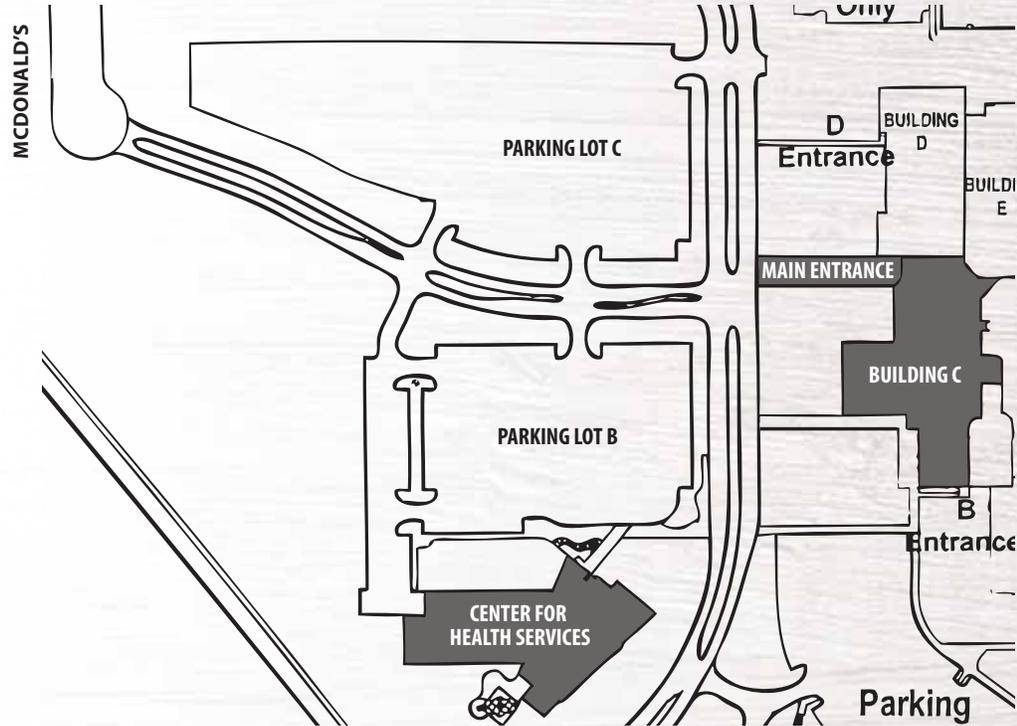
**Parking:** The west main parking lots B and C are recommended.

In case of inclement weather call 715-348-7602.



## FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER AND MOVIE LOCATION

Garden Visions 2020 dinner and a movie will be held in the Center for Health Sciences building at Northcentral Technical College.



The North Central Wisconsin Master Gardeners Association would like to extend a

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## RAFFLE AND VENDORS

Don't forget to stop by our vendor booths and look at their many products available for purchase. And if you're feeling lucky, purchase raffle tickets to win any of the wonderful prizes on display. Our generous sponsors and donors help make our event possible. See a complete list of raffle prize donors in your registration folder.

# REGISTRATION

- Friday night dinner and movie cost: \$25.00 per person (advance registration is required)
- Saturday Event cost: \$57 includes lunch, or \$25 half day excludes lunch
- Registration must be postmarked or submitted online by January 18, 2020.
- Saturday registration is available at the door: \$50 for all day, \$25 for half day. No lunch will be available for at-the-door registration and session choices may be limited.
- Seating is limited so register early.
- Confirmations will be provided by email (PRINT CLEARLY), or send self-addressed stamped envelope with registration.
- If you register and are unable to attend, you may send someone else in your place.
- See website at [www.gardenvisions.info](http://www.gardenvisions.info)

## Are you over 62?

Take advantage of our senior discount! Only \$37 for the entire day includes lunch. (Must register online to receive discount.) You may also choose to pay full price and help support North Central Wisconsin Master Gardeners.

### PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

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

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Register online at [www.ntc.edu/gardenvisions](http://www.ntc.edu/gardenvisions) starting December 2, 2019

To register for the **SATURDAY MORNING** program, which includes the **keynote speaker**, indicate 1st and 2nd choices with numbers 1 and 2.

#### BREAKOUT SESSION 1

- \_\_\_\_\_ Nate Bremer – Woody or Tree Peonies
- \_\_\_\_\_ Noel Valdes – Intensive Food Production Using Open Raised Beds
- \_\_\_\_\_ David Stephens – Flowering Shrubs for All Seasons
- \_\_\_\_\_ Brian Hudelson – Top Ten Plant Diseases of 2019
- \_\_\_\_\_ David Speth – Diversity of Conifers in Residential Landscape

To register for the **SATURDAY AFTERNOON** program, indicate 1st and 2nd choices with numbers 1 and 2.

#### BREAKOUT SESSION 2

- \_\_\_\_\_ Nancy Laliberte – Exploring Nature Journaling (this session will last two blocks)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fawn Mueller – Floral Design Workshop (this session will last two blocks)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Nate Bremer – Daylily Secrets, Daylilies for the Northern Gardener
- \_\_\_\_\_ Jay Anderson – Getting Your Lawn Off Drugs
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- \_\_\_\_\_ Brian Hudelson – Growing Healthy Plants: Basics in Plant Disease Management

#### BREAKOUT SESSION 3

- \_\_\_\_\_ Nancy Laliberte – Exploring Nature Journaling (this session will last two blocks)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fawn Mueller – Floral Design Workshop (this session will last two blocks)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Noel Valdes – Composting for Beginners (and Experts, too)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Brad Schmicker – Exploring Flower Photography: From Garden to Still Life
- \_\_\_\_\_ Linda Grilley – The Shade Garden Collaborative

Fee for Friday night dinner and movie: (\$25.00 per person) ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Select choice:  Prosciutto Wrapped Chicken Breast a la Florentine  Honey Mustard Crusted Boneless Pork Loin  
 Eggplant Parmesan

Fee for Saturday: \$57 (non senior) all day, includes lunch..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$37 (senior 62+) all day, includes lunch ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$25 half day, excludes lunch ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$30 fee for Exploring Nature Journaling Workshop ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday lunch will be a deli platter featuring roast beef, ham and turkey with assorted breads and cheeses, lettuce and tomatoes along with seasonal pasta salad, fresh fruit, and cookies.

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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