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Dow Gardens Know & Grow Seminar

Saturday, February 21, 2015



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Dow Gardens Know & Grow Seminar

Make plans to attend the Dow Gardens Know & Grow seminar. You'll hear from top-notch speakers right here in mid-Michigan and spend a winter day dreaming of spring.

SPEAKERS:

Roy Diblik



Noted plantsman and designer Roy Diblik has spent more than 30 years studying, growing, and enjoying plants. His passion for native plants and other perennials began with his work at the Natural Garden Nursery in St. Charles, Illinois, and has been cultivated through his establishment of Northwind Perennial Farm, a nursery in Burlington, Wisconsin. Roy is best known as the plantsman behind Piet Oudolf's midwestern garden designs, including the Lurie Garden at Millennium Park in Chicago. He is the author of the book [The Know Maintenance Perennial Garden](#).

Niki Jabbour



Niki Jabbour is the author of the best-selling and award-winning book, *The Year Round Vegetable Gardener* (2012 Book Award American Horticulture Society) and *Groundbreaking Food Gardens* (March, 2014). She is a food gardener who lives in zone 5B in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. She writes extensively for newspapers and magazines, including *Fine Gardening*, *Garden Making*, *Birds and Blooms*, *The Heirloom Gardener*, and *Horticulture*, where she maintains a regular column. She also hosts *The Weekend Gardener*, a radio show that celebrates 9 years in 2015, and airs live across Eastern Canada as well as online.

George Bird



Dr. Bird is a Professor in the Dept. of Entomology at M.S.U. He spent much of his childhood on a poultry/dairy farm in Vermont and his teen years in the apple raising community of Granville, Massachusetts. George received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from Rutgers University and his Ph.D. from Cornell University. Dr. Bird is a recipient of the MSU Distinguished Faculty Award. He served as National Director of the USDA Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program and on the Board of Directors of the Rodale Institute and the Michigan Organic Food and Farm Alliance. George has expertise in the areas of nematology, soil health biology and sustainable-equitable development.

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Presentation Topics:

Roy Diblik

“Creating Your Perennial Plant Community: The Know Maintenance Approach”

In his first session Roy Diblik will share the thought process about developing plant communities and later in the day he will present about knowing and selecting the plants and maintenance processes. In his presentations Diblik will discuss how to plant a gorgeous perennial garden using a simplified approach made up of hardy, beautiful plants grown in a grid-like design. Diblik’s work consistently reflects his belief that gardens should be thoughtful, ecologically directed, emotionally engaging and very personal.



George Bird

“Living Soil: How it Works” The objective of Professor Bird’s presentation is to: 1) provide master gardeners and homeowners with information necessary to understand the nature of organisms that live in soil, 2) describe how these organisms interact with each other to transport and transform the nutrients necessary for growth and development of healthy plants and 3) present information on soil management practices designed for maintenance of healthy soil or restoration of degraded soil systems. The presentation will include a lively video showing living soil-borne organisms interacting with each other in soil.

Niki Jabbour

“Year-Round Vegetable Gardening” This session will spotlight the diversity of crops and the techniques of a year round vegetable garden. Niki will detail some of her favorite cold season superstars like Asian greens, arugula, mache, kale and carrots, which have transformed her northern garden into a year round food factory! She will also share her top season extenders, such as deep mulching, cold frames, mini hoop tunnels and row covers. If you want to learn how to extend your season and harvest out of the traditional gardening season, you won't want to miss this session!



Know & Grow Seminar at a Glance:

Date:

Saturday, February 21, 2015

Time:

Registration will begin at 8:15 a.m.
The program will begin at 9:00 a.m.
and conclude at 3:30 p.m. Lunch is included.

Location:

Bullock Creek High School
1420 Badour Rd. Midland, MI 48640

Shop the Master Gardener Marketplace!

The Midland Master Gardeners will again host an array of vendors from across the state to create a one-of-a-kind gardening marketplace. There will be many items to tempt Gardeners! Get ready to shop!



Know & Grow Registration

The early registration fee is \$60.00.

Registration after February 6, 2015 is \$75.00.

Full refunds will be made if cancellation is received by Friday, February 13, 2015. We’re sorry, cancellations after February 13 will not be reimbursed, but may be transferred to another person.

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