



MICHIGAN STATE
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PLANT QUEST 2023

JOIN US ON THIS QUEST FOR AMAZING PLANTS FOR MIDWEST GARDENERS!

COST for the entire 4-part series
\$40 early registration until Jan. 8th
\$50 from Jan. 9th – Jan. 29th

Join nationally known experts to explore a vast selection of woodland garden plants, new and exciting vegetables, alternatives to turf and colorful show-stopping plants that will pack a punch in your garden!

Can't attend all live webinars? Register and pay for the 4-part series and the recordings will be available for you to view when you choose. This series is easy to access when it is most CONVENIENT for you! And the ZOOM platform is user-friendly.

**This interactive 4-part virtual series will be presented
VIA ZOOM**

(instructions and a meeting link will be sent to registrants the day prior to each session)

Technology Requirements: Below are recommendation for the optimal interactive online learning experience:

- * Computer, laptop or tablet with the latest version of your browser
- * Reliable, internet connection - broadband wired or wireless (3G or 4G/LTE)
- * Webcam or HD webcam - built-in or USP plug-in
- * Speakers and a microphone - built-in or USB plug-in

Re-certified MSU Extension Master Gardener and Trainee attendees will earn 1.25 continuing education hour for each session attended or viewed via recording.

TIME /Sessions: All sessions Mondays, 6 – 7:15 p.m. ET

January 9, 2023 – “Woodland Treasures for Shady Gardens”

Presenter: Tony Reznicek, Curator (retired) University of Michigan Herbarium

Much of Michigan was covered by the great deciduous forests of eastern North America, and gardening in the shade is common in Michigan yards. Many eastern North American deciduous forest understory species are familiar to gardeners and adapt well to our gardens. However, great sweeps of deciduous forests occur in two other places in the world. Deciduous trees dominate large parts of Europe (extending slightly in an attenuated form into adjacent western

Asia), and the great center for forest diversity worldwide is temperate eastern Asia, centered on China, Korea and Japan. Both these areas, and especially China and Japan, offer unique elements for woodland gardens, including species that bloom exceptionally early (important after a Michigan Winter!) and species that offer color in the summer and fall, when our forests are typically devoid of flowers. Join Tony Reznicek, Curator (retired) of the University of Michigan's Herbarium in a look at the best woodland plants for gardens from Michigan and eastern North America and look at species from elsewhere in the world that bring additional interest and value to the woodland garden.

Jan. 16, 2023 – "The Wild World of Vegetables—How an Idea Ends up on Your Dinner Plate!"

Presenter: Isabel Branstrom -Product Development Manager, Vegetables, Pan American Seed

Vegetable variety selection is making gardening easier with each new introduction. Cultivars that fit in every nook and cranny of your garden or can withstand pestilence that no one can predict, are worth hunting for—not to mention appearance, shelf life and size. For instance, in tomatoes—is black the new red? Are peppers sweeter, hotter, milder and cuter than ever before? Join Horticulturist Isabel Branstrom, Product Development Manager from Pan American Seed in a vigorous journey through the lens of a plant geek!

January 23, 2023 – "Color in the Garden- Dazzling Annuals, Perennials and Show-stopping Shrubs"

Presenter: Steve Foltz, Director of Horticulture Cincinnati Zoo and Botanic Gardens

The Cincinnati Zoo and Botanic Gardens greets guests each season with a colorful guest experience that ranks among the top for area attractions. The seasonal bulb and annual displays alone showcase exquisite incorporation of textures, colors and pizzazz. Join Cincinnati Zoo and Botanic Gardens Director of Horticulture, Steve Foltz in a look at how they cultivate audiences with a review of stellar plants that pack a punch!

January 30, 2023 – "From Lawns to Riches"

Presenter: Jeff Epping, Director of Horticulture, Olbrich Botanical Gardens, Madison Wisconsin "

Over the course of five years or so, we have come to learn that gardens need to do more than just look pretty. Experts like Doug Tallamy and many others have shown us how important our gardens are to the health of insects, birds and all the other wonderful creatures that could inhabit our gardens. So... how do we do that? By changing our gardens a little each year, beginning with replacing something we all have way too much of – LAWN!. Lawns are by far the most environmentally UNFRIENDLY component of our gardens, sucking up a multitude of resources and space that could be occupied with life-giving native plants – something almost all gardens need more of. Horticulturist, Jeff Epping, has made a career of creating beautiful gardens that are as good for people as they are for the environment. He will show you a multitude of great plants and innovative designs from Olbrich and elsewhere to chip away at that lawn and create an eco-friendlier garden.

Registration deadline: January 29, 2023. Register for the series any time before that date. If you register and cannot attend or have missed a live webinar, you will receive the recording of all the sessions. **Recordings will be open until June 1, 2023**

Register at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/PlantQuest2023/>

Payment by Credit Card only please (Debit cards requiring a PIN are not accepted) via this secure MSU payment site to expedite your reservation. To ensure your transaction is processed, please enter your personal information exactly as shown on the credit card and *do not* include dashes or spaces when entering your credit card number. You will receive confirmation of transaction approval upon completion of the payment process. Your registration is not reserved until your balance is paid in full.

Note: A number of partial scholarships are available. Please let us know if you are interested in being considered.

Refund Policy - for the Plant Quest series

- A full refund, less a \$10 processing fee, will be issued for any registration cancelled up to 7 days before the first session on Jan. 9th.
- No refund will be issued for any registration cancelled within 7 days of Jan. 9th.
- No refund will be issued for any registration cancelled after Jan. 9th.