

Wedel's Spring Expo 2017 Seminar List

Seminars are all about 45 minutes long followed by a 15-minute Q&A time.

Attend as many as you like for just \$5 per day.

To reserve your seat, sign up with our cashier by calling 269-345-1195.

Friday, March 24

9:00 **Woodpeckers of Southwest Michigan** Who are these beautiful birds who live near me and how do I encourage them to stay? *Roger Taylor, Birdwatch Radio Program Host*

9:15 **Smart Gardening: Time and Energy Saving Tips** How to make your gardening experience easier, more enjoyable, & more rewarding. This covers equipment, plant selection, site selection, etc. *Rosemary Kuivenhoven, MI Certified Green Industry Pro*

10:15 **Iris – the Rainbow Flower** An introduction to the Iris world with tips on planting and growing. *Steve Smith, Southwest Michigan Iris Society*

10:30 **Good Things a Healthy Lawn Does for the Environment** Here's how to have a lawn that not only creates enough oxygen daily for a family but will greatly increase your property's value too! *Joe Foss, Scotts rep.*

11:30 **Putting Herbs to Work!** Learn how to use and enjoy healthy herbs in herbal syrups, easy homemade salad dressings, herbal mustards and much more, with samples at the end of the program! *Connie Hanson, Michigan Herb Associates*

11:45 **They're All the Rage: Succulents & Cacti** Learn about these easy-care plants, their lighting needs and how to add beauty to your indoor landscape. *Bonnie Wedel & Rachel Blodgett, Wedel's Houseplant Experts*

12:45 **Why are My Evergreens Turning Brown and Shedding?** We'll cover how to identify and manage the major insect and disease issues that affect pine, spruce, fir and other conifers in Michigan's landscapes. *Jill O'Donnell, MSU Sr. Extension Educator*

1:00 **Flowers on the Up and Up** Using vines to create vertical beauty in your landscape (Great for narrow spaces too!) *Rosemary Kuivenhoven, MI Certified Green Industry Pro*

2:00 **Dazzling Daylilies: Perennial Pleasures** Using modern daylilies in a perennial flower bed, both as a foundation of design and as accent plants for that needed pop of color. *Dr. Gus Guzinski, Kalamazoo Area Daylily Society*

2:15 **Starting Seeds Successfully** Want to enjoy earlier flowers and vegetables from your gardens? Starting seed indoors is easier than you think. Learn when to plant, lighting needs, which soil medium to use & more. *Caleb Whitfield, Wedel's Garden Expert*

3:15 **The Wildlife Party in Your Back Yard** Making a place for wildlife to be comfortable enough to visit on a regular basis with shelter, food & water. *Bill Stovall, Stovall Feeders & Houses*

3:30 **Success with Backyard Strawberries and Raspberries** How-to tips for successfully growing strawberries and raspberries at home. *Diane Brown, Extension Educator, MSUE*

4:30 **Worm Castings** Two million hard working worms, what they DOO for You and Your Soil *Jeremie Morgan, Dairy Doo Co-Owner*

4:45 **All Natural Microbes for Building a Healthy World and a Healthy You!** Learn how these tiny workhorses increase your yield and build a better ecosystem in your back yard. *Denny Zelek, Myke rep.*

5:45 **Pruning for More Fruiting; When, Why and How** Learn tips and tricks about pruning and training fruit trees and fruiting bushes, vines & plants. *Jason Buller, MI Certified Green Industry Pro*

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6:00 **Why Would I Want to Grow Heirlooms?** These vegetables have bright flavors, are rich in nutrition, and have a fascinating history. *Gary Miller, MI Certified Green Industry Pro*

7:15 **Today's Organics and Why They Work Better Than Ever Before** Learn what fertilizers are, why they're important and why there are different in the eyes of your plant. *Jim Voytus, Espoma Organics*

7:15 **The Best "No Fuss" Plants for your Garden** Do you have a spot with poor soil, persistent deer and rabbits, lots of shade or other issues? Learn about the best no-fuss Proven Winners plants that help you turn your problem area into a wow area! *Jessica DeGraaf, Proven Winners rep.*

Saturday, March 25

9:00 **Straw Bale Gardens** Raised bed gardening with strings attached. *Gary Miller, MI Certified Green Industry Pro*

9:15 **The Power of Native Plants** How to select plants for your landscape that were meant to grow in our area. *Rosemary Kuivenhoven, MI Certified Green Industry Pro*

10:15 **Make Your Landscape a No Mole Zone** Here's how to get rid of moles in lawns & gardens. *Repellex rep.*

10:30 **Who Uses Nest Boxes and Where do I Place Them?** Learn who's the most likely to take up residence in our region and how you can provide essential nest boxes for them. *Roger Taylor, Birdwatch Radio Program Host*

11:30 **Grow Your Own Fresh and Flavorful Veggies, Herbs & Berries** Learn how easy it is to grow organic and healthy foods in colorful containers that fit any location and any lifestyle. *Carol Bale, local Master Gardener, horticultural writer, and speaker.*

11:45 **Don't Let Your Oak Wilt** Oak Wilt is becoming a serious problem in Michigan. Learn about Oak Wilt, how to prevent this lethal disease and how to manage it when encountered. *Dr. David Roberts, MSU's Tree Doctor*

12:45 **Soil Health from a Earthworm's Perspective** Increase the organic matter in your soil with the living, the dead, and the very dead organic matter. *Christina Curell, MSU Nutrient Management and Water Quality Educator*

1:00 **The gardens of Down Under** Picture tour of exotic gardens in New Zealand, Australia, and the Island of Fiji in the semi-tropical to temperate zones conditions of their spring (Autumn here). *Dave & Carole Coffman, Bronze Master Gardeners, Purdue University Extension Service*

2:00 **Ten Common Tree Problems** Michigan's trees are afflicted by a variety of maladies. This program will cover some of the more common ones ranging from the newly introduced Trellis Rust on Ornamental Pear to Tar Spot on Maple, including such factors as herbicide toxicity, pest problems and misdiagnosis of these maladies. *Dr. David Roberts, MSU's Tree Doctor*

2:15 **Not All Manures & Composts are Created Equal** Different manures and composts have varying nutrient values – use the best natural fertilizers for your gardens. *Christina Curell, MSU Nutrient Management and Water Quality Educator*

3:15 **To Prune or Not to Prune – That is the Question!** When and how to prune hydrangeas, flowering shrubs and other landscape favorites. *Jason Buller, Wedel's CGIP*

3:30 **Creating Interest in Your Shade Garden** Plants that you can grow successfully to energize and create interest in your shade garden that include varied heights, colors, textures, and leaf sizes. *Dave & Carole Coffman, Bronze Master Gardeners, Purdue University Extension Service*