

Wedel's 2018 Spring Expo Seminar List

Friday, March 23

9:00 **Mole, Deer & Critter Control** An ounce of prevention will save you lots of irritation! Here are the best ways to control & prevent these pests in your lawn & landscape. *Vicki Rocheleau & Brian Burge, the Critter Getters*

9:15 **Amazing Bird Nests** Learn how to bring the exciting sights and sounds of birds nesting, breeding and raising their young into your yard. *Roger Taylor, Birdwatch radio program host*

10:15 **Helping Pollinators is as Easy as Planting These Perennials** Asters & sedum & salvia – oh my! There are dozens of pollinator-attracting beauties. *Josh Roggenbuck, Walters Gardens Perennials*

10:30 **Morel Mushroom Hunting: When, Where, How** Here's how to find, pick, and enjoy Morel mushrooms when they emerge in Michigan this spring! *Vic Eichler, Morel Mushrooms in Michigan Author*

11:30 **Home-Grown Bouquets** How to grow flowers from seeding to cutting for beautiful arrangements including snapdragons, dahlias, zinnias, cosmos and more. *Caleb Whitfield, Flower Farmer*

11:45 **Growing Blueberries, Raspberries & Strawberries 101** Learn the basics on growing these tasty, healthy fruits including tips on feeding, pruning, and harvesting. *Kay Wedel Landrum, Wedel's Fruiting Plants Manager*

12:45 **Invasive Species: What We Need to Know to Control** Join us for a discussion about invasive species and control methods. Bring your questions about non-native and native problem plants including: Japanese knotweed, Phragmites, Garlic Mustard, etc. *Beth Clawson, MSU Extension Educator*

1:00 **Container Gardening** Learn how to beautify small spaces and grow delicious edibles with container gardening. *Pamela Stafford-Prihoda, Burpee Regional Merchandiser*

2:00 **Rhododendrons; a New Old Favorite** Which varieties you'll want to add to your landscape for luscious blooms and the tips you need for their easy care. *Rosemary Kuivenhoven, Wedel's Certified Green Industry Pro*

2:15 **Gardening in the Shade** Shady places can be challenging but they don't have to be frustrating. With the use of perennials, flowering annuals, groundcovers and plants with lovely foliage and textures, you too can enjoy your shady location! *Kay Wedel Landrum, Wedel's Annuals & Perennials Manager*

3:15 **Make Your Landscape Rock!** Is your landscape missing something? Add stone to your landscape for focal points, ground cover, borders, pathways, more. *Gary Miller, Certified Green Industry Pro*

3:30 **Traveling the World with Flowers** Through my unique experiences, find yourself wrapped up in a passport to flower design from the beautiful to the outlandish at farms and shops around the world in this power point presentation. *Ann Heohle, Expert Floral Designer*

4:45 **Daylilies in Garden Design** See photos of gardens in various seasons based on daylilies: gardens in which daylilies are used for a spot of vivid color or as a backdrop to other flowers. *Dr. Gus Guzinski, Kalamazoo Area Daylily Society*

5:45 **Lessons Learned from Container and Garden Grown Vegetables** Here's what not to do when growing vegetables for the first time in order to have a successful harvest. Uplifting, tried and true tales.... *Carol Bale, Master Gardener, Garden Writer & Speaker*

6:00 **Cultivating Success From Your Garden Soils** Developing healthy soils is key to the success of any vegetable garden. Discover ways to evaluate and improve your soil health, create a more sustainable system and get some new

tools for your soil health ‘tool kit’. *Dean Baas, PhD, Educator - Sustainable Agriculture, Michigan State University Extension*

7:00 **DIY Landscape Improvement Ideas** You’ll go away from this Power Point with ideas for small landscape touches to ultimate landscape make-overs. *Andrew Wedel, Certified Green Industry Pro & Mary Eckhardt, Licensed Landscape Architect*

7:15 **Michigan Native Plants** Should I include these plants in my sustainable habitat? *Gary Miller, Certified Green Industry Pro*

Saturday, March 24

9:00 **Bushels of Blooms on Hydrangeas are Easier than Ever!** Today’s hydrangeas are a huge improvement from Grandma’s! These are the “must-have” varieties you need, as well as pruning & feeding tips for the most color. *Gary Miller, Certified Green Industry Pro*

9:15 **Growing and Using Herbs** Herbs are healthy and easy to grow. Take home some ideas of how to use fresh herbs, some recipes and do a taste test at this talk. *Rachel Blodgett, Wedel’s Herb Enthusiast*

10:15 **Refresh Your Garden with New and Improved Shrubs** Use the newest varieties of Proven Winners ColorChoice Flowering Shrubs to ramp up your garden and fill it with amazing texture and color. *Morgan Temple, Regional Specialist for Woody Ornamentals*

10:30 **Successful Seed Starting** How to start flower & vegetable seed indoors, avoiding transplant shock, which seeds to direct sow and other need-to-know seeding information. *Caleb Whitfield, Gardening Enthusiast*

11:30 **Expand Your Perennial Gardens with These New Beauties** See new perennials that are easy to add & easy to care for. *Barbara Balgoyen, Walters Gardens Perennials*

11:45 **Multiple Possibilities with Container Grown Vegetables** Learn from first-hand experience the importance of seed/transplant selection, correct soil and plant care to successfully grow vegetables in containers. *Carol Bale, Master Gardener, Garden Writer & Speaker*

12:45 **Fruit Insects & Diseases Gardeners Should Be Aware of and How to Control Them** Review of the most important insect and disease pests in tree fruit such as apples, cherries and peaches as well as backyard fruits such as blueberries, raspberries and strawberries. *Mark Longstroth, Extension Fruit Educator*

1:00 **Iris; the Rainbow Flower** An introduction to the world of iris with tips on growing and planting. *Steve Smith, SW Michigan Iris Society*

2:00 **Ooh-La-La Orchids** Enjoy orchids in your home or office; they’re easier than you think! Here’s the best lighting, food, way to repot and more. *Mary Anne Stora-Jansen, Wedel’s Orchid Expert*

2:15 **Michigan’s Major Tree Maladies for 2018** Learn some of the current insect & disease issues to watch out for as well as the best trees to replace Ash & Elms that have been affected. *Dr. David Roberts, MSU Plant Pathologist*

3:15 **Planning Your Backyard Garden** Growing your own food has many health benefits. This talk will help you figure out what and how much to plant, succession planting, and more. *Rosemary Kuivenhoven, Certified Green Industry Pro*

3:30 **Creative DIY Ideas Using Succulents** Get designer ideas you can easily use in your home. *Rachel Blodgett, Wedel’s Succulent Expert*