



Growing Great Gardens

The Taylor Conservatory Foundation and Taylor Garden Club,
in partnership with Wayne County Community College District

January 25, 2014

Dear Gardening Friend:

It's that time again! Join us for our 6th Annual **Growing Great Gardens**, Saturday, March 15, 8 - 4 p.m. at the Wayne County Community College District, Downriver Campus, 21000 Northline Road in Taylor. We are offering a full day of gardening fun (5 Master Gardener Education hours) with a new format this year. This allows more time to learn, more time to enjoy four wonderful presentations, more time to relax, shop and...no need to climb stairs searching for your classrooms!

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Dr. Laura Deeter is our morning keynote, with **Hortus Mustus: Plants You Just GOTTA Have!**, a play on words we can all relate to. Who hasn't looked at a beautiful plant and said "just one more" or "Oh...I need that!" Dr. Deeter will discuss the finest new plants on the scene today, along with some oldies but goodies that are underused in the landscape. Her afternoon session is **Getting to "Know" Maintenance: Tips and Tricks to Make Perennials Work for You**. A plethora of information on how to get perennials to perform at their best, without breaking our backs, knees and pocketbook.

Rebecca Titus, CSA Farm Manager of Titus Farms, will present **Vegetables Of A Different Color**, sharing her creative perspective on vegetables and the wonderful varieties that can be grown in your veggie garden, incorporated into your landscape, and used as decorative accents both indoors and outside.

We'll close the day with a real treat from **Jack Barnwell, founder of Barnwell Landscape & Garden**. He'll present the fascinating challenges and rewards of creating his signature look to many gardens on Mackinac Island, using only horse, pedal and people power, along with plant lists to recreate some of the beautiful gardens he's designed. He'll also give us the low-down on the 2nd Annual **Grand Garden Show**, giveaway some Proven Winner plants and shrubs for door prizes, and have copies of his new book *The Gardens of Mackinac Island* for sale, too.

All this for just \$35. (\$45 after February 21) This outstanding value includes four exciting presentations, shopping in the Garden Marketplace, a tasty GMO-free box lunch, live music and a chance to win many beautiful door prizes. *In addition to our regular raffle, we are offering a special chance to win a trip for two to the [2nd Annual Grand Garden Show](#), on Mackinac Island in August.*

Pre-registration is *required*, so sign up for the early-bird rate until February 21. You can register online, by mail or by phone. Details are on your enclosed registration form. Forms are also available online at www.taylorconservatory.org, or www.taylorgardenclub.com

See you at GGG!

Patty Donahue and Ken Hughes, co-chairs, and the GGG committee

PS. Proceeds of this event are used to further horticulture education and garden development in our community. Thank you for your support!



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Program Schedule

8:00-9:00 a.m. Registration and Marketplace (Coffee, tea, pastries from Tim Horton)

9:00-10:30 a.m. Welcome and Opening Keynote, Dr. Laura Deeter, OSU Associate Professor

Hortus Mustus: Plants You GOTTA Have! Dr. Deeter will discuss the many new plant introductions, and some old friends just waiting to be rediscovered. Be prepared to need to make your garden bigger this coming spring as you make new plant friends, some brand new to the market, others have been waiting patiently. Trees, shrubs, annuals and perennials, you will want them ALL. Dr. Deeter is a nationally known award-winning teacher, speaker and certified “plant-geek”. She received her PhD from The Ohio State University, where she is currently an Associate Professor of Horticulture. She is the beneficiary of the ATI Distinguished Teaching Award (2005 and again in 2013) and the OSU Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching, as well as awards from *the Perennial Plant Association*, *American Horticulture Society*, and *the Perennial Plant Association Service Award*.

10:30-10:45 a.m. Break and Shopping

10:45-11:45 a.m. Rebecca Titus, CSA Farm Manager, Titus Farms

Vegetables of a Different Color. Rebecca is part of a successful family farm in Leslie, MI that has used organic practices since the 1980’s. She currently oversees much of the day-to-day operation of the farm, continuing the family tradition in a sustainable manner through their CSA program, Farmer’s Market sales and partnerships with local growers. Rebecca will introduce us to many new and colorful varieties of vegetables that can be grown locally, and share her creative perspective on the many ways to appreciate plants that can be grown in your veggie garden, incorporated into your landscape, and used as decorative accents both indoors and out.

11:45 -1:00 p.m. Lunch (provided by Erie Bread Co), Music w/ Mary Boonenberg, Garden Marketplace

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Dr. Laura Deeter

Getting to “Know” Maintenance. Perennials are our ‘babies’. Yet as they grow up, they often behave in inappropriate ways, becoming bullies, thugs, or simply lazy. As gardeners, we break our backs, knees and bankbook for our babies and we want them to perform their best throughout their lives. But we (and our clients) are also busy and can’t spend every waking moment catering to every whim and desire. Get to “know” maintenance with a tips and tricks to make your perennials work for you!

2:00 - 2:15 p.m. Break and Shopping

2:15 - 3:45 p.m. Closing Keynote, Jack Barnwell, Barnwell Landscape & Garden, Inc.

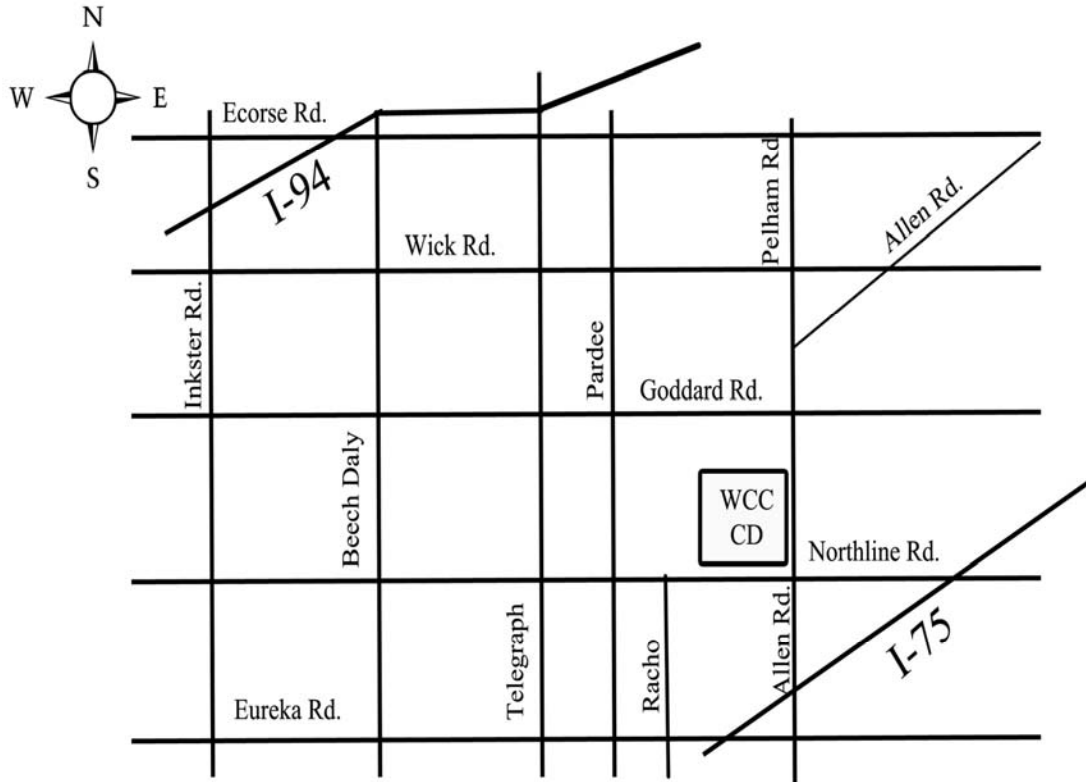
Pedal Power: Creating the Magic Mackinac Island Look. Jack is a landscape contractor, author and award-winning garden designer based on Mackinac Island. He is responsible for the annual planting and maintenance of thousands of flats of flowers, landscape installations, and innovative annual displays in garden beds, containers, and window boxes on Mackinac Island, *without the use of trucks and machinery*. As owner of BL&G Jack has over fifteen years of experience creating breathtaking garden displays on one of the world’s premier summer vacation destinations. His landscape at the Hotel Iroquois has been named a Proven Winners Signature Garden, an honor bestowed on only a few other gardens in the country. His plantings received top honors at the Cincinnati Flower Show, taking home a Best in Show. Jack’s work has been featured in many publications and as a consultant for Proven Winners, he contributes to the design of beautiful gardens at prestigious commercial properties all over the United States. Jack lives with his wife in a 100-year old log cabin in the woods on Mackinac Island.

3:45 - 4:00 p.m. Shopping, Door Prizes and Wrap Up

Wayne County Community College District, Downriver Campus
21000 Northline Road, Taylor, MI 48180

Map to Growing Great Gardens

Call if you need further directions! 734-383-5871



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From the west: Take I-94 (East) to Telegraph Road (South) to Northline (East) to WCCCD. Turn left into the main drive, bear to the right at the "Y" towards the EAST parking lot. Turn left into the EAST parking lot. Limited overflow may be available in the WEST lot.

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