Let’s Get Growing!
2017 Spring Expo
Rosemount Community Center

Please join the University of Minnesota Master Gardeners of Dakota County for our 2017 Spring Expo, “Let’s Get Growing!” This event is for gardeners of all skill levels interested in home gardening. A variety of classes are taught by university and college instructors, Master Gardeners, and horticulture professionals.

Admission of $35 includes: great classes and hand-outs; morning refreshments; silent auction; lunch; and a chance to win a door prize! Come and enjoy the friendly people, Garden Marketplace and spring-time atmosphere.

For more information on LGG speakers and vendors, please visit our website:
www.dakotamastergardeners.org

Rosemount Community Center
13885 South Robert Trail (Hwy. 3)
Rosemount, MN 55068

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2017 Spring Expo Schedule

8:00 a.m.  Check-in & Refreshments
           Garden Marketplace Open
9:00 a.m.  Welcome
9:30 a.m.  Session 1
10:45 a.m. Session 2
12:00 p.m. Lunch
1:00 p.m.  Keynote Address
2:00 p.m.  Silent Auction Winners

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(Auditorium)

Landscaping for Clean Water
Research Conservationist Curt Coudron will discuss ways to create additions to your home landscape that are both attractive and beneficial to our lakes, streams, wetlands and pollinators.

Session 1

Class #1  Lilies: There’s Always Room for One More!
Barbara Sautner will describe different types of lilies, their bloom times, and culture. Participants will learn how to plant lilies, their care, and propagation through scaling.

Class #2  Planting for Pollinators
JoAnne Sabin will present the simple activities we can do to help our pollinators survive. Learn about plants that are loved by pollinators including trees, shrubs, annuals, perennials, vines, herbs, and berries.

Class #3  Healthy Soil
Did you know that a tablespoon of healthy soil contains more microorganisms than there are people on earth? Anne Sawyer will describe gardening techniques to maintain a healthy soil for happy plants.

Class #4  Understanding Shade from a Landscape & Garden Perspective
Learn to plant successfully in shade conditions. In this class, James Calkins will focus on understanding the basic nature of light and its effects on plants. You will learn to look at shade gardening as an opportunity to use interesting plants when designing landscapes.

Session 2

Class #5  Native Plants
Join this class to learn the identification and cultivation of many herbaceous perennials native to our area. Janet Erdman will teach you how to recapture the delight of native spring wildflowers in your home gardens.

Class #6  Herb Gardening
Master Gardener Shari Mayer will explore the fascinating world of herbs, including the basics of growing and harvesting them, and learning how to incorporate them into your existing gardens.

Class #7  The Joy of Mushrooms
Mushrooms are beautiful, colorful, bizarre, delicious, and some deadly-you would not be here without them! Ronald Spinosa will present an introduction to mushrooms and other fungi, and will also reveal the essential role of fungi in the ecosystems of our planet.

Class #8  Container Gardening
Mary Maguire Lerman will teach you the basics of container gardening, including how to select a great pot, what soil mix and additives to use, proper planting techniques, and how to fertilize for constant bloom. Participants will receive a list of great container plants for both sun and shade.

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Keynote Speaker:
Curt Coudron, Resource Conservationist, Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District

Session Speakers:
Barbara Sautner, Educator, Co-Owner of Hartle/Gilman Lilies
JoAnne Sabin, Master Gardener, Bee Keeper, Speaker Bureau Chair
Anne Sawyer, Ph.D. Candidate in Soil Science, University of Minnesota
James Calkins, Ph.D. Horticulturalist, Teacher and Researcher
Janet Erdman, Master Gardener, Native Plant Speaker
Shari Mayer, Master Gardener and Herb Educator
Ronald Spinosa, Chair-Cultivation Committee/N.A. Mycological Association
Mary Maguire Lerman, Horticulturalist, Garden Designer

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