

Meet Me in the Garden: Garden Seminar

Spoooner – This year the Spooner Agriculture Research Station Teaching and Display Garden is focusing on pollinators. On Tuesday, June 14 at 6:00 pm the North Country Master Gardener Volunteers invite you for a free seminar at the garden. The topic is *Native Plants for Birds, Bees and Butterflies*. You will learn about planting and maintaining gardens that are nature friendly including what, when, and where to cultivate native plants that provide food for butterflies, song birds, hummingbirds and beneficial insects. Plant profiles will be provided on trees, shrubs, and perennials that attract wildlife and provide several seasons of interest.

Mark your calendars for three other events at the Teaching and Display Gardens. On Tuesday, July 12 at 6:00 pm another Meet Me in the Garden Seminar topic will be *Becoming a Natural Gardener* and focus on vegetable and herb gardens. This program will highlight the best time for planting, blooming and harvest cycles and using phenology (the study of the interaction of plants, animals, insects and climate). The *Twilight Tour* on Tuesday, August 16 is the highlight of the garden year. It will feature University of Wisconsin experts, Master Gardener Volunteers, displays, farm tours, tastings, and music. On Saturday, September 10 at 10:00am the final Meet Me in the Garden Seminar will be *Monarch Way Station and the Year in Review*. Master Gardener Volunteers will relate their experience creating a Monarch Way Station at the garden and how others can create a habitat for monarchs and other pollinators. Also included in this program will be a review of the 2016 growing season and things learned in the Garden.

Remember to bring your own lawn chair. All sessions are free and open to the public and will be held rain or shine – please dress accordingly. In the case of inclement weather, these programs will be held at the Station Building at W6646 Highway 70, Spooner.

The Teaching and Display Garden is a joint effort between the University of Wisconsin Madison, Spooner Agriculture Research Station, UW-Extension and North Country Master Gardener Volunteers. The garden is located ~1/2 mile north of Hwy 70 on Orchard Lane; across from the Sheep Research Facilities. Orchard Lane is located 1.5 miles east of Spooner on Highway 70 or 1/2 mile west of the Hwy 70/53 interchange. Watch for garden meeting signs.

For more information and a map visit the station's web site at: <http://spooner.ars.wisc.edu/> or contact Kevin Schoessow or Lorraine Toman at the Spooner Area UW-Extension Office at 715-635-3506 or 1-800-528-1914.