

Don't Miss Our Annual Twilight Garden Tour Set for Tuesday August 23!

Spooner, Wis. – Aug. 12, 2022 -- The University of Wisconsin (UW)-Madison Spooner Agricultural Research Station, UW-Madison Extension and North Country Master Gardener Volunteers (NCMGV) will be holding their Annual Twilight Garden Tour on Tuesday, August 23 from 4-7 p.m.

To be held at the Station's Teaching and Display Garden, located at 780 Orchard Lane off Highway 70 just east of Spooner, this is one of the region's premier summer gardening events and it includes displays, speakers, demonstrations, and guided tours of the garden plots. In addition, this year's event includes an "Edible Landscaping" feature. Building on this theme, vegetable and home-made wine tastings will be available.

The staff from UW-Madison Spooner Ag Research Station, Extension Educators, the North Country Master Gardener volunteers, as well as the event's speakers will be available to answer gardening questions and identify plant, insect and disease samples. Attendees are welcome to explore the Teaching and Display Garden as well as bring samples of diseased plants or representative photos for identification and advice. Displays will feature Hunt Hill, Spooner Farmers Market, Forts Folle Avoine, as well as others.

The expert panel of speakers will kick-off at 4:45 p.m. and then provide walking tours in which they will answer questions. Speakers and topics covered this year are:

- Brian Huddleson, Director, Plant Disease Diagnostics Clinic at UW-Madison on plant diseases;
- Renae Essenmacher, forester with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on non-native invasive trees and shrubs; and
- Sarah DeGraff from UW's Seed to Kitchen program discussing their projects.

The Teaching & Display Garden is an official All-America Selections (AAS) display garden featuring both flowers and vegetables and has been awarded multiple awards in the National Landscape Design contest sponsored by AAS. The garden also includes organic vegetable gardening, a children's garden, container gardening, displays of table and wine grapes and the Monarch and Pollinator Sanctuary perennial garden featuring native plants.

As in the past there is no charge for this educational event and there will be a raffle for flower bouquets. In the case of severe inclement weather, the event will be cancelled and not rescheduled. Please visit www.facebook.com/spoonerag to learn more about event status in case of weather. For more information, please contact Kevin Schoessow at 715-635-3506 or 1-800-528-1914, or learn more at <https://spooner.ars.wisc.edu/> or <https://www.northcountrymgv.org/twilight-garden-tour.html> .

More information about the North Country Master Gardeners can be found at <https://www.northcountrymgv.org>

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