2013 Ohio Master Gardener State Conference
October 4-5, 2013
Hosted by Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County
Embassy Suites
5800 Rockside Woods Boulevard
Independence, Ohio, 44131

Please join Cuyahoga County Master Gardeners for the 2013 Ohio Master Gardener State Conference

Registration for Bus Tours and Awards Dinner is Closed
Advance registration for Seminar is closed. MG walk-ins will be accepted on Saturday, but lunch cannot be assured.

Friday, October 4th
Bus Tours: Near West Side Tour, University Circle Tour, Lake County Tour (Lunch Included)
State Awards Dinner presented by Pam Bennett

Saturday, October 5th
Conference Speaker Sessions (Lunch Included)

Saturday Keynote Speaker Joe Lamp’l, Executive Producer and Host of the award winning national PBS series, Growing a Greener World® and previously, Fresh from the Garden on DIY Network and GardenSMART. Lamp’l will present:

*Digging Deeper–Five Things Smart Gardeners Know that Others Don’t*

- Creating A Program They Won’t Forget-presented by Foster Brown
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Earn Master Gardener 5 CEs for Bus Tours and 6 CEs for Saturday Speaker Sessions!
Registration is limited to Master Gardeners and their spouses/significant others.

For online details, registration and payment: cuyahogamg.org/SC
For printable details and registration form: cuyahogamg.org/SCinfo
Email Questions to: SC@cuyahogamg.org
Please complete a registration form for each individual participant (please print):

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Name ____________________________________________
Address ____________________________________________
City, State, Zip ____________________________________________
County ____________________________________________
Email Address ____________________________________________
Phone ____________________________________________
If spouse/significant other, name of MG attending: ____________________________________________

Friday, October 4, 2013

Bus Tours  8:00 AM – 4:30 PM   Lunch Included–make lunch selection where necessary.

☐ Tour A: Near West Side Bus Tour  Luncheon Buffet provided  Registration for Bus Tours and Awards Dinner is Closed

☐ Tour B: University Circle Bus Tour
  ○ Lunch Option 1: Grilled veggie salad with chips, dessert
  ○ Lunch Option 2: Smoked turkey wrap with chips, dessert

☐ Tour C: Lake County Bus Tour  Sold Out
  Lunch Option 1: Pollo Carciofo (Chicken breast sautéed with prosciutto ham, artichoke hearts, diced tomatoes in a butter wine sauce)
  Lunch Option 2: Salmone Pomodoro (Pan seared salmon laced with scallions and tomatoes in a light wine sauce served with pasta olio)

☐ I will not participate in a bus tour

Awards Dinner

☐ I will attend Awards Dinner  ($48.00 for dinner only or part of Package Pricing)
☐ I will not attend Awards Dinner (skip dinner choices)

Dinner Choices

☐ Grilled Pork Rib Chop with mustard cream sauce
☐ Pecan Crusted Chicken with bourbon demi-glace
☐ Vegetable Napoleon - roasted layered vegetables with marinara & basil pesto

If you have dietary restrictions please describe: _________________________________

Saturday, October 5, 2013

A:  8:30 AM: Keynote Speaker Joe Lamp’l presents:

"Digging Deeper–Five Things Smart Gardeners Know that Others Don’t”. All participants will begin the day with our Keynote (Presentation A).

Please select speakers for sessions – for each session state first choice as “1” and second choice as “2”:

Session 1:  10:15 AM  (Choose "1" and backup choice "2")
  1. B: Creating a Program They Won’t Forget - presented by Foster Brown
  2. C: Never Stop Growing: In Pursuit of Low Maintenance, all the years of our lives – presented by Janet Macunovich
  3. D: Soil 201 - presented by Tim Malinich
  4. E: Garden Trends - presented by Cynthia Druckenbrod

Session 2:  11:30 AM  (Choose "1" and backup choice "2")
  1. F: Top Performing Low Maintenance Annuals - presented by Pam Bennett
  2. G: Plants for 4 Season Interest - presented by Bill Hendricks
  3. H: Tales of Two Borers - presented by Joe Boggs and Amy Stone
  4. I: Best Perennials for Bees and Butterflies - presented by Cynthia Druckenbrod
Session 3: 1:30 PM (Choose "1" and backup choice "2")
   ___ J: Out of My Gourd Roadshow - presented by Marlene Bolea
   ___ K: Imagination - presented by Bill Hendricks
   ___ L: Creating A Garden To Weather Any Storm - presented by Joe Lamp'l
   ___ M: Go Native - presented by Danae Wolfe

Session 4: 2:45 PM (Choose "1" and backup choice "2")
   ___ N: Creating Master Gardener Success Through Committee Involvement - presented by David Marrison
   ___ O: Local Flavor – How Cleveland has become a Local Foods Destination - presented by Jacqueline Kowalski
   ___ P: Strange & Unusual Vegetables that You can Grow - presented by Rudy Moyer
   ___ Q: The Storm at Secrest-Recovery and Renewal - presented by Jim Chatfield

Lunch Selection – Saturday, October 5, 2013
All luncheon Sandwiches are accompanied by fresh fruit garnish, kettle chips, decaffeinated coffee.

☐ Turkey Club Croissant
   Shaved turkey breast, Swiss cheese, bacon, lettuce, tomato and mayonnaise on a baked croissant

☐ Ham and Swiss
   Sliced ham, Swiss cheese and Dijon mustard garnished with lettuce, tomato and onion on marbled rye bread.

☐ Grilled Portabella Sandwich
   Grilled portabella mushroom with vine ripened tomatoes and fresh mozzarella on ciabatta bread with basil vinaigrette.

If you have dietary restrictions please describe: _____________________________________________

Pricing Options
Please make your conference pricing selections. You may choose to pay for activities individually or save money by choosing package pricing. Regular registration rates apply to Master Gardeners and their spouses/significant others.

Option 1: Itemized Pricing:
☐ Bus Tour (A-C) $65.00
☐ State Awards Dinner $48.00

Saturday Speaker Sessions only (does not include Bus Tour/Dinner; includes lunch):
☐ Late Registration: September 16 – October 1 $120.00

Enclosed Itemized Total: $_____

Package pricing is no longer available for late registration.

Earn Master Gardener CEs for Bus Tours (5) and Saturday Speaker Sessions (6)!

Cancellation/Refund Policy
$10.00 per registrant cancellation service fee (combined for 1-3 events ordered together)
No refunds if cancellation received after September 1, 2013

Mail In Registration Form
Make checks payable to: Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County (MGCC)

Mail Check and Registration Form to:
Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County
PO Box 603330
Cleveland, Ohio 44103
Agenda - 2013 Ohio Master Gardener Conference

Thursday, October 3, 2013
Registration 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Friday, October 4, 2013
Registration begins at 7:00 AM
Bus Tours 8:00 AM – 4:45 PM: Tours will leave Embassy Suites at 8:00 AM and return between 4:00 and 4:45 PM. All tours will involve walking and/or stairs. Tours are limited. Register early to ensure your reservation. Participants of tour will earn 5 CEs for each tour. Bus tour options include Near West Side Tour, University Circle Tour, and Lake County Tour. All bus tours include your lunch choice.
Registration and 2013 Master Gardeners State Awards Dinner begins at 5:00 PM: State Awards Dinner is presented by Pam Bennett, Ohio Master Gardeners Volunteer Coordinator, Horticulture Educator/Director, OSU Extension, in Clark County. Awards will be presented during the dinner hour. Cash bar begins at 5:00 PM with dinner at 6:30. Meet Joe Lamp’l and Janet Macunovich.

Saturday, October 5, 2013
Registration begins at 7:00 AM
Welcome Session with Keynote Speaker Joe Lamp’l 8:30 – 10:00 AM: Joe Lamp’l is one of the country’s most recognized and trusted personalities in gardening and sustainability. Lamp’l is the host of 3 national television shows, the author of several books, and a syndicated newspaper column. Joe Lamp’l, will present Digging Deeper – Five Things Smart Gardeners Know that Others Don’t.

Speaker Sessions: Conference participants will choose four speaker sessions to attend and will earn 6 Continuing Education Credits for the day. Additional details of each session and presenter biographies are listed on pages 3-5.

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Lunch 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM: Lunch selections, provided by Embassy Suites, can be chosen on Registration page.

Session 3 1:30 PM
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Other Activities: In addition to our speaker sessions, we invite you to participate in our raffle and book signing as well as the opportunity to visit our vendors.

Pricing Details: Individual pricing is available for Friday and Saturday activities or package pricing for participants who wish to register for a bus tour, the awards dinner, and the Saturday sessions. Refunds will be honored prior to 09/01/13.

Continuing Education Credits (CEs) Details: Participants of the bus tours will earn 5 CEs, and participants of the Saturday sessions will earn 6 CEs.

For questions email: sc@cuyahogamg.org
Registration Details: Registration is limited to Master Gardeners and Spouse/Significant Others.
Friday Bus Tour Details - All bus tours leave Embassy at 8:00 AM and return 4:00–4:45 PM – 5 CEs

**Tour A: Near West Side Tour**

- **Westside Market**: is a National Historic Landmark and has been designated as one of the “10 Great Public Places in America”. The Market offers an authentic culturally diverse shopping experience. 1-hour guided walking tour with time to visit the market on your own.  [www.westsidemarket.org](http://www.westsidemarket.org)
- **Ohio City Farm**, a 6-acre urban farm and one of the largest contiguous urban farms in America. Participants will experience a 1-hour guided walking tour.  [www.ohiocityfarm.wordpress.com](http://www.ohiocityfarm.wordpress.com)
- **The Market Garden Brewery and Distillery**. An included luncheon buffet provided in private dining room.  [www.marketgardenbrewery.com](http://www.marketgardenbrewery.com)
- **Cleveland Metroparks Zoo**: Founded in 1882, this 165-acre zoo is the seventh largest zoo in the United States. We will explore the zoo as a botanical garden. 90-minute guided walking tour.  [www.clemetzoo.com](http://www.clemetzoo.com)
- **Embassy Suites** – arrive by 4:45 PM

**Tour B: University Circle Tour**

- **Stanard Farm**: Enjoy a 45 minute guided walking tour of an urban farm started in 2010 designed to provide training & jobs for people with disabilities. This is the new Cuyahoga County OSU Extension and Cleveland Crops Innovation Center.  [www.facebook.com/pages/Cleveland-CropsStanard-Farm/149179175116324](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Cleveland-CropsStanard-Farm/149179175116324)
- **Cleveland Botanical Garden**: Featuring 10 acres of award winning gardens as well as the 18,000 square foot Eleanor Armstrong Smith Glasshouse, participants will enjoy a 1 hour presentation and 1 hour outdoor walking tour given by a CBG horticulturalist. Included boxed lunch of either grilled veggie salad or smoked turkey wrap with chips, dessert and soft beverage will be at CBG.  [www.cbgarden.org](http://www.cbgarden.org)
- **Lakeview Cemetery**: This Cleveland site sits on 285 landscaped acres of winding paths, rolling hills and contains more than 300 species of plants and designed using the 18th century landscape principles for country estates. We will take a guided bus tour with stops at significant horticultural features and at the National Registry of Historic Places, Garfield Monument and Wade Chapel featuring Tiffany windows.  [www.lakeviewcemetary.com](http://www.lakeviewcemetary.com)
- **Cleveland Cultural Gardens**: “Conceived as a means of fostering peace among nations,” and situated on 2 miles of winding roads, this garden features 30 national gardens, sculptures, and architecturally historic bridges. Gardens will be observed from bus.  [www.culturalgardens.org](http://www.culturalgardens.org)
- **Rockefeller Park Greenhouse**: Situated on 4 beautifully landscaped acres, RPHG features several outdoor themed gardens including the Betty Ott Talking Garden for sight impaired visitors. The greenhouse includes fern, cacti, and orchid show houses. This will be a 45 minute self-guided walking tour.  [www.facebook.com/RockefellerGreenhouse](http://www.facebook.com/RockefellerGreenhouse)
- **Embassy Suites** – arrive by 4:45 PM

**Tour C: Lake County Tour**

This is a strenuous tour requiring a lot of walking, some over irregular surfaces, and the ability to get up into and down out of the hay wagons.

- **Holden Arboretum**: A famous Holden Arboretum guide will give us a walking tour of both gardens and natural areas at the world famous Holden Arboretum.  [www.holdenarb.org/home](http://www.holdenarb.org/home)
- **Mimi Gayle's Garden**: Bill Hendricks will lead us on a walking tour of this complex tapestry of rare trees and shrubs complemented by an elaborate under story of perennials.
- **Ferrante Winery**: for an Italian inspired lunch of either Pollo Carciofo (Chicken breast sautéed with prosciutto ham, artichoke hearts, diced tomatoes in butter wine sauce) or Salmone Pomodor (Pan seared salmon laced with scallions and tomatoes in a light wine sauce served with pasta oilio) and a talk on producing wine in NE Ohio. Lunch included. Cash bar for those who wish to sample the wine.  [www.ferrantewinery.com](http://www.ferrantewinery.com)
- **Klyn Nursery**, our last stop, is a wholesale nursery producing an extraordinary variety of trees, shrubs, perennials and grasses. Bill Hendricks, owner of Klyn and dean of Ohio nurserymen, will lead us on a hay wagon tour of his extensive facility. We will not be able to purchase plants.  [www.klynnurseries.com](http://www.klynnurseries.com)
- **Embassy Suites** – arrive by 4:45 PM
## Saturday Keynote Speaker and Session Details - 6 CEs

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<td><strong>Welcome Session with Key Note Speaker Joe Lamp’l</strong></td>
<td>8:30-10:00 AM</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>No matter how much you know about gardening, there’s always more to learn. But it’s the smartest gardeners that know how to work with Mother Nature, have the wisdom to realize who’s really in control, and possess the knowledge to know how, when and what do to, to get the best overall results with the least amount of wasted resources. These smart gardeners are an elite group. Are you one of them? You will be after this insightful presentation as Joe Lamp’l reveals the secrets to what the smartest gardeners know that others don’t. As host of 3 national television shows, the author of several books, and a syndicated newspaper column. Lamp’l has spent the majority of his time as Executive Producer and Host of the award winning national PBS series, Growing a Greener World® and previously, Fresh from the Garden on DIY Network and GardenSMART.  <a href="http://www.growingagreenerworld.com">www.growingagreenerworld.com</a></td>
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<td>Foster Brown, famous (or maybe infamous) historical interpreter/naturalist with the Cleveland Metroparks, will share his tried and true teaching and approach to making educational programs a success. He will use the POETRY approach (Purposeful, Organized, Enjoyable, Thematic, Relevant and You!) to make these key interpretive approaches memorable. Brown has been a historical interpreter/naturalist with the Cleveland Metroparks since 1996. Brown has produced several award-winning children's music albums revealing the joys of nature, and songs and stories of Cleveland Metroparks and the Ohio and Erie Canal days in early Ohio.</td>
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<td><strong>Never Stop Growing: In Pursuit of Low Maintenance, all the Years of our Lives -</strong></td>
<td>8:30-10:00 AM</td>
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<td>Here's a look at what you can do to reduce the work you do in your yard and how to keep it up even as your physical abilities change. Although there isn't any such thing as a no maintenance garden, there are low maintenance gardens and different approaches that reduce work by making tasks simpler or physically easier. You may be surprised by how much difference you can make with design modifications, variations in tools, timing and more. In 1985 Janet established Perennial Favorites, a garden and landscape design firm. Macunovich's formal education in gardening and design includes hundreds of hours of seminars and workshops at botanical gardens and educational institutions in several states. She has completed the Michigan State University Extension gardening program and is active in the community as an Advanced Master Gardener.  <a href="http://www.gardenatoz.com">www.gardenatoz.com</a></td>
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<td><strong>Soil 201 - presented by Tim Malinich</strong></td>
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<td>A deeper look into soil structure and how in interacts with plants and the environment. We will cover compaction, flora &amp; fauna, a bit of chemistry and take a look at what a soil test reveals. Malinich’s professional career has always been in horticultural education, including planning and implementing the Horticulture program at Lake Farmpark in Kirtland, OH. Malinich worked as a Nursery Inspector for the Ohio Department of Agriculture, and for The Ohio State University Extension in Cuyahoga, Lorain and presently in Erie County. Tim speaks on many topics including propagation, pesticide education and training, tropical and hydroponics.</td>
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<td><strong>Gardening Trends - presented by Cynthia Druckenbrod</strong></td>
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<td>Deer-resistant gardens, drought tolerant gardens, low-maintenance gardens and edible gardens continue to be popular trends in 2013. We’ll review top rated, new perennials, annuals and shrubs that work in those categories that will make YOU the trend-setter! Druckenbrod is the Director of Horticulture for Cleveland Botanical Garden’s 10 acres of award-winning outdoor gardens as well as other plant collections, including the Eleanor Armstrong Smith Glasshouse. Druckenbrod has played a major leading role in many of the Garden's popular horticultural events, and is always looking for new and novel ways to bring together both people and plants.</td>
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<td><strong>Top Performing Low Maintenance Annuals</strong> - presented by Pam Bennett</td>
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<td>These are not your Grandma’s petunias! Learn about the annuals that are on the market today and about those that give lasting color with minimal input. Pam shares the results of her trials in Springfield and the trials on the OSU campus. Bennett is the State Master Gardener volunteer Coordinator for Ohio and Horticulture Educator and Director for Ohio State University Extension in Clark County. She has a BS in Landscape Horticulture and an MS in Human and Community Resource Development from Ohio State University. Bennett specializes in herbaceous ornamental plant trials and evaluates more than 200 varieties of annually yearly and presents programs on annuals and perennials as well as other landscape topics. She oversees the Gateway Learning Gardens, a 5 acre demonstration/teaching garden, is the Past-President of the Friends of the Ohio Governor’s Residence and Heritage Garden, and provides leadership to the OSUE MGV International Outreach program.</td>
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<td><strong>Plants for 4 Season Interest</strong> - presented by Bill Hendricks</td>
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<td>When we select plants, we often choose them based on what excites us the day we buy them. With a little research we can choose plants that can have interest all year. Hendricks will present a visual review of plants with four season appeal. Bill Hendricks, president of Klyn Nurseries, is a Member of Ohio Nursery &amp; Landscape Association, serving as Chairman of Short Course Program Committee. Past member of Plant Selection Committee, Member of Scenic Ohio Board, American Nursery &amp; Landscape Association, Ohio Nursery and Landscape Association, Nursery Growers of Lake County, Ohio, International Plant Propagator’s Society, American Bamboo Society, American Conifer Society, Perennial Plant Association, Cincinnati Horticulture Society Board, Scenic Ohio Board, and the Past President of Lake County Nurserymen’s Association. Other interests include horticultural photography and a cactus and succulent collection of over 4000 species. Bill Hendricks and his wife Nancy received the Friends of the OSU Extension MGV Program award in 2008. <a href="http://www.klynnurseries.com">www.klynnurseries.com</a></td>
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<td><strong>Tales of Two Borers</strong> - presented by Joe Boggs and Amy Stone</td>
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<td>Ohio is the “battlefield” for two non-native invasive wood boring beetles. This session will compare and contrast the similarities and differences of the Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALB) and the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), including outreach opportunities that Master Gardener Volunteers can be engaged with on a local level. Amy Stone is an Extension Educator in Lucas County with a specialization focusing on invasive species. Stone has degrees from Owens Community College and the University of Toledo. She enjoys living on a small family farm in Michigan that has been in her husband’s family since the 40’s. She lives there with her husband Jeff, children Tegan and Landin, and a “herd” of papillons. Joe Boggs is an Extension Educator in Hamilton County, who also has an appointment with the Department of Entomology. Bogg’s specialization is in the area of entomology and has been working on programming and outreach in the area of the Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALB) since its discovery in Ohio in 2011.</td>
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<td><strong>Best Perennials for Bees and Butterflies</strong> - presented by Cynthia Druckenbrod</td>
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<td>Attracting pollinators to your garden is a goal that all homeowners should achieve. We’ll review the best landscape techniques and types of perennials that are guaranteed to bring in colorful bees and butterflies to your backyard oasis. For more information on Druckenbrod’s background see the &quot;Gardening Trends&quot; presentation description.</td>
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<td>Presents the types, history, uses, and art associated with gourds with humor and surprises. Bolea will display gourds of many types and tell about her methods of making gourd birdhouses and bowls in an entertaining way that has delighted audiences throughout the state. Marlene Bolea was a teacher with Jackson Local Schools for 31 years. She retired in 2006 with National Board certification as a Middle Childhood Generalist, Received the Ohio Governor’s Educational Leadership Award in 2002. Bolea is also a trainer for the GLOBE program (Global Learning by Observation to Benefit the Environment). Bolea is also a past president, secretary and treasurer of the Wilderness Center Woodcarvers.</td>
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<td><strong>Imagination</strong> - presented by Bill Hendricks</td>
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<td>Design begins with shapes both in layout as well as in the shapes of plants. Special characteristics of plants can be used to accent designs and solve site problems. For more information on Bill Hendricks’ background see the &quot;Plants for 4 Season Interest&quot; presentation description.</td>
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Creating A Garden To Weather Any Storm - presented by Joe Lamp’l

This presentation was inspired by the incredibly healthy garden Joe Lamp’l created and maintained on the set of The Fresh from the Garden television series for over three years—in spite of many difficult environmental challenges! In this unique and informative presentation, Lamp’l shares his secrets about creating a garden that will stand up to all the unpredictable variables in Mother Nature’s bag of tricks. Lamp’l will explain how best to prepare any garden or landscape to perform no matter how wet, dry, sunny or shady it may be. He’ll also share his methods of dealing with critters of all shapes and sizes. Learn the tricks of proactive gardening – from soil testing and preparation to fertilization and watering, as well as pest and disease control, all in a more eco-friendly way. For more information on Joe Lamp’l’s background please see the” Digging Deeper – Five Things Smart Gardeners Know that Others Don’t” presentation description.

Go Native – presented by Danae Wolfe

Think having a native plant garden means having an untamed meadow in your yard? Think again! Explore the many benefits of native plants and learn about what plants may work well in your landscape. Topics covered include the importance of native plant gardens to the natural world and helpful hints on plant selection for your garden.

Before starting with OSU Extension in Summit County, Wolfe worked as an interpretive park ranger in Cuyahoga Valley National Park where she served as the Invasive Plant Educator. Wolfe has continued her work with invasive plants in her new Extension program called Know What You Grow, which is an invasive plant education and outreach initiative focused on home gardeners and the green industry. Wolfe is currently working on her PhD in environmental science at The Ohio State University.

Session 4 2:45-3:45 PM Presentation

Creating Master Gardener Success Through Committee Involvement - presented by David Marrison

Many hands make light work. The key to successful Master Gardener organizations lays in the strength of committee work. In this session you will learn to form and facilitate committees in order to sustain your Master Gardener organization.

Marrison is an Ohio State University Extension Educator & Assistant Professor in Ashtabula and Trumball County. Marrison has special interests in farm management, Farm transition/Succession planning, and Dairy Production Management.

Local Flavor – How Cleveland has become a Local Foods Destination - presented by Jacqueline Kowalski

Cleveland, once a declining rust belt city, has been named the nation’s 2nd Best Urban Local Foods location. From urban farms and CSA’s to vineyards and community foods projects, Cleveland has been able to develop strategies for the local food system to become more sustainable and equitable. Find out how Master Gardeners have been part of this process and how you can be involved in local food systems in your community.

Kowalski is the Ohio State University Agriculture and Natural Resource Extension Educator for Cuyahoga County. Her specialty area is Horticulture/Local Food. She is the owner of St. Croix Farms, a flower farm located on Denison and 49th in Cleveland.

Strange & Unusual Vegetables that You can Grow - presented by Rudy Moyer

Tired of growing the same old vegetables? Are your neighbors closing their curtains when they see you coming with zucchini? Then this is for you! Find out about the many Strange, Unusual, and Weird Vegetables that you can grow in your garden! I will even let you in on my favorite way to prepare these edible wonders. You will be able to impress your family, amaze your friends and your neighbors might even speak to you again.

Moyer is the Horticultural/Agricultural manager for GentleBrook. GentleBrook is a Hartville non-profit serving individuals with developmental disabilities.

The Storm at Secrest-Recovery and Renewal - presented by Jim Chatfield

On Sept. 16, 2010, a 130 mile per hour tornado ripped through the Ohio Agriculture Research and Development Center. This tornado uprooted 1,500 trees in the Secrest Arboretum. Find out the process by which this Ohio State University treasure was revived and renewed after this devastating event.

Jim Chatfield, Associate Professor and Extension Specialist with Ohio State University Extension, with statewide responsibilities to the professional green industry, landscapers, consumer horticulture including Master Gardener Volunteer training, and community forestry. Professor Chatfield is part of the Department of Horticulture and Crop Science, and the Department of Plant Pathology in the College of Food Agriculture and Environmental Science.

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Embassy Suites

Hotel rooms are available for $109.00 per night. Reserve your room early by calling 1-800-Embassy or 216-986-9900. Mention group code MGC.

Directions to Embassy Suites:

From the East:
Take I-480 West to I-77 South, Take I-77 South to Exit 155 (Rockside Road-Independence) and turn left onto Rockside Road. Go to 4th traffic light and turn left onto Rockside Woods Blvd. Hotel will be on your left at the end of the street.

From the West:
Take I-480 East to I-77 South, Take I-77 South to Exit 155 (Rockside Road-Independence) and turn left onto Rockside Road. Go to 4th traffic light and turn left onto Rockside Woods Blvd. Hotel will be on your left at the end of the street.

From Downtown:
Take I-77 South to Exit 155 (Rockside Road-Independence) and turn left onto Rockside Road. Go to 4th traffic light and turn left onto Rockside Woods Blvd. Hotel will be on your left at the end of the street.

From the South:
Via I-77: Take I-77 North to Exit 155 (Rockside Road-Independence) and turn right onto Rockside Road. Go to 3rd traffic light and turn left onto Rockside Woods Blvd. Hotel will be on your left. Via I-71: Take I-71 North to I-480 East, Take I-480 East to I-77 South, Take I-77 South to Exit 155 (Rockside Road-Independence) and turn left onto Rockside Road. Go to 4th traffic light and turn left onto Rockside Woods Blvd. Hotel will be on your left at the end of the street.

I480 and Rt. 77 Interchange

Rockside Rd. and Rt. 77