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## SPEAKERS

**Kathryn Schiedermayer** is a Master Gardener Volunteer and herbalist will present "A Dozen Herbs to Grow in your Backyard". This presentation will cover which herbs can easily be grown in our Wisconsin climate, a discussion of techniques on how to grow and maintain herbs and most importantly, what to do with them once they are grown.

**Brian Smith**, UW-River Falls. "Spinning Straw into Gold and Not Feeling Berry Blue About it: a home gardener's guide to not-so-fairytale blueberry and strawberry growing". Soil amendments, winter protection, common pests, proper watering and fertilizing, pollination, mulches and pruning/plant density management are the topics to be covered.

**Sherry Sprague**, Master Gardener Volunteer and Butterfly House Coordinator at Beaver Creek Reserve. Butterfly gardening will show how to attract butterflies to the garden. The butterfly's life cycle and the conditions necessary for their development will be discussed. She will also discuss the various plants that provide food for the caterpillars and nectar for the butterflies of the Chippewa Valley.

**Daniel Zerr**, UW Extension, will present "Digging into Rain Gardens". Learn everything about rain gardens and how they are not only pleasing to the eye, but good for the earth.

## WORKSHOPS

(Space is limited in these sessions, so please register early! All items made in the workshops must be taken home at the end of the seminar. We are not responsible for items left behind.)

**Rain Barrel Workshop.** Participants will create and take home a 55-gallon rain barrel. This workshop is limited to ten, so register early!

**Vermicomposting.** Vermicomposting is the use of worms to turn organic material into high quality compost. Participants will learn the do's and don'ts about vermicomposting before creating their own vermicomposting bin to take home. This workshop is limited to 25.

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## GARDEN SEMINAR

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- ◇ Knowledgeable Speakers
- ◇ Door Prizes
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- ◇ Awesome Exhibitors

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Saturday  
February 20, 2010

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Chippewa Falls Middle School  
750 Tropicana Blvd.  
Chippewa Falls, WI

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## REGISTRATION

NAME

ADDRESS

PHONE

E-MAIL

FEE:

Early Bird Registrations (Registrations must be received by February, 12):

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$20 (includes lunch)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 After February 12
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$20 Rain Barrel (Limit of 10)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$20 Vermicomposting (Limit of 25)

Make checks payable to CVMGA and mail to: Chippewa County Extension Office; Gardening Seminar; Courthouse, Rm. 13; Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

### BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

Check one session per section (Refer to Program Guide for presentations):

**10:30 AM**

- \_\_\_\_\_ A
- \_\_\_\_\_ B
- \_\_\_\_\_ C

**11:30 AM**

- \_\_\_\_\_ A
- \_\_\_\_\_ B

**1 PM**

- \_\_\_\_\_ A
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**2:15 PM**

- \_\_\_\_\_ A
- \_\_\_\_\_ B
- \_\_\_\_\_ C

\* No refunds given after February 12.

## PROGRAM

**8:00 a.m. Registration**

**8:45 a.m. Welcome**

**9:00 a.m. Keynote Speaker:**

Mary Meyer "The Best Plants for 30 Tough Areas"

### 10:30 AM Breakout Sessions

**A: Brian Smith**, "Spinning Straw into Gold and Not Feeling Berry Blue About it"

**B: Jessie Podolak** "Renewable You. Sustaining Your Body Through the Seasons."

**C: Joanne Ray**, "Preserving Your Harvest"

### 11:30 AM Workshops (additional fee and limited space)

**A: Rain Barrel**, Create and Take Home

**B: Vermicomposting**, Create and Take Home

### Noon Lunch

### 1:00 PM Breakout Sessions

**A: Josh Bryceson**, "Vegetables 101"

**B: Kathryn Schiedermayer**, "A Dozen Herbs to Grow in your Backyard"

**C: Sherry Sprague**, "Butterfly Gardening"

### 2:15 PM Breakout Sessions

**A: Kristie Henning**, "Choosing the Right Daylilies for Your Garden"

**B: Lowell Jacobson & Deb Smith**, "Composting"

**C: Daniel Zerr**, "Digging into Rain Gardens"

### KEY NOTE SPEAKER: MARY MEYER

Mary Meyer is a professor at the U of M and interim director of Minnesota Arboretum. "The Best Plants for 30 Tough Area" is about which plants will work in some of the most difficult garden locations including dry shade, under black walnut trees, steep slopes, a prevalent deer population, etc. She is also the author of some books that will be available for sale after her presentation.

## SPEAKERS

**Josh Bryceson, CSA**, is the owner of Turnip Rock Farm. Learn what vegetables to grow. Learn the why and how for the beginning vegetable grower. A basic guide on how to get started growing your own vegetables.

**Kristie Henning** is a Master Gardener Volunteer of Spirit Lake Daylilies will speak about "Choosing the Right Daylilies for Your Garden". With over 60,000 cultivars, it helps to know what to look for when selecting daylilies for the longest bloom and best performance. Learn how to make more informed choices to incorporate daylilies in the garden.

**Lowell Jacobson & Deb Smith** are Master Gardener Volunteers and members of Chippewa Valley Master Gardeners Association. They will present "Composting". What is compost? Why compost? What happens in the compost pile? These questions and more will be answered in this break out session.

**Jessie Podolak**, Physical Therapist from Optimum Therapies-"Renewable You. Sustaining Your Body through the Seasons". Bad back? Sore elbows? Stiff joints? Come to the interactive session where the following will be demonstrated: Principles of posture, flexibility and strength in gardening to reduce the likelihood of injury. Ergonomics of body mechanics will be discussed and how to achieve "sustainability" in the body to allow it to garden for years to come.

**Joanne Ray**, is a Master Gardener Volunteer and a member of Chippewa Valley Master Gardener Association. She is also a Master Canner. She will present "Preserving your Garden Harvest". Learn the basics of safe methods to freeze and can the fruits and vegetables harvested from gardens.