



Vince Ste. Marie – Keynote Speaker



“The Pollinators—Who They Are and How to Help Them” Beyond the well-known honeybee, just who are the pollinators and what do they need to succeed? What is the relationship between pollinators and plants and how are we dependent upon them? What contribution do pollinators make to agricultural production nationally and in Michigan? These questions and more are answered in this visually rich and information packed presentation.

Plants with Purpose will be available for sale at the conference. Pre-orders/inquiries are encouraged by e-mail at windyrocknursery@outlook.com or phone/text to 734.358.8260. A current catalog is available by request.

Natalie Carmolli – Proven Winners

Natalie will help all “Create a Great Escape in Our Own Backyard” using Proven Winners new shrubs for sun to shade along with an array of other Proven Winner plants.

Paige Filice – MSU Cooperative Extension

Paige specializes in “Gardening to Protect and Beautify Lakes, Rivers and Ponds”. Come learn how landscaping options and gardening techniques can improve the quality of our waterways.

Pooh Stevenson – Owner of Owosso Organics and Photography

Pooh is a multi-talented gardener, musician and photographer among other things. She will be talking about “Photography for Documentation and Pleasure” using your cell phone camera. Discover a new talent for yourself.

Suzannah Barrie – Owner/Operator of Barriebeau Herb Farm

Suzannah is a well-known herb grower in the Grand Rapids area. She uses herbs in many ways and will offer new ways to “Use Herbs in Your Kitchen”

Merry Kim Meyers – BA, MA, CGIP. Program Coordinator for the MSU Institute of Agricultural Technology at Montcalm Community College.

“Conquering Scientific Names”. You’ll become a charter member of the Carl Linneaus Fan Club, cheering for his wisdom behind the binomial nomenclature system and fearlessly learning how to pronounce even the scariest scientific names. *Metasequoi glyptostroboides*, anyone?

Daedre McGrath - Director of MSU Trial Gardens

“MSU Trial Gardens What’s New This Year and Breeding Breakthroughs”. What makes a trial garden winner over the years.