



10th Annual

Growing Great Gardens

A partnership with the Taylor Conservatory Foundation, Taylor Garden Club and Wayne County Community College District.

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Dear Gardening Friend,

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Registration is *now open* for the 10th annual **Growing Great Gardens!** Join us Saturday, **March 17, 8-4 p.m.** at Wayne County Community College Downriver Campus, 21000 Northline Road in Taylor.

We have a spectacular day of gardening, learning and fun planned for you and your friends, including:

- Four exciting, info-packed presentations by nationally known speakers
- Optional 5th class (limited space, addtl \$10)
- Shopping in the Garden Marketplace (30+vendors)
- Tasty box lunch
- Networking, socializing and many chances to win beautiful door prizes
- 5-6 Education hours for Master Gardeners

**THANK YOU
GGG sponsors!**

In addition to our raffle and door prize giveaways, we are awarding prizes for those with the best garden hats, and most Irish spirit, so be sure to wear your "green" and practice your Irish step-dancing.

All this, for the amazing Early-Bird rate of \$45. Plus, an optional "Lunch and Learn" for just an additional \$10. The best value in town!

Pre-registration is required, so sign up now to get the Early-Bird rate until February 23. Register online at www.taylorconservatory.org/events/ggg. Or use the enclosed forms to mail in. Need more information? Give us a call at 888-383-4108.

Please share with your friends, family and colleagues. Hope to see you at GGG!

Patty Donahue, Nancy Smith, and the GGG committee

PS. Proceeds of this event are used to further horticulture education and garden development in our community. Thank you for your support!





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Saturday, March 17, 2018 8 am to 4 pm
21000 Northline Rd. Taylor MI



AMAZING SPEAKERS

Includes Morning Beverages & Snacks
Choice of Bag Lunch w/Bottled Water
30+ Garden Related Vendors
Door Prizes & Raffle Tickets

LUNCH & LEARN w/ ELLEN ZACHOS
The Wildcrafted Cocktail
Limited to first 150 people
Additional \$10 with Registration

\$45 Registration (4 classes)
\$55 w/Lunch & Learn Option
\$60 After February 23, 2018
Mail check to: Growing Great Gardens,
12681 Delta Drive, Taylor MI 48180
Register w/credit card:
www.taylorconservatory.org
or: email ggg@taylorconservatory.org
Master Gardeners: 5 Education Hours
(6 with Bonus Class)

DEBORAH TRICKETT
Bee Keeper & Owner of
The Captured Garden
Jaw Dropping, Traffic Stopping,
Get Your Neighbors Talking Containers



Beauty and the Bees:
A Different Way of Looking at
Garden Design

GENE E. BUSH
Owner of Shade Expert
10 Months of Blooms
in the Shade Garden



ELLEN ZACHOS
Author, Speaker, Gardener & Forager
Backyard Foraging

The Wildcrafted Cocktail
Lunch & Learn option



Shop Our Extensive GARDENMARKET
Open to the Public 8 to 4 p.m.

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10th Annual Growing Great Gardens Schedule

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Registration, Networking & Shopping (*Coffee, tea, pastries from Tim Horton*)

9:00-10:30 a.m. Opening Keynote, Ellen Zachos, Author, Speaker, Gardener and Forager

Backyard Foraging: 65 Familiar Plants You Didn't Know You Could Eat. When thinking about hostas and day lilies, you probably focus on their appealing foliage and vibrant blooms. Well, did you know these perennials are delicious to eat as well as lovely to look at? A surprising number of our favorite garden plants can feed both body and soul. Learn how to recognize, harvest, and prepare tasty treats such as wintergreen sorbet, rose hip soup and dahlia tuber bread from plants you already have around your home. Ellen Zachos is passionate about foraging, plants, and food, and she wants to share that passion with you in this fun and information-packed session. *Ellen is a Harvard graduate, author of seven books, instructor at the New York Botanical Garden and nationwide lecturer.*

10:30-10:45 a.m. Break and Shopping

10:45-11:45 a.m. Deborah Trickett, Garden Designer, owner of The Captured Garden

Jaw-Dropping, Traffic-Stopping, "Get Your Neighbors Talking" Containers. Tired of the same old window-boxes? Have you ever wanted to create lush container gardens that would be the envy of the neighborhood? Ready to move beyond the expected? Join award-winning container gardening designer Deborah Trickett as she shows you how to take your container gardens from "blah" to "aaah". She'll start with the basics, then proceed to new and unusual plant material and uncommon, even "green", container choices. *Deborah is a Massachusetts Certified Landscape Professional and frequent lecturer on creative container gardening around the Northeast. She teaches classes and workshops at the Arnold Arboretum in Boston.*

11:45 -1:00 p.m. Lunch & Shopping (*Frank n Dean's Catering*)

11:45-12:45*p.m. The Wildcrafted Cocktail, Ellen Zachos (optional Lunch and Learn, additional \$10)

Wild edibles are one of the hottest trends in the gardening world. Add this to the growing popularity of craft cocktails, and you have a winning combination! Learn how easy it is to combine foraged, local and seasonal flavors with your favorite spirits to create your own 'wildcrafted' cocktails, like a dirty daylily martini, sumac-infused gin or rose hip liqueur. For this class, you will be able to sample several "mocktails" and take home recipes to make wildcrafted cocktails from your garden.

***Note:** *This presentation is available for an additional \$10 and is open only to participants who have pre-paid in advance. Space is limited and first come, first served. The presentation is in the Ray Mix Room, where you'll pick up your box lunch as well.*

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Gene Bush, owner of Shade Garden Expert

10 Months of Blooms in the Shade Garden. Extended periods of blooms are neither an impossible, nor a difficult, goal for the Midwestern gardener. There is no shortage of plants for creating color in the garden almost year-round. Using a mix of native and non-native perennials for the shade or woodland, your garden can begin in early March, with the final blooms fading in early December depending on your locale. *Gene is a nationally known expert on shade gardening with over 30+ years of experience, specializing in the known, not-so-well-known, rare and unusual plants for shade.*

2:00 - 2:15 p.m. Break and Shopping

2:15 - 3:45 p.m. Closing Keynote, Deborah Trickett, Garden Designer

Beauty and the Bees: A different way of looking at garden design. There was a time when our gardening goal was to create gardens that were beautiful. But now, with the drastic decline in our insect populations, the plight of our pollinator friends has made us aware that we do not garden alone. Learn how to design your gardens and landscapes with a mindful eye to our environment. As both a garden designer and beekeeper, Deborah will show us how with a few tweaks we can create spaces that are not only beautiful but beneficial to the bees and other pollinators.

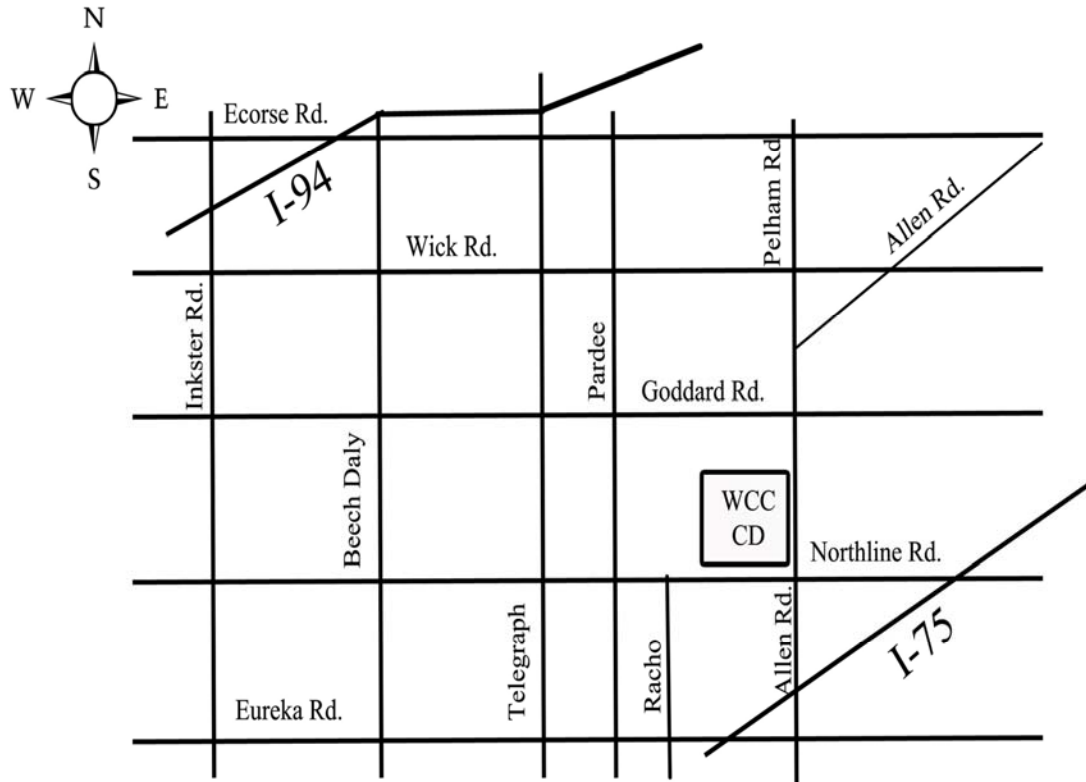
3:45 - 4:00 p.m. Shopping, Door Prizes and Wrap Up

Wayne County Community College District, Downriver Campus

21000 Northline Road, Taylor, MI 48180

Map to Growing Great Gardens

Call if you need further directions! 734-383-5871



From the south: Take I-75 (North) to Northline Road (West) to WCCCD. Turn right into the main drive, bear to the right at the "Y" towards the EAST parking lot. Turn left into the EAST parking lot. Limited overflow may be available in the WEST lot.

From the west: Take I-94 (East) to Telegraph Road (South) to Northline (East) to WCCCD. Turn left into the main drive, bear to the right at the "Y" towards the EAST parking lot. Turn left into the EAST parking lot. Limited overflow may be available in the WEST lot.

From the northwest: Take I-96 (East) to Telegraph Road (South) to Northline (East) to WCCCD. Turn left into the main drive, bear to the right at the "Y" towards the EAST parking lot. Turn left into the EAST parking lot. Limited overflow may be available in the WEST lot.

***** From the north and northeast. Route due to I-75 closure from Rouge River Bridge to Northline**

Road: Take I-75 (South) to I-94 (East). Exit at Telegraph Road (South) to Northline (East) to WCCCD. Turn left into the main drive, bear to the right at the "Y" towards the EAST parking lot. Turn left into the EAST parking lot. Limited overflow may be available in the WEST lot.

