

## FEATURED SPEAKERS



**Elly Maxwell** has been the Entomologist at the Dow Gardens since 2006. She earned a Master of Science from Auburn University and a Bachelor of Science from Michigan State University, both in Entomology. Elly works as an Adjunct Professor at Michigan State University where she teaches Entomology 110. She is also the 2018 incoming President of the Michigan Entomological Society.

**Jan Bills** is the author of *Late Bloomer*, a certified landscape designer, Advanced Master Gardener, entrepreneur, and contributing writer for State-by-State Gardening magazine. After a successful career in the corporate world, she made a major life reassessment and followed her heart: She traded in her heels for Wellies and started the Detroit-area landscape design company Two Women and a Hoe® ([twowomenandahoe.com](http://twowomenandahoe.com)).



**Rebecca Finneran** received a Bachelor of Science in Horticulture and Landscape Design from Michigan State University in 1983. Her current role as MSU Extension Senior Horticulture Educator finds her teaching classes in every corner of Michigan. She has been actively writing curriculum and leading Horticulture study excursions for over 30 years. Finneran oversees the West Michigan Extension Master Gardener volunteer program, often appears on TV and is a garden columnist. Her design background paved the way for the development of an urban "idea garden" located at the Kent MSU Extension office.

## PANEL SPEAKERS

**'The Spirit of Container Gardening'** with **Scott Jacobs**  
Scott is the Garden Liaison for Specialty Gardens (located in Grand Haven, MI). He has the unique task of positively encouraging his gardeners, clients and their communities to grow into long lasting relationships with the garden areas around them. *The Spirit of Container Gardening* isn't just about sprucing up front porches, courtyards or back patios, it's about sprucing up your life! Learn how to push your creative boundaries and confidently design a container or pot that reflects your beautiful soul.

**'What's Bugging Our Trees'** with **Keith Hogan**  
Keith will discuss common pests and diseases on trees in West Michigan. Keith is a Certified Arborist and is ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualified.

**'Operation Healthy Heights'** with **Dr Rick and Nancy Peters**  
Beginning in May of 2011, Nancy and Rick Peters have been sharing their love and knowledge of gardening with elementary students attending the Muskegon Heights Public Schools. Students not only learn about gardening basics, but also prepping and sampling healthy snacks made from their harvested produce. OHH is a program of the grass-roots non-profit organization: Coalition for Community Development.

**'Not your Grandma's Jade Plant'** with **Rachel Kemme**  
Rachel is co-owner and operator of Dutch Touch Growers, Inc. Rachel has been in business since 1992 and has been growing succulents since the early 2000's. She started with the common jade plant, the medicinal aloe and Sanseveria and now has over 200 varieties of succulents. Because of her love for succulents and their growing popularity, she continues to add new varieties to her collection.

**'The Snack that Bites Back: a Researchers Peek at SE Asian Tropical Carnivorous Plants'** with **Dr. Rachel Love**  
West Michigan native, Rachel Love, grew up on her family's farm and sold produce in Grand Haven at the local farmer's market. Her doctorate took her across the globe to the Netherlands and Southeast Asia, she returns now as a professor of Ecology and Evolution at GVSU. Rachel's research interests explore the drivers of niche and morphological diversification through phylogenetic analysis and quantitative morphometrics. Her vigor in research is rooted in fieldwork and conservation.



# March Garden Day 2019

Saturday, March 16, 2019

**A Celebration of  
Gardening!**

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

**Grand Haven Community Center**  
421 Columbus Street  
Grand Haven, Michigan

Registration includes lunch  
\$50 in advance  
\$60 at the door  
Space is limited to 250 people.

**Sponsored by the West Michigan Nursery &  
Landscape Association**



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## Schedule of Events

### 8:00 Registration & Check-In

Visit exhibits, indoor gardens & silent auction. Professionals will be available to answer your gardening questions.

### 9:00 Session 1

**Taking Flight—Attracting Pollinators and Winged Wonders to your Garden! with Elly Maxwell**

Gardening to attract pollinators starts with providing appropriate habitat for butterflies, bees, hummingbirds, and other critters! Selecting appropriate plants and timing blooms will attract nectaring adults. Another important detail is planting host plant species for caterpillars as they complete their lifecycle. Lastly, we'll focus on overwintering habits of Michigan insects to help us understand how to encourage them from season to season.

### 10:30 Session 2

**How to Garden with Comfort, Ease and Simplicity with Jan Bills**

Gardens should be our love, not our labor of love! Discover how sustainable gardening includes a variety of practices that respond to environmental concerns. These practices are used in every stage of gardening including design, planting and maintenance. Together we will develop a shift in perspective as we explore how to garden with comfort, ease and simplicity. Jan will share her dirty little gardening secrets for a happier and healthy 2019!

### 11:45 - 1:15 Breakout Sessions & Lunch Break

This is a great time to tour the indoor gardens, visit the booths, attend a 30 minute Breakout Session, & enjoy lunch which is included with registration.

***Help us go Green!***

**Please recycle all compostable/  
biodegradable/recyclable materials in  
appropriate containers!**

### **Snapshots: A Taste of Short & Sweet Possibilities**

**1. The Spirit of Container Gardening,  
Scott Jacobs**

**2. What's Bugging Our Trees ,  
Keith Hogan**

**3. Operation Healthy Heights,  
Dr Rick and Nancy Peters**

**4. Not Your Grandma's Jade Plant,  
Rachel Kemme**

**5. The Snack that Bites Back: A  
Researchers Peek at SE Asian Tropical  
Carnivorous Plants,  
Dr. Rachel Love**

#### **March Garden Day**

is sponsored by the West Michigan Nursery & Landscape Association, a local non-profit organization of gardening and landscape professionals. Proceeds from this event help fund the WMNLA Scholarship Programs.

### **1:45 Silent Auction Closes**

Please be present to win items. MasterCard & Visa accepted. Thank you for your support of the WMNLA Scholarship & Horticulture Education Grant!

### 1:45 Session 3

**Romantic, Inspiring,  
Educational—Public Gardens of  
Today with Rebecca Finneran**

When one thinks of a garden, people often conjure up the lavish displays of color, intensely clipped hedges and romantic outdoor rooms of the great European estates. Many of today's internationally noted, elite gardens have ties to wealth, power, class and prestigious family estates. Yet some have dedicated themselves to education, choosing to provide inspiration and connection to the natural world. Closer to home, research plays a key role in U.S. gardens and landscapes. While many American gardens were established among the wealthy class, others were started with the express role to educate budding horticulturists. Join Rebecca Finneran, MSU Extension Senior Horticulture Educator in a look at a collection of gardens that are inspirational, educational and have shaped our lives.

**3:00 March Garden Day concludes.**

Attendance will qualify for 5 Education Credits toward Master Gardener Re-Certification



## MARCH GARDEN DAY REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

(registration confirmation will be sent by email)

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please select your luncheon choice:

\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Salad Wrap, fruit, dessert

\_\_\_\_\_ Roasted Garden Veggie Wrap, fruit, dessert

**Please complete and return this form with your pre-registration fee of \$50.00 by March 1, 2019.**

Mail pre-registration forms to: WMNLA, PO Box 96, West Olive, Michigan 49460. Please make checks payable to "WMNLA." For additional information or online registration visit [www.wmnl.com](http://www.wmnl.com) or email the March Garden Day Committee at [wmnla2013@gmail.com](mailto:wmnla2013@gmail.com).

*Advance registration at local garden retailers: Grand Haven Garden House in Grand Haven & Jonkers Garden in Holland.  
On site registration is \$60.00.  
Registration is limited to 250 people.*