

Alan Branhagen is Director of Horticulture at Powell Gardens and an all around plantsman and naturalist. With over 24,000 slides of plants and landscapes, he is a stimulating and sought-after speaker. Learn where to install a moon garden, what plants to choose and their ornamental attributes that make them so special for a moonlit garden. See how moon gardens begin to shine as the sun sets, filled with magical flowers and fragrances, mainly in white.

Patrick Byers is a Regional Horticulture Specialist with the University of Missouri Extension in southwest Missouri and served for 18 years as the Fruit Grower Advisor at the State Fruit Experiment Station. Patrick will encourage us to try some unusual berries and show how to create edible landscaping and care for berries in the backyard garden.

Libby Comfort will inspire you to use found objects for containers to enhance living plants and fresh cut flowers. She'll demonstrate whimsical floral garden art and show how to have boldness when creating a decoration. Libby has a B.S. in Art Education from the University of Missouri and is a highly experienced floral designer.

Dianne Darby, Missouri Master Gardener, is a professional graphic designer and photographer who started designing her own garden journals when she couldn't find what she wanted. Learn the basics of what's in a garden journal and how to start one in this hands-on workshop. Bring your own garden journals, thoughts and ideas on how to record your garden's journey. Garden journals will be available for purchase.

Frances Mathews and Ruth Farrand-Cox are Missouri Department of Conservation volunteers at Burr Oak Wood Nature Center with in-depth knowledge of wild edibles. Learn to correctly identify wild edibles, use them to benefit your personal needs, find value in their existence and how to cultivate them in your own garden.

Robert (Rob) A. Mortko is a Kansas Master Gardener and hosta breeder whose latest hosta introduction has been awarded a U.S. plant patent. He is a garden writer and the Newsletter Editor Coordinator for the American Hosta Society. Rob will explore some of the latest horticultural science to advance our

understanding of the mysteries behind the miracles that can happen in our own backyard. He'll share his passion for hostas as just one example of how Mother Nature provides us an endless array of miracles.

Stan Slaughter is a nationally recognized Compost Educator with broad experience in composting and vermicomposting. Find out how worms are nature's little helpers and the role of organic matter and microorganisms in the soil. Learn how to make your own vermicomposting bin with a "hands-on-worms" demonstration. A limited number of vermicomposting bins will be available for \$17.

Dr. O.R. "Chip" Taylor is a KU Professor who specializes in the population biology and mating behavior of honeybees and butterflies. He has devoted much of the last 16 years to the development of Monarch Watch. His workshop will review pollinator biology and causes of pollinator decline, including Colony Collapse Disorder. Learn how to protect, restore and create habitat for pollinators.

Dr. Francie Wenner has been an avid gardener for 30 years. She is a Kansas Master Gardener, frequent garden lecturer and garden writer whose work has been published in [Flower & Garden](#) and [Fine Gardening](#). Learn from Francie how to choose containers for growing vegetables, which vegetables are most suitable for containers and how to care for vegetables in containers.

Simeon Wright is coordinator of the University of Missouri Plant Diagnostic Clinic. Learn about the tree diseases and insect problems that have been appearing in the home yard and garden with an emphasis on plant samples submitted to the University of Missouri Plant Diagnostic Clinic. Get an update on the emerging insect pest, Emerald Ash Borer, which may be devastating to Missouri ash trees. Simeon will share which tree problems can be managed with good horticultural care and which problems are minor aesthetic issues that may not require treatment.

THE MASTER GARDENERS OF GREATER KANSAS CITY PRESENT

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL SPRING SEMINAR



THE MYSTERIES OF GARDENING

Saturday, March 14, 2009

8:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.
National World War I Museum
Liberty Memorial
100 W. 26th St
Kansas City, Missouri

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I would like a vegetarian meal Yes No

I am a Master Gardener Yes No

Rank each breakout sessions from 1 to 3 in order of preference (1 is first choice):

Breakout Session A

___ Behind the Back Door: Brambles-Berries

___ CSI for Trees

___ Eat Your Weedies

Breakout Session B

___ Pollinator Decline

___ Mystery by Moonlight

___ Prolific Porches and Delicious Decks

Breakout Session C

___ Diaries of Gardens Past

___ Mastering Mulch/Conquering Compost

___ Mrs. Bloom with the Vase in the Green house

After Conference Museum Tour

___ Sign me up; fee payable day of tour

Make check payable to:

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Registrations will be confirmed by mail.

THE MYSTERIES OF GARDENING

MARCH 14, 2009 - 8:30AM -3:15PM

National World War I Museum

Liberty Memorial – 100 W. 26th St, Kansas City, MO

8:30 - 9:00 a.m.

Registration

9:00 - 9:15 a.m.

Welcome

9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

Keynote Speech: Miracles. . .Out of Nowhere

- *Robert (Rob) A. Mortko*

10:00 - 10:15 a.m.

Break

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Breakout Session A

Behind the Back Door: Brambles and Berries

- *Patrick Byers*

CSI for Trees

- *Simeon Wright*

Eat Your Weedies

- *Frances Mathews and Ruth Farrand-Cox*

11:30 - 12:45 p.m.

Lunch and Table Topics

12:45 - 1:45 p.m.

Breakout Session B

Pollinator Decline: Causes and Consequences

- *Dr. Chip Taylor*

Mystery by Moonlight

- *Alan Branhagen*

Prolific Porches and Delicious Decks

- *Dr. Francie Wenner*

1:45 - 2:05 p.m.

Break

2:05 - 3:05 p.m.

Breakout Session C

Diaries of Gardens Past

- *Dianne Darby*

Mastering Mulch and Conquering Compost

- *Stan Slaughter*

Mrs. Bloom with the Vase in the Greenhouse

- *Libby Comfort*

3:30 - 4:45 p.m.

Optional Tour of Museum: \$8 fee payable day of tour to Museum. Tower visit: \$4

Questions? Call MU Extension: (816) 252-5051

SORRY, NO REFUNDS. If you cannot attend, feel free to send someone in your place. We will make every effort, but cannot guarantee to accommodate your preferences.

Register early and SAVE!

Early Bird Registration postmarked before February 13th = **\$49.**

Registrations postmarked after February 13th = **\$69**

NO registrations accepted after March 6th.

Registration fee includes seminar, lunch and materials