



TGOA / MGCA NATIONAL CONVENTION

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

JUNE 12 – 14, 2008



SEMINAR PRESENTERS AND OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES DESCRIPTIONS

THURSDAY SEMINARS

Ricky Kemery has been the Horticulture Educator at the Allen County, IN Extension Office for over 12 years. At present there are over 3200 trained Master Gardeners in Allen County and has also trained a large number of Master Gardeners in the surrounding counties. Ricky has a weekly Saturday morning call-in radio program on WGL-AM and FM. He is also a bi-weekly guest on WBNI-FM on Thursday mornings, and writes a Sunday column in the Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette newspaper and a monthly column in the "Fort Wayne" magazine. His presentation is "Seasons of the Prairie"

Rebecca Canales is Supervisor of Programs & Volunteer Development at the Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory. Ms. Canales is a horticulturist and educator. She has a B.S. in Ornamental Horticulture from the University of Maryland and 22 years experience in research, education, and public programming in the fertile realm of public gardens. She gardens on a half-acre in Fort Wayne. Her presentation is "The Power of Butterflies"

Lana Wolfe is an Advanced Master Gardener and a well-known hybridizer of Day Lilies and Iris, President of the Northeastern Indiana Iris Society, and VP of the Fort Wayne Daylily Club. She has approximately 1000 Daylilies growing on her property. Her presentation is titled "My Favorite Perennials"

Robert Walton has been a Bat lover for many years and will present a very interesting and informative lecture on Bats and the good they do in the garden. He will be bringing one or two live bats with him for you to see and possibly touch.

Louise Rennecker has been an Advanced Master Gardener for many years and is an Herb specialist and an excellent speaker. Her presentation is titled "Art In The Garden" and will be very entertaining - from the sublime to the absurd.

Judging Clinic – Speaker Peggy Moody.

Clinic is in 2 sessions and Judges must attend both morning and afternoon sessions to receive credit.

This clinic is open to all. Flower Show Judges (in good standing) will receive refresher credit if they attend and participate in completing the two part clinic. Written Point Scoring Test is required to receive refresher credit. Attendance will be first come and may be limited.

Part 1: Review Flower Show Procedure; Judge's ethics/requirements; Review basic Floral Design principles and elements

Part 2: Introduce and review a general Scale of Points for Horticulture; Written Point Score Test for Horticulture

SATURDAY SEMINARS

Dr. Clifford Sadof is a Professor of Landscape and Ornamental Biological Control in the Entomology Department at Purdue University in West Lafayette, IN. His special interest is in identifying elements of the urban ecosystem which contribute to insect problems on ornamental plants and trees. His presentation is titled "Common Sense Pest Control For The Home & Garden"

Jason Becker is part owner of Countryscapes and Gardens in Ligonier, Indiana. He is responsible for planters and beautification in Columbia City, Syracuse and Ligonier, Indiana. His presentation is titled "Container Gardening".

Lynda Heavrin is the Manager of Landscape & Horticulture for Fort Wayne Park's and Recreation. She is responsible for Lawton Park Greenhouse, and landscaping and care of gardens at several parks throughout Fort Wayne. Her presentation is titled "Annual Flower Gardens – Secrets of Success".

Doug Allen is a retired Chemist from the Eli Lilly Company in Indianapolis. As a Chemist, he has experience in safely handling hazardous chemicals, and what these chemicals can do to humans. He will show us the safe way to handle and apply chemicals. His presentation is titled "Using Chemicals Safely".

Darlene Kittle is an Advanced Master Gardener, President of Fort Wayne Bonsai Society, and House Plant expert on the "Ask the Expert" Internet site. Ed Hake has been growing and designing Bonsai since age 12. Their presentation is on Bonsai, and they will be demonstrating how to transform a plant from a nursery pot item into a Bonsai.

Sherra Schuck has worked for Elgin Smith's Studio 35, Inc. for 14 years. They specialize in slide duplications and direct copy work. Sherra's Grandfather, Elgin Smith, became a member of the TGOA Photography Committee many years ago. He soon introduced his daughter Judy Schuck and granddaughter Sherra Schuck to floral photography. Judy and Sherra have now taken over as the photography committee. Sherra truly enjoy shooting her own pictures and viewing all the beautiful images nature has to offer. The Photography Workshop is in 2 sessions – morning and afternoon.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

The Allen County Public Library has just completed a \$26 Million expansion and upgrade. The library is nationally known as having a genealogy collection second only to the Mormon library in Salt Lake City, Utah, and is the best genealogy collection in a library in the world. You will be given a tour of the library and have time to do some genealogy searching on your own or to just wander around. If you are really into genealogy you might want to come early to the convention, or stay a couple of extra days after the convention.

The Fort Wayne Children's Zoo is recognized as one of the top 10 Children's Zoos in the country; and it is not just for children. Covering 38 acres, the zoo is in the process of remodeling and expanding the African Journey. Visitors will be able to ride on a new "Sky Lift" which replaces the noisier ground-level cars in the old exhibit. The zoo also has a Tropical Rain Forest, an Australian Outback exhibit, a Great Barrier Reef underwater exhibit, a walk-through aviary and a petting zoo and pony rides for the kids, as well as the usual complement of exhibits such as penguins, sea lions, monkeys, otters etc.

For those whose interest is more in the garden area, we are offering tours of several gardens in the Fort Wayne area. Two hobbies gone wild and a side-by-side equals 4 uniquely different gardens to visit. Each has it's own charm, beauty and plant diversity that you can carry home to your own gardens.