

2012 Conference Details



**March 3, 2012
Grand Rapids
DeVos Place
Questions? (616) 336-3265**

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***Recertification:** MSU Extension Master Gardeners qualify for 5 advanced education credits.

**Your registration includes a 2-day pass
to the 2011 West Michigan Home and Garden
Show!**



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2012 CONFERENCE



**Featuring: Horticulturist, Author
and "Garden Myth Buster"**

Dr. Jeff Gillman



***Saturday, March 3, 2012
DeVos Place
Grand Rapids, Michigan
9:00 am – 4:00 pm***

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SOG Conference Registration Form

Participant Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City/Zip Code: _____

County of Residence _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

(_____ # of participants x \$55.00 = _____)

Check enclosed for total amount \$ _____

Make check payable and mail to:

**Kent/MSU Extension
Horticulture Department
775 Ball Avenue NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503**

***Your registration includes a 2-day pass
(Saturday/Sunday) to the 2012 West
Michigan Home and Garden Show**

**Registration Deadline is Wednesday
February 29, 2011**

⇒Registration at the door is not available.

⇒Allow one week for processing.

**⇒Confirmations will be sent in the mail along
with your pass for the Home and Garden Show
until February 25.**

PROGRAM

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Registration

“The Truth about Organic Gardening and Myth-bustin’ Garden Remedies”

*Dr. Jeff Gillman, Associate Professor
University of Minnesota*

Have you ever wondered about the science behind claims of America’s television garden evangelists? Whether organic gardening or conventional, if you are skeptical and interested in the science behind what works, what doesn’t and why, you will enjoy horticulturist Dr. Jeff Gillman’s scientific approach to breaking down gardening myths.



By fearlessly conducting original experiments and harvesting wisdom from scientific literature he reveals the sometimes surprising truth. Gillman’s contention is that all of our gardening products and practices—organic and synthetic need to be examined on a case-by-case basis to determine whether they are safe and effective or a waste of money and potentially harmful to the environment!

“Time and Space—what makes a Japanese Garden”

*Steve LaWarre, Director of Horticulture
Frederik Meijer
Gardens*



It is difficult to pin point what makes a Japanese Garden so special.

Perhaps it is because Japanese gardens represent a vast slice of history, each period with influences of its own. Join Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park Steve LaWarre in a visual exploration of Japanese gardens, both scintillating and soothing!

LUNCH BREAK 12:30-1:45 pm

**Visit Gardener’s
Marketplace and the
West Michigan Home and
Garden Show!**



“Greening Your Garden”

*Rebecca Finneran, MSU Extension Consumer
Horticulture Educator*

If you love plants and garden design, but find yourself making resolutions to “green your garden,” don’t assume that all things beautiful must be put out to pasture. During Finneran’s presentation you will get ideas for plants and design that is water smart, pest free and low input.



“Veggies Galore!!”

*Renee Shepherd,
Renee’s Garden, Felton CA*



If you are growing veggies and you think your salad is a little sleepy, beets a bit boring, and zucchini has lost its

zip—your garden will burst to life this season with new and unique seed varieties. Renee Shepherd has spent a lifetime searching out seed breeders all over the world for the very best plants for American gardeners.

Whether you plant a cook’s garden or a couple of containers, seeing the best new sweet peas, veggies and even heirloom perennials will get you set for spring! To find out more about Renee visit www.reneesgarden.com



4:00 pm – Adjourn