



Join Us For Our 7th Annual Educational Garden Conference!

Gardening and All That Jazz Creating Your Garden Palette

Saturday, April 13, 2019 – Full Day
Oakland Schools Conference Center
2111 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford, 48328

Keynote Speakers

**Margaret Roach (via live webinar),
Sue Gaviller and Dr. Richard L. Bitner**

This conference is open to the public; you need not be a Master Gardener to attend! Master Gardeners: 5 hours CE Credit, VMS Category – Community: Beautification Public Areas

Doors open at 7 a.m. Conference begins PROMPTLY at 8 a.m., ends at 4:15 p.m.

Live jazz entertainment by *guitarist Ron English (a.m.)* and *The Jerry McKenzie Quartet* during lunch.



AGENDA

The Guitar Stylings of Ron English

Registration, breakfast and shopping begin at 7 a.m.
Conference begins PROMPTLY at 8 a.m.

Welcome with opening remarks

Margaret Roach – A Way to Garden – A 365 Day Garden

Break, shopping, book signing by authors, refreshments

Drawing of door prizes

Sue Gaviller – 1) Introduction to Color Theory

Lunch, shopping, and live jazz performed by Michigan's own

Jerry McKenzie Quartet

Drawing of door prizes

Sue Gaviller –

2) Working With Color Theory in the Garden

Break, shopping, book signing by authors, refreshments

Drawing of door prizes

Dr. Richard L. Bitner – Designing with Conifers: Making the Best Choices for Year-Round Interest in Your Garden

Raffle, acknowledgements, closing (4:15 p.m.)

Educational Conference Registration

Tickets go on sale January 1, 2019. Early Bloomers Registration Fee: \$80, after February 14, 2019 Fee: \$90

Registration at the door is NOT available. Pricing includes continental breakfast, lunch, snacks and program materials. *Cancellation policy: No refunds are granted, however, registrations are transferrable.*

Registration Deadline: **Midnight, Sunday, March 24, 2019**

Please complete the form and make checks payable to: MGSOC, Inc. or register online at the MGSOC web site: www.mgsoc.org

Don't forget! **Pre-select your luncheon choice** which will be indicated on your name badge the day of the conference. You will be able to indicate your luncheon choices if registering online. If mailing your registration, please keep a copy for yourself and mail a copy to:

Laura Miehl – Registrar, 1418 Lomas Verdes,
Rochester Hills, MI 48306

Direct conference registration questions to:

Laura Miehl, Phone: (248) 961-1013,

E-mail: Laura.Miehl@gmail.com

GARDEN MARKET

We will have a fabulous Garden Market with many vendors selling garden-related gifts, artwork and plants.

This conference provides 5 hours of Master Gardener Education Credits.

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY, All Fields Are Required

Name _____

Address _____

City / State _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

E-Mail * _____

* Please note: confirmation will be sent via e-mail only.

Certified Master Gardener? (check if yes) County _____

THREE LUNCHEON CHOICES (please select one)

We have a NEW food vendor this year – Crank's Catering!

Michigan Cherry Salad (Vegetarian choice)

Dark mixed greens, dried cherries, candied walnuts, apple straws, mandarin oranges, cucumber, tomato, crumbled blue cheese and house-made dressing on the side

Michigan Cherry Chicken Salad

Chicken, dark mixed greens, dried cherries, candied walnuts, apple straws, mandarin oranges, cucumber, tomato, crumbled blue cheese and house-made dressing on the side

Smoked Turkey w/Natural Swiss Cheese Sandwich

Sliced deli turkey, sliced Swiss, sliced tomato, lettuce on deli bread with condiments on the side

Box lunch includes a beverage, cookie, chips, fruit and utensils.

Special Requirements _____

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2019 Keynote Speakers

Margaret Roach – *A Way to Garden – A 365-Day Garden* – Website: AWayToGarden.com



Margaret Roach, after 15 years at *Martha Stewart Living* and a decade each at *Newsday* and *The New York Times*, now writes the nationally acclaimed blog *A Way to Garden* and is author of the 2011 corporate-dropout memoir, *And I Shall Have Some Peace There*, about walking away from “success” for a quieter life lived closer to nature.

Her public-radio show has been named a “top-5 garden podcast” by *The Guardian* newspaper in the UK, and won 3 silver medals for excellence in 2016, from *Garden Writers of America*.

Her award-winning book *A Way to Garden*, in an all-new full-color edition, is coming out spring 2019 from Timber Press. Her previous book, “The Backyard Parables” (2013) blends garden memoir and how-to advice.

Eat Pray Love author Elizabeth Gilbert said of it: “As a passionate, hopeful and often self-delusional gardener (the only kind of gardener there is!), I loved this gorgeous book. Margaret Roach writes with intelligence, compassion, and most of all – sanity. Her work is a blessing.”

Please note that Margaret Roach will be with us via state-of-the-art live webinar, in a presentation format where she will be presenting “long distance” – and responding to your questions and answers in real time.

Sue Gaviller – 1) *Introduction to Color Theory* and 2) *Working With Color Theory in the Garden* – Website: NotAnotherGardeningBlog.com



Sue Gaviller is a landscape designer, instructor, speaker and writer from Western Canada. She got her start in the garden as a teenager weeding the cucumber patch on her parent’s acreage, and vowing to never have a garden. As destiny would have it though, Sue caught the gardening bug as a young adult, eventually training to be a landscape designer. She was handed her first client on the last day of class and soon after started her design/consulting company. Later she became an instructor herself, responsible for developing new curriculum including a *DynaSCAPE* software training program.

She is a sought-after speaker in the city she calls home, delivering her presentations in an informative and entertaining manner. She has lent her expertise to horticultural organizations and Master Gardener associations in both Canada and the US. Her articles have appeared in Canadian magazines like *The Gardener* and the *Prairie Garden* as well as smaller local publications. Sue’s popular garden design blog, *Not Another Gardening Blog* is an information destination for fellow designers, design students and home gardeners – it is recommended reading for horticulture and design students at both college and university levels.

And she does indeed have a garden – now a seasoned gardener of more than 30 years, her passion for designing is equaled only by her enthusiasm for sharing it with others. When not busy teaching, blogging, lecturing or designing for others, she can be found trying to ‘practice what she preaches’ in her own garden.

Dr. Richard L. Bitner – *Designing with Conifers: Making the Best Choices for Year-Round Interest in Your Garden* – Website: ConifersForGardens.com



Dr. Richard Bitner is a retired anesthesiologist. He studied horticulture at **Longwood Gardens** in Pennsylvania, where for twenty years he was a Plant Study Walk Instructor and a popular teacher of the *Conifers*, the *Deciduous Flowering Shrubs II*, and the *Designing With Conifers* certificate courses. He teaches a course on conifers at the arboretum school of the **Barnes Foundation**. His column *Gardening Journey* appears in *Lancaster Magazine*.

For decades, he served as a member of the **Pennsylvania Horticultural Society’s Gold Medal Plant Award** Committee. His Timber Press titles include: *Conifers for Gardens – An Illustrated Encyclopedia*; *Timber Press Pocket Guide to Conifers*, and *Designing with Conifers – The Best Choices for Year-round Interest in Your Garden*.

