Doors Open at 7 a.m.
Conference Begins at 8 a.m.
Seminar Ends at 4:15 p.m.

Keynote Speakers
Rick Darke • Doug Tallamy
Heather Holm • Susan Martin

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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
Rick Darke – Celebrating and Conserving the Resiliency of Accidental Landscapes
Break, shopping, book signing by authors, refreshments
Drawing of door prizes
Doug Tallamy – Restoring Nature’s Relationships at Home
Lunch, shopping, and live jazz performed by the Dave Tatrow Quartet
Drawing of door prizes
Heather Holm – Attracting Bees and Beneficial Insects with Native Plants
Break, shopping, book signing by authors, refreshments
Drawing of door prizes
Susan Martin – Lessons Learned Under the Trees
Raffle, acknowledgements, closing (4:15 p.m.)

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Certified Master Gardener? (check if yes) [ ] County _______

THREE LUNCHEON CHOICES (please select one)
Crank’s Catering will again be providing the food throughout the day.

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

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

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

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Special Requirements ____________________________________________________________________

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Accidental landscapes including urban post-industrial and post-agricultural sites offer living proof of the resiliency of biological relationships. Gardeners—who practice the art of nurturing life—will be increasingly effective as they develop strategies for working with the regenerative power of plant and animal communities. Using examples of designed landscapes with spontaneous origins, Rick Darke will explore concepts that revise the way we think of “Nature” and the ways we define horticulture and gardening.

Specialized relationships between animals and plants are the norm in nature rather than the exception. It is specialized relationships that provide our birds with insects and berries, that disperse our bloodroot seeds, that pollinate our goldenrod, and so on. Plants that evolved in concert with local animals provide for their needs better than plants that evolved elsewhere. Tallamy will explain why this is so, why specialized food relationships determine the stability and complexity of the local food webs that support animal diversity, why our yards and gardens are essential parts of the ecosystems that sustain us, and how we can use our landscapes to connect the isolated habitat fragments around us. It is time to create landscapes that enhance local ecosystems rather than degrade them.

Most insects have a positive impact in our landscapes. Native plants can be selected to attract specific bees and beneficial insects including predatory and parasitic wasps, beetles, flies, true bugs, and lacewings. Learn about the predator-prey relationships of these flower-visiting beneficial insects and how they help keep problem insect populations in balance. The life cycles, diversity, and nesting habitat of native bees will also be covered along with examples of native plants for different site conditions.

Heather Holm is an author and pollinator educator spending most of her time passionately educating audiences about the fascinating world of native bees and the native plants that support them.

Susan Martin is an avid gardener, writer and speaker from Holland, Michigan. Find life beyond hostas in this beautiful, engaging presentation.