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*Join Us For Our 8th Annual
Educational Garden Conference!*

Gardening and All That Jazz In Harmony With Nature

Keynote Speakers

**Rick Darke • Doug Tallamy
Heather Holm • Susan Martin**

Saturday, April 17, 2021 9 a.m.-3:45 p.m.

Because of COVID, 2021 is a
Virtual Conference being produced by
Orion Neighborhood Television

Our conference is offered to all who love to
garden. All skill levels are welcome, and you need
not be a Master Gardener to attend!

Master Gardeners: 5 hours CE Credit,
VMS Category – Environmental Stewardship:

The following books will be available for
purchase on the EventBrite registration site:

Timber Press

Bringing Nature Home – Doug Tallamy – \$15

Nature's Best Hope – Doug Tallamy – \$23

The Living Landscape – Rick Darke and Doug Tallamy – \$34

The Wild Garden – William Robinson and Rick Darke – \$26

Pollination Press

Bees: An Identification and Native Plant Forage Guide –
Heather Holm – \$24

Pollinators of Native Plants – Heather Holm – \$24

Price includes shipping and handling to your home address.
Books will be mailed from the publisher after April 15.

For questions on book sales, please contact our Registrar,
Ann Hudak via e-mail: conference@mgsoc.org

Chair: Betty Peters
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*Jazz music by Dave Bennett and
The Dave Tatrow Quartet*



Educational Conference Registration

Tickets go on sale February 1, 2021.

Registration Fee: \$50

Cancellation policy:
No refunds are granted.

**Registration Deadline: Midnight,
Wednesday, April 14, 2021
Checks must be received by this date.**

Ann Hudak – Registrar, 3931 Custer Avenue
Royal Oak, MI 48073

Direct conference registration questions to:
Ann, phone (248) 812-9437
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AGENDA

Conference begins PROMPTLY at 9 a.m.

Each presentation will be one hour long, with a 15-minute
Q&A. Q&A questions will be e-mailed in during
each presentation.

Welcome with opening remarks

**9:15-10:30 am – Rick Darke – *Celebrating and Conserving the
Resiliency of Dynamic Landscapes***

15-minute break

10:50 am-12:05 pm – Doug Tallamy – *Nature's Best Hope*

30-minute lunch break

**12-45-2 pm – Heather Holm – *Attracting Bees and Beneficial
Insects with Native Plants***

15-minute break

**2:20 -3:35 pm – Susan Martin – *Lessons
Learned Under the Trees***

3:45 conference closes



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2021 Keynote Speaker Presentations



Rick Darke – *Celebrating and Conserving the Resiliency of Dynamic Landscapes*
www.RickDarke.com

Dynamic 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.



Doug Tallamy – *Nature’s Best Hope*
www.BringingNatureHome.net

Recent headlines about global insect declines and three billion fewer birds in North America are a bleak reality check about how ineffective our current landscape designs have been at sustaining the plants and animals that sustain *us*. Such losses are not an option if we wish to continue our current standard of living on Planet Earth. The good news is that none of this is inevitable. Tallamy will discuss simple steps that each of us can and must take to reverse declining biodiversity and will explain why we, ourselves, are nature’s best hope.



Heather Holm – *Attracting Bees and Beneficial Insects with Native Plants*
www.PollinatorsNativePlants.com

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 – *Lessons Learned Under the Trees*
www.facebook.com/GardenerSueNews/

Shade. Most of us have it, but many of us are unsure what to do with it. Over a decade of experience gardening in every degree of shade near the Lake Michigan shoreline has taught Susan many lessons and ignited her passion for shade gardening. Much of what she has learned you’ll never find in books, and she is ready to share the inside scoop. Learn how to take advantage of the conditions you have, not those you wish you had.

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