

**Sat., Feb. 15, 2020**

La Sure's Banquet Hall, 3125 S Washburn St.,

Oshkosh WI

Cost: \$45 through February 11

\$50 after, includes breakfast and lunch

Gluten-Free options available

ATM available on site

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name:

Address:

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Amount Enclosed: \$

Make check payable to WCMGA and mail to:

WCMGA

1112 Merritt Ave.

Oshkosh, WI 54901

FREE ONSITE parking! Registration confirmation will be sent by email or U.S. mail.

Proceeds from this event support the Winnebago County Master Gardener Association's community projects and scholarships.



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**11th Annual**

*W*inter Escape  
*S*ummer Dreams

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8 AM—3:30 PM



**Education, Silent  
Auction, Door Prizes,  
Raffle, Food & Fun!**



Ben is passionate for connecting people to plants and one another through public gardens. Ben is most interested in the potential of urban landscapes to provide meaningful, authentic, and transformative horticultural experiences through community engagement and co-creation of green space. Ben is the Director of the Allen Centennial Garden at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Ben is also a passionate planting designer. His particular interest lies in designing mixed perennial gardens that embrace ecology as an essential component, harnessing the power of nature to create a more resilient, harmonious, and rewarding gardening experience.

**BROWN IS A COLOR TOO** - Late fall and early winter are not typically considered a time of excitement in the garden, yet there's still so much to see and experience. This presentation explores inspirational plant combinations and maintenance methods for enhancing a garden in November and beyond.

**PRINCIPLES OF PLANTING DESIGN WITH PERENNIALS** - Durable, multi-faceted, resilient: perennials have it all! The eternal quest in garden design is to create a garden with consistent interest year-round, and perennials can play that role. This presentation will demystify the design process, empowering you to create your most captivating garden!

Anita, a retired pharmacist and biologist, is a naturalist with an insatiable curiosity about the natural world. From insects to flowers, bats to frogs, nothing escapes her attention. She enthusiastically shares her passion and knowledge through her nature writings, original nature-themed quilts, talks and field trips. She currently is the Volunteer Prairie Keeper for UW Oshkosh working closely with the grounds crew to enhance the natural beauty and native diversity on campus.



**NATIVE NATURALLY** – Nature is all around us, but it is slipping away. Urban sprawl, sterile lawns, use of herbicides and pesticides, and our love for exotic species are all contributing factors. However, all is not lost. A healthy environment is rich in its diversity of native plants, insects and other critters where everything is interrelated. As gardeners, we can each do our part to reverse the decline. All it takes is a tweak here and there. Learn what you can do by planting native species, making your yard more insect-friendly and taking care of your garden with nature in mind. Nature will respond and you'll have many exciting happenings to observe and study.



Jim Nienhuis is a professor of horticulture at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and also serves as a principal investigator on Horticulture Innovation Lab projects focused on vegetable production in Central America. Nienhuis is also known to many in Wisconsin as one of the Vicars of Vegetables through his appearances on WPR's Garden Talk show. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, in plant breeding and genetics; a M.S. from North Carolina State University, Raleigh, in horticulture and statistics; and a B.S. from the University of Illinois, Champagne-Urbana, in agronomy.

**SEEDS OF CHANGE** - Learn how growing fruits and vegetables can improve the lives of some of the world's poorest people and their communities through horticulture innovations. Hear about how the Seeds of Change program has helped increase income, improve aspects of gender equity and enhanced nutrition in rural families who grow vegetables for their own consumption and for local markets in Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua. The program has taught women how to raise their own seed stocks, and, as a plant breeder at UW-Madison, Nienhuis has developed open-pollinated varieties of disease-resistant tomatoes and peppers especially for Central America.

## Day's Schedule

**8—8:30 AM**

Registration & Continental Breakfast  
Visit the Silent Auction & Raffle

**8:30—8:45AM**

Welcome  
Roy Anne Moulton, WE~SD Lead

**8:45—10:15 AM**

Brown is a Color Too  
Benjamin Futa, Executive Director, Allen Centennial Garden at the University of Wisconsin—Madison

**10:15—10:45 AM**

BREAK— Visit the Silent Auction & Raffle

**10:45—11:45 AM**

Native Naturally  
Anita Carpenter, Ecologist, Volunteer Prairie Keeper for University of Wisconsin Oshkosh

**11:45—12:45 PM**

LUNCH

**12:45—1:45 PM**

Principles of Planting Design with Perennials  
Benjamin Futa

**1:45—2:00 PM**

BREAK—Silent Auction & Raffle Close at 2

**2:00—3:00 PM**

Seeds of Change  
Jim Nienhuis, Professor of Horticulture at the University of Wisconsin—Madison

**3:00—3:30 PM**

Evaluations, Door Prizes, Silent Auction & Raffle Winners Announced, Adjourn

For more information, please contact Linda Baeten at 920.379.8377 or visit [www.winnebagoastergardeners.org](http://www.winnebagoastergardeners.org)