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**From the North:**

Take US 27 to the US-127-BUS exit. Follow Mission Road 3 Miles straight ahead through all 7 stoplights turning right on West Campus Drive.

**From the South:**

Take US 27 to the US-127-BUS exit. Turn left at the first stop light onto West Campus Drive. The Hotel is located on the left hand side of the street.

**From the East:**

Take US-10 West to M-20 West towards Mt. Pleasant. At Mission Road, turn left. Continue through six traffic lights. At the seventh light, turn right onto Campus Drive/Bluegrass Road. The hotel entrance is on the left side of the road.

**From the West:**

Take US-131 to M-46 East. Take US-27 North towards Clare. Continue North for approximately 15 miles. Take the first Mt. Pleasant exit (on left). At first light, turn left onto Campus Drive/Bluegrass Road.

Note: A block of rooms at a discounted rate has been reserved at the Comfort Inn & Suites. Be sure to mention the

**Spring Into Garden** Conference if you make reservations.

**\*\*For additional area hotel information, check out  
[www.mountpleasantwow.com/areahotels.htm](http://www.mountpleasantwow.com/areahotels.htm).**

**Return Registrations Forms to:**

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# Spring Into Gardening

## Conference

Mount Pleasant, Michigan

**Saturday**

**April 17, 2010**

**9:00 to 4:00 p.m.**



Sponsored by the Master Gardener Association,  
Isabella County Chapter

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 19, 2010**

- ◆ Join us for a day-long mini “Michigan Stimulus” **Spring Into Gardening** Conference. In our current economic situation, every little thing we buy or do affects someone else—even their job.
- ◆ Help us to continue this great conference to provide garden enthusiast the opportunity to receive valuable educational hours each year.
- ◆ We have always provided a diverse conference with great speakers and the best vendors available.
- ◆ We thank you for your continued support of our program! We strive to keep the cost at a reasonable amount with the best program we can provide. We take pride in providing you this program with no price changes over 2009.
- ◆ As we showcase Michigan as part of the mini “Michigan Stimulus” we will have ALL MICHIGAN speakers and vendors.
- ◆ We will have Michigan products for lunch.
- ◆ We will even be sharing Michigan facts throughout the day.

Saturday, April 17, 2010  
Comfort Inn & Suites Hotel and Conference Center  
**2010 Conference Schedule:**

8:30 - 9:00 am - **Registration**

9:00 - 9:30 am - **Welcome** - Belinda Laughlin

9:30 - 10:30 am - Janet Macunovich—

**Perennials in the Landscape**

10:30 - 10:45 am - Door Prizes

10:45 - 11:45 am - Jim McDonald—**Common Herbs**

11:45 am - 1:00 pm - Lunch / Shopping

1:00 - 2:00 pm - Janet Macunovich—**Using Garden Art**

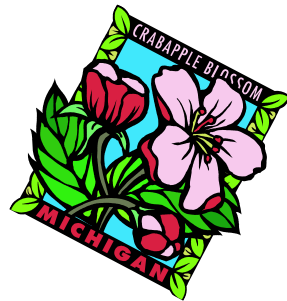
2:00 - 2:15 pm - Door Prizes

2:15 - 3:15 pm - Bob Eldridge—**Having Fun with Annuals**

3:15 - 3:45 pm - Door Prize / Raffle Drawing

3:45 - 4:15 pm - Final opportunity to visit vendors and pick up purchases

- \$50.00 cost includes:**
- Four Michigan Speaker Sessions
  - Lunch with Michigan products
  - Michigan Vendors
  - Door Prizes



Our challenge to you is to start reading the labels when you shop for everyday things and see what you can find that is made in the USA—or better yet **Michigan!** The job you save may be your own or your neighbors! If you accept this challenge, it will better our own mini “Michigan Stimulus.”

*About our Michigan Speakers*



**Janet Macunovich**, who resides in southeast Michigan, is an educator in landscape and garden design and the author of several gardening books. She is the founder of the Michigan School of Gardening and the Practical Gardening Institute. Janet has been designing, planting and maintaining gardens for over 20 years. Janet has developed and presented at workshops throughout the country.

**Jim McDonald** is a self taught herbalist who currently lives in White Lake, Michigan. Jim’s knowledge about herbs comes from first hand experience, learning about the plants that are in his immediate environment. Jim’s goal is to teach others to “make relationships with the plants that grow around them and receive their own teachings.”

**Bob Eldridge** lives in Alma, Michigan. Bob has been gardening in some form or another since 1974. A Master Gardener since 1988, and has taught gardening classes for the past 15 years. Bob currently is serving as Executive Director of Keep Michigan Beautiful, Inc., a non-profit organization that has promoted beautification, anti-litter and environmental enhancement since 1962.

**Items of interest:**

- Raffle Drawing
- Tickets are \$2.00 each of 3/\$5.00.  
All proceeds will be used for Master Gardener Programs.

Master Gardeners will receive **five (5)** education hours for attending this conference all day.



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