

2017 Garden Seminar

Your Garden: Manage the Old, In with the New



Saturday, February 25, 2017
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Otsego Grand Event Center
610 S. Wisconsin, Gaylord

Presented by the
Alpine Master Gardener Association

All Are Welcome!

*Spring will be here
sooner than you think...*

Breakfast Menu

Yogurt Fruit Granola Parfait Bar

Luncheon Menu

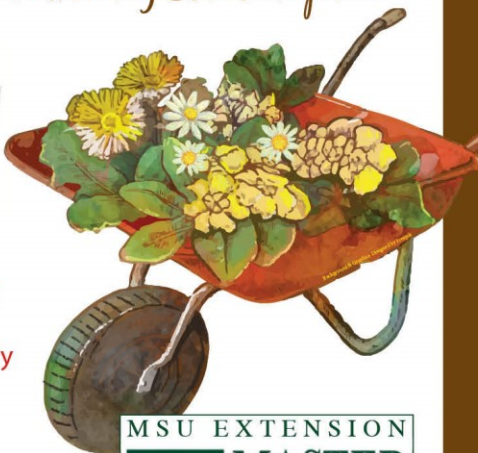
Full Buffet Featuring:

Traverse City Cherry Chicken &
Apple Glazed Pork Tenderloin

*Breakfast and lunch are
included in the registration price!*



Educating
communities
about
environmentally
sound
practices
through
horticulture-
based
activities.



*For an online brochure
or to learn more about the
Alpine Master Gardener Association
visit www.otsego.org/amg.*

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Registration Information



Early bird registration is \$40 if
postmarked by February 11th.

Registration fee after
February 11th is \$50.

Seating is limited - Register early!

NEW this year: Register ONLINE

[https://alpinemastergardener.regfox.com/
your-garden-manage-the-old-in-with-the-new](https://alpinemastergardener.regfox.com/your-garden-manage-the-old-in-with-the-new)

**OR complete this form & mail to the address
below (please print clearly):**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Registering A Friend, Too?

Name of Friend: _____

A confirmation will be sent via email only.
Cancellation Policy: Refunds cannot be granted.
However, registrations are transferable.

Make checks payable to: AMGA

Mail to: Alpine Master Gardener Association
c/o Event Registrations
PO Box 1331, Gaylord, MI 49734



For an online brochure, visit
www.otsego.org/amg (under Events)

Questions? Contact Sue Wadel Smith at 989-858-5471
or email alpinemastergardeners@gmail.com.



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Schedule of Events



8:15 Registration Begins;
Enjoy Beverages & Parfaits

9:00 Welcome & Presentation by Jan Coppola
Bills of Two Women and a Hoe - How to Garden with Comfort, Ease and Simplicity
Learn how sustainable gardening includes a variety of practices that respond positively to the environment (and the gardener). These practices are used in all phases of gardening including design, planting and maintenance. Together we will explore how to apply simple, low maintenance, affordable and practical tips in your gardens. Enjoy interesting, invigorating and FUN new approaches to gardening in 2017!



1:30 Dessert Break

2:00 Presentation by Brian Bates, Owner of Bear Creek Organic Farm - Beekeeping Basics

Brian researched honey bees and pesticide exposure at Pennsylvania State University. He and his wife maintain a small apiary of 30-40 hives across the Petoskey area. Brian will share his research and hands-on experience with bees, his passion for small-scale beekeeping and a detailed list of material costs to get started. A sample hive, useful equipment, tools and clothing will be on hand to observe.



3:00 Wrap-up & Surveys



10:00 Break

10:30 Presentation Continues

11:15 Lunch

12:30 Presentation by Barbara Balgoyen of Walters Gardens - New & Noteworthy Perennials

Enjoy seeing new and other fabulous and noteworthy perennials for Zone 4. These plants are all produced right here in West Michigan by the nation's largest wholesale grower, Walters Gardens, Inc. Enjoy wonderful photography and plant information, enthusiastically presented by Barb Balgoyen.

Our Presenters...



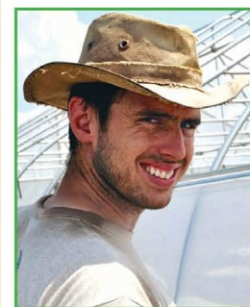
Jan Coppola Bills

After a successful career in the corporate world, Jan made a major life reassessment and followed her heart. She traded her heels for Wellies and started the Detroit-area landscape design company *Two Women and a Hoe*. She is an Advanced Master Gardener, Certified Landscape Designer, contributing writer for *Michigan Gardening*, and author of *Late Bloomer - How to Garden with Comfort, Simplicity and Ease in the Second Half of Life*.



Barbara Balgoyen

A passionate, self-proclaimed "Plant Geek," Barbara Balgoyen is an avid gardener who has worked in the green industry for over 35 years. She has worked as a buyer and sales manager at retail garden centers and florists, as owner operator of a garden design and maintenance business, and most currently as customer care and technical support for the leading wholesale perennial grower in the US, Walters Gardens, Inc. One of her favorite sayings is "It's only a weed if you don't like it!"



Brian Bates

Brian Bates owns and operates Bear Creek Organic Farm in Petoskey with his wife, Anne Morningstar. Firm believers in transparency through value chain, they have developed a philosophy called "Full-Transparency Farming" where the farm is an open book for customers, wholesalers and fellow farmers. With no secrets, a lot of ideas, and some serious elbow-grease, Bear Creek has gone from \$0 to \$180k on 1.5 acres in less than three years.