

# Midwest Native Plant Conference Agenda

August 2-4, 2024 Bergamo Center Beaver Creek, OH

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| <b>Friday</b>  |  |   |   |
| 12:30 pm Vendor Registration Opens   | Sponsor, Vendor & Exhibitor Registration. (No early registrations)   |   |   |
| 1:00 pm Attendee Registration Opens  | Registration Opens-Full and Friday Only Option Registration Opens.   |   |   |
| 1:15-2:15 pm Indoor Presentation   | <b>Seed Collection and Propagation of Native Plants</b> , Gale Martin  |   |   |
| 1:30-2:30 pm Outdoor Walk  | <b>Shade Plantings and Thickets</b> , Austin Miller, Moderate to difficult walking. Limit 15                       |   |   |
| 2:30-3:30 pm Indoor Panel  | <b>Ask an Expert Panel</b> , Mark Plunkett, Macy Reynolds, Kim Carlson, Sandy McHugh                               |   |   |
| 3:45-4:45 pm Indoor Presentation   | <b>Edible Native Plants: Food for Thought</b> , Debra Knapke   |   |   |
| 4:30-6:30 pm Fireplace Lounge  | Social with Cash Bar until 6:30  |   |   |
| 5:00-6:30 pm Dining Room   | Dinner Shifts - Flora 5:00 - Fauna 5:30  |   |   |
| 6:45 pm Roncalli   | Welcome, Marianist Environmental Education Center (MEEC) & General Announcements                                   |   |   |
| 7:15 pm Roncalli Keynote Speaker   | <b>The Legacy of Native Gardens in America and their Promise for the Future</b> , Robert Grese                     |   |   |
| 9:00 pm Outdoor Activities-meet at front entrance. Indoor talks in Roncalli. | <b>Chimney Swift Walk</b> —Judy Semroc<br><b>Firefly Walk</b> -Matthew Speights                                    | <b>Sounds Night Walk</b> -Lisa Rainsong<br><b>Nature Prowl</b> -Jim McCormac. | <b>The Great Plains: A Vanishing Ecosystem</b> , Tom Croce (indoor) |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>Saturday Native Plants &amp; Artisan Sale, Open to the public by registration, 9:30 am to 5:30 pm</b>           |   |   |
| 8:00 - 9:00 am Dining Room   | Breakfast 8:00 am - 9:00 am  |   |   |
| 8:00 am Silent Auction Opens. Dining room Fireplace Lounge.                  | <b>Silent Auction Bidding</b> Opens in Dining Room Fireplace Lounge. Must Be Present to Win! Bidding closes 6:15pm |   |   |
| 9:15 Roncalli  | Welcome and Announcements  |   |   |
| 9:30 am Roncalli Keynote Speaker   | <b>Cultivating for Native Bee Conservation</b> , Dr. Karen Goodell   |   |   |
| 10:45 am-11:45 am  | <b>Breakout Session 1</b> - Meet outside front entrance for outdoor programs.                                      |   |   |
| Indoor Presentation  | Ruby-throated Hummingbirds: Feathered Helicopters, Jim McCormac  |   |   |
| Indoor Presentation  | Birds and Insects are Listening, Dr. Lisa Rainsong   |   |   |
| Indoor Presentation  | Attracting Beneficial Insects to the Home Garden Habitat, Judy Semroc  |   |   |
| Outdoor Art Program  | Landscape Drawing with Natural Objects, Bill Whorrall  |   |   |
| Outdoor Presentation   | Cultivating Stewardship; Growing Native Trees from Seed, Sam Settlemyre  |   |   |
| Outdoor Nursery Tour   | DIY - Growing Native Plants and MEEC Nursery Tour, Michele Banker  |   |   |
| Outdoor Presentation   | Historical and Medical uses of Native Ohio plants, Dr. Theresa Culley  |   |   |
| Outdoor Presentation   | Controlling Wildland Weeds, Tom Borgman  |   |   |
| Noon-1:30 pm Dining Room   | Lunch Shifts - Flora 12:00 & Fauna 12:30 pm  |   |   |
| 1:30-2:30 pm   | <b>Breakout Session 2</b> - Meet outside front entrance for outdoor programs                                       |   |   |
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| 3:30-4:30 pm Indoor Presentation   | <b>Planting With Nature: Designing with Native Plants</b> , Jennifer Smith   |   |   |
| 3:30-4:30 pm Indoor Presentation   | <b>Restoring Land and People – Plant a Sound Garden</b> , Jack Stenger   |   |   |
| 4:30-6:30 pm Social, Fireplace Lounge  | Social with cash Bar until 6:30 pm. Silent Auction bidding ends 6:15 pm.   |   |   |
| 5:00-6:30 pm Dining Room   | Dinner Shifts - Flora 5:00 & Fauna 5:30. Silent Auction Bidding Ends 6:15 pm                                       |   |   |
| 6:45 pm Roncalli - Announcements   | Centerpiece Raffle & Silent Auction Winners Announced– <i>Must be present to win!</i>                              |   |   |
| 7:15 pm Roncalli Keynote Speaker   | <b>Carex for Every Garden</b> , Sam Hoadley  |   |   |
| 9:00 pm Outdoor Walks meet at front entrance. Indoor talks in Roncalli.      | <b>Chimney Swift Walk</b> —Judy Semroc<br><b>Firefly Walk</b> -Matthew Speights                                    | <b>Sounds Night Walk</b> -Lisa Rainsong<br><b>Nature Prowl</b> -Jim McCormac. | <b>The Great Plains: A Vanishing Ecosystem</b> , Tom Croce (indoor) |
| <b>Sunday</b>  | <b>Conference Ends - Thank you for Joining Us!</b>   |   |   |
| 7:30-8:30 am Dining Room   | Breakfast and Room Checkout 7:30 am - 8:30 am  |   |   |
| 9:00 am Field Trips Depart.  | Fill your water bottle, get your maps, and head to your field trip location.                                       |   |   |

Conference Documents can be found online at: <https://midwestnativeplants.org/midwest-native-plant-conference/>