

Symposium Speakers



Larry Weaner
Glenside, PA

Larry Weaner is nationally recognized for combining expertise in horticulture, landscape design, and ecological restoration. He founded the firm Larry Weaner Landscape Associates in 1982. His work at public facilities and private residences through the eastern U.S. has received numerous recognitions and been featured in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Garden Design*, *Landscape Architecture Magazine*, and *American Gardener*, among other publications. Larry is an active guest lecturer and instructor for horticultural and environmental organizations throughout the U.S., and in 1990 he developed *New Directions in the American Landscape* (NDAL), an educational programming series with a national following. His book *Garden Revolution: How Our Landscapes Can Be a Source of Environmental Change* (Timber Press, 2016) recently received an American Horticultural Society Book Award.



Heather Holm
Minnetonka, MN

Heather had an avid interest in natural history and botany at a young age. She studied horticulture and biology at the University of Guelph and later web programming and digital design at Seneca College, Canada. Heather is a nationally sought-after speaker and spends much of her time educating audiences about the fascinating world of native bees and the native plants that support them. Her first book, *Pollinators of Native Plants*, helped establish her as a knowledgeable resource on the subject of the interactions between native bees and native plants.

She currently lives in Minnesota with her husband. For the past few years, she has been assisting with native bee research projects. The most recent research project was a two-year study to determine the types of native bees present in cultivated blueberry farms in Minnesota and Wisconsin. The study included developing customized plans to enhance and expand both forage plants and nesting sites for bees within the farms.

Seminar Location:

Landmark Academy
4800 Lapeer Road
Kimball Twp., MI 48074
(Two miles west of Port Huron, MI)

Registrar: Sandy Billings (810) 367-3399
Date: Saturday, March 24, 2018
Time: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Cost: Registration - \$90.00
Includes continental breakfast and lunch and snack breaks
Late Registration after March 1 - \$100.00

Local Hotel Accommodations:

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
800 Harker Avenue
Port Huron, MI 48060
810-984-8000
www.doubletree3.hilton.com

Marriott Fairfield Inn
1635 Yeager St.
Port Huron Twp., MI 48060
810-982-8500
www.marriott.com/fairfieldinn

Directions to: Landmark Academy
4800 Lapeer Rd.
Kimball Twp., MI 48074

From I-69 to Wadhams Rd. exit #196. Turn Left (north) onto Wadhams Rd., for .7 miles, continuing to the light, (Lapeer Rd.). Turn Right, and drive 1.1 miles. It is located on the Left (north). **Parking in the rear of building, NOT the side.**

From I-94 E. exit #269. Turn Left (north) on Range Rd. for 1.1 miles, At traffic circle, continue straight to stay on Range for 1.2 miles. Turn Left onto Lapeer for .6 miles, on Right.

Master Gardeners of St. Clair County Present



*“Let me tell you
about the Birds and
the Bees,
and the Flowers and
the Trees.”*

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**PARK IN REAR OF
BUILDING, NOT THE SIDE.**

Doors open at 8:00 am.
Seminar: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Registrar: Sandy Billings
Phone: (810) 367-3399
E-mail: sanderan51@yahoo.com
Registration fee: \$90.00
Late Registration fee: \$100
(after March 1)
(all in U.S. funds)

PLEASE NOTE
THE SCHOOL IS A SMOKE-FREE
CAMPUS. NO SMOKING ALLOWED ON
GROUNDS.

Symposium Speakers



**Rosann
Kovalcik**

**Grosse Pointe
Woods, MI**

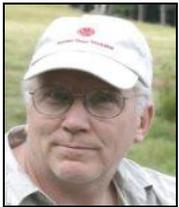
Rosann Kovalcik, a Grosse Pointe Woods resident, has been the owner of Wild Birds Unlimited Nature Shop in that same city for twenty-five years. Her specialty store caters to the hobby of feeding birds in your yard. Rosann is also a Master Gardener.

She currently serves on the Boards of Michigan Audubon and Detroit Audubon as well as being an active member of the Grosse Pointe and Macomb Audubon Societies.

Rosann currently leads Bird Walks at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford Estate, where 195 species of birds have been seen during the Bird Walk adventures in the past twenty years.

The Wild Birds Unlimited Franchise bestowed Kovalcik with the Friend to the Environment Award in 2007, recognizing a WBU Franchise store owner for his or her efforts that have benefited the community environmentally.

Rosann loves to Bring People & Nature Together!



**Thomas
Christopher**
Berkshire Hills, MA

A graduate of the New York Botanical Garden School of Professional Horticulture, Thomas Christopher has had more than forty years of experience in the field of gardening. His special interest has always been in the ecological aspects of his craft. He has written about this in articles for such varied publications as *Natural History*, *Martha Stewart Living*, *The Journal of the Royal Horticultural Society*, and *The New York Times*. He authored 14 books; most recently, he co-authored with Larry Weaner *Garden Revolution: How Our Landscapes Can Be a Source of Environmental Change*. He's also the author of a syndicated newspaper column with a weekly circulation of more than 250,000 readers. Thomas gardens with his wife Suzanne in the Berkshire Hills of western Massachusetts, where they pursue their hobby of recreating vintage New England hard ciders.

Lecture Topics

Rosann Kovalcik: Berries, Bugs and Snags. During this presentation, Rosann Kovalcik, will teach you how to garden with birds in mind, providing a habitat that supports resident birds that call your yard a home, as well as migratory birds looking for critical stopover habitat. Learn how native plants provide essential habitat and food for birds, and enjoy amazing photos of birds that you may attract to your yard.

Thomas Christopher: Ecological Garden Maintenance. Learning to work with Nature instead of against it can make your gardening easier and more rewarding, as well as more environmentally beneficial. Learning to respect natural cycles and systems can simplify everything from weed and pest management to overcoming invasives and even lawn maintenance; he will address these topics and more.

Larry Weaner: Living in the Liberated Landscape. All too often in our gardens and landscapes we think of static compositions of carefully placed and managed plants. But our approach can be more dynamic—and arguably more rewarding—than that by taking advantage of plants' natural abilities to reproduce and proliferate. Learn how designer Larry Weiner combines design with the reproductive abilities of plants as well as ecological processes to create compelling, ever-evolving landscapes that bring new meaning to partnering with nature. Using examples from his own property as well as diverse client projects, Larry will share how this give-and-take approach can result in compelling, low-maintenance landscapes that free plants to perform according to their natural abilities and liberate people from having to cater their landscapes' every need.

Heather Holm: Gardening for Native Bees. While the most recognized bee is the European honey bee, native bees have very different needs where providing them with an adequate amount of food and places to nest in our managed landscapes is critical for their survival. Heather will discuss design considerations, plant selection, and landscape maintenance strategies to support and attract native bee populations. The fascinating life styles and specific habitat for several genera of bees will also be covered.



Please respond quickly as we have a limited amount of space .

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____ (Future symposium brochures will be sent by email)

Seminar Registration fee: \$90.00, includes all speakers, continental breakfast, lunch, and snack break.

Late registration after March 1 cost is \$100.

Make check payable to MGSCC (Master Gardeners of St. Clair County) Checks or money orders only, to be cashed upon arrival in the mail – no refunds will be made after February 24.

Mail registration to: Sandy Billings, 99 Richman Rd., St. Clair, MI 48079, call Sandy at (810) 367-3399; or Lisa Sharrow at (810) 329-3722.