

GARDEN U 2025 GARDENING FOR THE FUTURE

Saturday, March 15, 2025
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.



The St. Croix Valley Master Gardeners invite you to their annual Garden U conference, themed, "Gardening for the Future". This event will feature expert guest speakers sharing valuable insights on native plants, pest management, pruning techniques, and sustainable gardening practices.



Conference Agenda

8 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Registration/Vendor trade show open
8:45 a.m. - 9 a.m.	Welcome & Announcements
9 a.m. - 10 a.m.	Gardening for the Future: E-Z Steps to Sustainability
10 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.	Break
10:20 a.m. - 11:20 a.m.	Going Native: Growing Resilience in a Time of Climate Instability
11:20 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Lunch, vendor trade show, door prize drawings
12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.	Gardening Through the Lens of Integrated Pest Management
1:45 p.m. - 2 p.m.	Break
2 p.m. - 3 p.m.	Clear, Simple, Sustainable and Fearless Pruning

Location

📍 Northwood Technical College Conference Center
1019 S Knowles Avenue, New Richmond, WI
-OR- Save the travel and attend online live via Zoom.

Registration

✔️ \$55 (or \$40.05 if age 62+)
Visit bit.ly/gardenu2025
-OR- Scan the QR code



Gardening for the Future

Session Descriptions

9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Gardening for the Future: E-Z Steps to Sustainability

Gail Hudson, Horticulturist, Writer and Owner, Gail Hudson Media

Learn how to become a more environmentally friendly gardener in 2025 and do our part to slow climate change. Can we reduce or eliminate the use of peat in our potting soils? How can we cut back on the amount of plastic we use while gardening? What planting methods and design techniques are more sustainable? Minnesota horticulturist and Northern Gardener magazine award-winning writer Gail Hudson shows you why changing your perspective even just a little means the future is greener already!

10:20 a.m. - 11:20 a.m.

Going Native: Growing Resilience in a Time of Climate Instability

Peter Henry, Owner, Dragonfly Gardens and Magic Oaks Ranch

Mr. Henry will discuss the unique ecological situation we face in Wisconsin, from the Tension Zone of our ancient past to the onset of the Anthropocene to the future of Climate Instability. And, how Native Plants are uniquely suited to help both with the mass extinction of insects and challenges posed by a broken hydrologic cycle. He will spend the later part of the presentation discussing how best to work Native Plants into the Wisconsin landscape, in yards and at larger scales.

12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Gardening Through the Lens of Integrated Pest Management

Kait Ryan, Horticulture Manager, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board

Pests keep us on our toes in the garden. As we continue to increase our collective knowledge about environmental and health impacts, we have decisions to make. Does that treatment hurt those swallowtail butterflies? Will removing winter interest be worth controlling that plant bug? Can I grow my beloved peonies in my less-than-ideal side garden? This session will focus on looking at how we design, install, and maintain gardens and landscapes through the lens of integrated pest management. Dive into the mindset horticulturalists must adopt to stay on top of the challenges pests introduce!

2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Clear, Simple, Sustainable and Fearless Pruning

Philippe Gallandat, Owner, Swiss Gardens

This session provides an overview of the best tools needed for effective pruning, and how to properly maintain, sharpen and disinfect them. Participants will learn the fundamental and basic principle of good pruning, understanding the relation between actions and reactions. General tips and timing suggestions will also be shared.

Program notes:

- Lunch and snacks are included in your registration fee. A filtered water filling station is available – feel free to bring your own water bottle for the day. **If you have dietary restrictions, please email wendy.loy@NorthwoodTech.edu no later than March 7.**
- Vendors will be on hand and there will be information on how to find answers to your garden questions, plus interactive demonstrations.
 - There will be on-site garden tool sharpening available. See event webpage for details regarding fees, drop-off of tools, etc.
- The St. Croix Valley Master Gardeners' will have raffle items which support their grant programs for community garden projects and horticultural scholarships.
- In case of inclement weather, check the college webpage at www.NorthwoodTech.edu
- Online registration is encouraged. **Registration deadline: March 7, 2025** (Lunch not guaranteed for registrations received after this date.)



REGISTRATION FORM

For Continuing Education (non-credit) Courses

Last Name _____ First Name _____ M.I. _____ Former Last Name (if applicable) _____ Date of Birth _____

Student ID No. _____ No student ID, or don't remember? Provide Social Security No. *Why do we ask for SSN? NorthwoodTech.edu/SSN

I've taken classes at Northwood Technical College and/or WITC in the past.

Email address (required as email is primary method of communication by the college) _____ Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Home address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Highest grade COMPLETED (K-12) _____

Resident of (check one): Township Village City _____ County _____ School District where you live _____ Last high school attended _____

The following information is required for state and federal reporting purposes and will be kept confidential.

Gender: Male Female Ethnicity: Hispanic/Latino origin? Yes No

Race (check all that apply): American Indian/Alaska Native Asian Black/African American Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander White

Highest Credential Earned

- No Credential Some college credit 2yr Diploma Baccalaureate
- GED Short-term diploma Associate Degree More than Baccalaureate
- HSED or certificate Associate Degree Student Declined/Unknown
- High School Diploma 1yr Diploma Plus Additional Credential

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It is your responsibility to contact Northwood Tech to officially drop a class. If you decide to drop, you should do so immediately as a single day can affect your refund amount. A full refund will be given if you notify Northwood Tech prior to the first scheduled class meeting.

CLASS NO.	CATALOG NO.	CLASS TITLE	LOCATION	START DATE	CLASS FEE
MC 164	47-001-410	Garden U: Gardening for the Future	New Richmond	March 15, 2025	\$55, 40.05 (62+)
MC 165	47-001-410	Garden U: Gardening for the Future	Online Live	March 15, 2025	\$55, 40.05 (62+)
Once registered for a course(s), you have created a liability with Northwood Tech and a promise to pay.					TOTAL

A full detailed Annual Security Report can be located at the following link: www.northwoodtech.edu/annualsecurityreport

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PAYMENT METHOD: Check/money order payable to Northwood Technical College CK # _____ Cash

Agency bill (complete section above)

Credit Card No. _____ Exp. Date _____ Security Code _____

(Mastercard/Visa/Discover) (month/year)

Name on Card _____ Cardholder Signature _____

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