



**Northwood**  
Technical College

Get ready for gardening season with the Barron County Master Gardener Volunteers! The information provided will help attendees enhance gardens both in their backyards and throughout their communities.

- **Registration fee:**  
\$50 (or \$35.38 if age 62+)
- **Registration deadline:**  
March 27, 2024

Note: Lunch is not guaranteed for registrations received after the deadline.

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# Spring Garden Expo



**Saturday, April 6, 2024**

**8 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

**Northwood Technical College – Conference Center**  
1900 College Drive, Rice Lake, WI

## 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. ....	<b>Garden Trends for 2024</b> Presented by Mary Lahr Schier
10 a.m. - 10:20 a.m. ....	Break
10:20 a.m. - 11:20 a.m. ....	<b>Plants for Shade (Not Hosta)</b> Presented by Barbara Ronningen
11:20 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. ....	Lunch, vendor trade show, door prize drawings
12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. ....	<b>The Best Trees You're Not Planting, but Should</b> Presented by Mary Lahr Schier
1:45 p.m. - 2 p.m. ....	Break
2 p.m. - 3 p.m. ....	<b>Gardening for the Future: E-Z Steps to Sustainability</b> Presented by Gail Hudson

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## Session Descriptions

### Garden Trends for 2024

Mary Lahr Schier, garden writer and editor

From shrinking gardens (and plants) to creating more resilient landscapes, garden trends in the 2020s reflect strong climate awareness, changing housing patterns and new generations embracing plants and gardening. They are also fun and colorful! Mary will talk about how your lawn might change in the next few years, new colors for foliage and how plant breeders are trying to produce more drought-resistant plants. This presentation will talk about more than 40 plants to watch for this year.

### Plants for Shade (Not Hosta)

Barbara Ronningen, retired demographer, past president of Washington Co. Horticulture Society and North Star Lily Society, planning chair for 2024 NALS Show

Join Barbara Ronningen as she unveils the fascinating world of shade gardening beyond hostas. In her engaging presentation, she'll introduce an array of shade-loving plants, delve into the nuances of various shade types, and share valuable insights on each plant's unique moisture, shade type, and fertility requirements.

### The Best Trees You're Not Planting, but Should

Mary Lahr Schier, garden writer and editor

Trees are the plants that live the longest in most of our gardens and are the most important for the environment. Are we planting the best trees for our climate? Maybe not. Some trees that will thrive in northern gardens now and in the future may not be sold in nurseries due to difficulty growing them in pots or their being borderline hardy in our current climate. In this talk, Mary will recommend a dozen or more trees you may not be planting that will thrive in your northern garden now and in the future, plus another dozen trees that are available but underplanted.

### Gardening for the Future: E-Z Steps to Sustainability

Gail Hudson, horticulturist and writer

Learn how to become a more environmentally friendly gardener in 2024 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.

### Program notes:

- Hot lunch and snacks are included in your registration fee. Filtered water is available - feel free to bring your own water bottle for the day.
- Vendors will be on hand and there will be information on how to find answers to your garden questions, plus interactive demonstrations.
- The Barron County Master Gardener Volunteers 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](http://www.NorthwoodTech.edu)
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# REGISTRATION FORM

For Continuing Education (non-credit) Courses

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

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 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.

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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.

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

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	47-001-415	Spring Garden Expo (under age 62, MN/WI resident)	Rice Lake	April 6, 2024	\$50
	47-001-415	Spring Garden Expo (age 62+, MN/WI resident)	Rice Lake	April 6, 2024	\$35.38
Once registered for a course(s), you have created a liability with Northwood Tech and a promise to pay.					<b>TOTAL</b>

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