

# SPRING GARDEN EXPO

**Saturday, April 5, 2025**  
**8 a.m. - 3 p.m.**



Join us for a day of inspiration and learning, perfect for both new and seasoned gardeners! Sponsored by the Barron County Master Gardeners, you will hear presentations on topics including pruning, ecosystem restoration, plant behavior, and general gardening wisdom.



## 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>Proper Pruning Includes More Than a Good Pair of Shears</b>
10 a.m. - 10:20 a.m. ....	Break
10:20 a.m. - 11:20 a.m. ....	<b>Smarty Plants</b>
11:20 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. ....	Lunch, demonstrations, vendor trade show, door prize drawings
12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. ....	<b>Ecosystem Restoration: Where Do I Start?</b>
1:45 p.m. - 2 p.m. ....	Break
2 p.m. - 3 p.m. ....	<b>Gardening is an Adventure</b>

### Location

📍 Northwood Technical College Conference Center  
1900 College Drive, Rice Lake, WI

### Registration

✔ \$55 (or \$40.05 if age 62+)  
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## Session Descriptions

### 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

#### **Proper Pruning Includes More Than a Good Pair of Shears**

Gail Nozal, Area Manager, Davey Resource Group

Proper pruning can be intimidating, but it really isn't if you know the basics. In this presentation, through the eyes of an arborist we will focus on the overall theory behind pruning, standards, timing, types of pruning and basic equipment. Knowing the proper technique and timing are key to long term health of trees and shrubs. It starts with pruning trees and shrubs when they are young through maturity.

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

#### **Smarty Plants**

Faith Applequist, Owner, Tree Quality

It takes tremendous biological creativity to be a plant. To live and thrive while rooted in a single place, plants have adopted ingenious methods of survival. We will discuss what science has learned in recent years about plants' ability to communicate, count, and behave socially, to hear sounds, to store useful memories that inform their life cycle and even to trick animals into behaving to their benefit. Smarty Plants is a deep immersion into the drama of the green life and the complexity of this wild world that challenges our very understanding of agency, consciousness and intelligence.

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

#### **Ecosystem Restoration: Where Do I Start?**

Gail Nozal, Area Manager, Davey Resource Group

As a steward of plants and the landscape, have you ever visited a property and noticed invasive species on the landscape or even a streambank that is starting to erode? Why consider restoration and where do you start the conversation and what can be done to restore the landscape? We will walk through what to look for on a property and some resources that can get you started thinking about habitat restoration.

### 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

#### **Gardening is an Adventure**

Carol Kettner, retired teacher and volunteer for Wisconsin Horticulture's "Ask Your Gardening Question"

We have all made mistakes in gardening, and hopefully we learned from them. From going back to some of the basic habits of successful gardeners, to knowing where to find information, and then actually using it, this session will remind us that we need to embrace our successes and failures. Carol Kettner has been gardening for 35 years and will share in a humorous and informative way some of the questions she has answered, and how she continues to learn from her own missteps.

#### **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)
- **Registration deadline: March 28.** (Note: 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.			<input type="checkbox"/> I've taken classes at Northwood Technical College and/or WITC in the past.	
No student ID, or don't remember? Provide Social Security No. *Why do we ask for SSN? NorthwoodTech.edu/SSN				

Email address (required as email is primary method of communication by the college)	Home phone	Cell phone
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Home address	City	State	ZIP	Highest grade COMPLETED (K-12) _____
Resident of (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Township <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> 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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**Race (check all that apply):**  American Indian/Alaska Native  Asian  Black/African American  Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander  White

**Highest Credential Earned**

<input type="checkbox"/> No Credential	<input type="checkbox"/> Some college credit	<input type="checkbox"/> 2yr Diploma	<input type="checkbox"/> Baccalaureate
<input type="checkbox"/> GED	<input type="checkbox"/> Short-term diploma or certificate	<input type="checkbox"/> Associate Degree	<input type="checkbox"/> More than Baccalaureate
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<input type="checkbox"/> High School Diploma			

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CLASS NO.	CATALOG NO.	CLASS TITLE	LOCATION	START DATE	CLASS FEE
MC 163	47-001-410	Spring Garden Expo	Rice Lake	April 5, 2025	\$55, 40.05 (62+)
Once registered for a course(s), you have created a liability with Northwood Tech and a promise to pay.					<b>TOTAL</b>

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

**Online registration strongly encouraged. Registration deadline: March 28, 2025 (Lunch is not guaranteed for registrations received after this date.)**

**PAYMENT METHOD:**  Check/money order payable to Northwood Technical College CK # \_\_\_\_\_  Cash

Agency bill (complete section above)

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