

## Speakers Janet Macunovich & Steven Nikkila recommend

Who do we know who can speak well or instruct your group about a given topic? We're glad you asked!

Here is a list of speakers we know will do a good thing for you/your group, along with a brief description of who they are and topics favored by each one, with contact information so you can connect with any or all. (Most of them can also speak



Steven Nikkila and Janet Macunovich have been digging, shooting and teaching how-to for 22 years. They began producing conferences in the early '90s and then ran a gardening school for 12 years, featuring expert instructors who knew their stuff in the garden as well as knowing how to get their messages across in front of a group. Janet and Steven are glad to help you yourselves or refer you to these others to meet your group's need. Contact them at [JMaxGarden@aol.com](mailto:JMaxGarden@aol.com) or 248-681-7850 when you want to set up a talk, workshop or class.

on a wide variety of other topics if asked and of course they can provide you with specific talk titles and descriptions.) This isn't an all-inclusive or exclusive list; give us a minute and a topic and we would think of at least one or two more people who should be on it. Those who are listed here are those who, to this date, have occurred to us and who said "sure!" when we asked, "Can we refer someone to you who asked for X?"

We can't tell you much about fees, however. We don't desire to be and doubt we could be effective middlemen. Instead, we encourage those who ask, "who do you know?" to communicate directly with a potential speaker.

Yet we know fees are important, that many people consider it a criteria above all others. We can just about bet that fees vary between speakers on our list and between talks an individual speaker may do. Our own fees do just that. We have a standard -- a base fee -- and doubtless our speaking friends do as well, but from there a given fee can range up or down depending on expense (must the speaker travel specifically for this event or might s/he be

in the requester's area for other reasons? Is lodging necessary? Does the talk/workshop require materials to be obtained, assembled, purchased or copied for the students?), whether we have any Master Gardener volunteer hours available and reason to apply them, whether the talk is one we have "on the shelf" or something we must develop or customize for a given group, etc.

To give you an example, our speaking fee is \$350 – \$2000 depending on how far we must travel, how many presentation days are involved and what we must do to prepare the presentation. Sometimes expenses apply in addition. Sometimes a "\$500" presentation is an hour, sometimes it's an all-day or multi-day workshop. Sometimes when we are on-site we do two or more talks during the course of a single day without additional fee. Sometimes we have reason to do a talk as a volunteer.

If you have particular topics in mind, speaker criteria beyond topic, or a general theme to work with, we are happy to play matchmaker and help you refine this list. This extra effort is worth it to us because sometimes it leads us to working together with one or more of our friends on the same event, as when we were instructors at the same school. For us, that's a great deal of fun and a chance for us to step up a level in presentation style and impact by coordinating topic details.

We hope this helps you in your program development.

Sincerely,  
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Bates, Scott: nursery owner, pond & water garden specialist, educator; topics: water gardening, pond plants; contact at Grass Roots Nursery, New Boston, MI 735-753-9200, webmaster1@grassrootsnursery.com

Bennerup, Cheryl: pro perennial grower, propagator, plant selection manager, herbaceous plant problem diagnosis expert, educator: clb@sunnyborder.com, 860-828-0850

- Burton, Barry: landscape/garden designer, public garden horticulturist, municipal greening director, innovative gardening specialist, small-space gardening specialist: barryburton\_63@yahoo.com
- Cameron, Art: university professor, ornamental grass specialist, plant selection specialist, designer, writer, educator: cameron@msu.edu
- Carter, Pamela: pro gardener, deer protection specialist, independent (not a distributor or affiliated with any products); topics: protecting gardens from deer damage, deer resistant plants; contact at Deer & Gardens, (248) 515-6918 deerandgardens@aol.com
- Dingle, Julia: pro gardener, garden/landscape designer, educator, container specialist; topics: container gardens, garden design, pruning; contact: juliadingle@comcast.net, 248-656-7615 or (cell) 248-388-8581
- Dunham, Michele: garden designer, educator, children's garden specialist; topics: children's gardens, intergenerational gardening, vegetable gardening, shade gardens, garden maintenance; contact: micheledu@sbcglobal.net 248-651-8284, 290 Reitman Ct., Rochester Hills, MI 48307
- Duthie, Pam: landscape designer/builder, writer, educator, color specialist: TheGiftedGardener@comcast.net
- Dziedzic, Brenda: butterfly garden specialist, educator; Topics: Butterfly Gardening and Butterfly Gardening with Native Plants; 1263 Springer St., Westland, MI 48186-3721; 734 326-0578, email: happybutterflying@yahoo.com, website: www.butterfliesinthegarden.com
- Finneran, Rebecca, agriculture extension agent, garden/landscape designer, garden events manager, writer, educator, broadcaster: finneran@msu.edu
- Grubba, Sue: pro gardener, designer, educator; topics: night lighting, pruning, garden and landscape design: suegrubba@sbcglobal.net, 248-375-9233 or (cell) 248- 535-4940
- Hall, Deborah: pro gardener, arborist, maintenance specialist, garden innovation specialist, educator; topics: fall garden clean-up, tree selection/care/identification/pruning, "found art" in the garden, green gardening/recycle/reuse, bulbs, composting, children's classes, small sites, shade gardens, avoiding construction damage in the home garden, gardener health; contact: 1473 Memory Lane, Milford, Michigan 48381, 586-899-8809, arborbud@comcast.net
- Hofley, Julia: pro gardener, garden center manager, writer, educator, container specialist, garden center management specialist, trends specialist, deer damage specialist; topics: gardens of North America, Victorian houseplants, captivating plant combinations, front door and walkway gardens, gardens of

New Zealand, gardens of England, stop deer / rabbit browse; contact:  
julia@juliastbiglife.com

Hurley, Mil: pro gardener, garden/landscape designer, maintenance specialist, efficient gardening specialist, writer, educator, broadcaster; topics: most home garden/landscape topics; contact: 1331 Bishop Rd., Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230, 313-881-2223 or 313-530-5842 cell, mla@asoutherngardener.com

Jacobs, Judy: pro garden coach, practical gardening specialist; prefers to speak to smaller groups and hands-on groups, especially love beginning gardeners on basic principles, basic landscape design, seed starting, perennials, etc. Also like to work with kids on basics; 248-851-5857, Home 1942@aol.com

Krauskopf, Dean: agriculture extension agent, commercial nursery consultant, university professor, writer, educator, broadcaster: dean@deankrauskopf.com

Lazzell, Rick: landscape designer/builder, writer, educator:  
ricklazzell@sbcglobal.net

Lindley, Nancy: rose nursery owner/grower, rosarian, writer, educator; topics: roses (all aspects, all types), orchids, gardening in Thailand; now based in Thailand, U.S. contact phone 305-974-6071, www.NancyandRoger.com, www.GreatLakesRoses.com, nllindley@msn.com

Lyon, Ed: botanical garden director, botanical garden horticulturist, landscape/garden designer, writer, educator; topics include: tree/shrub/conifer/perennial selection, design, shade, ferns, groundcovers, lawn alternatives, edible plants, botany for gardeners, garden basics, landscape renovation, soil; contact Ed at: Spellbound Garden Writing & Design, 248 North Main Street, Oregon, WI 53575, 608-658-3456 or Director, Allen Centennial Gardens, 620 Babcock Drive, Madison, WI 53706 608-576-2501 and eslyon@wisc.edu

Macunovich, Janet: pro gardener, garden/landscape designer/builder, writer, educator, broadcaster, practical gardening technique specialist; topics: design, plant selection, maintenance, pruning, gardener-garden relationships, difficult sites, color, wildlife in gardens, specialty gardens; contact: 120 Lorberta, Waterford, MI 48328-3041, 248-681-7850, jmaxgarden@aol.com

Martin, Chuck: botanical garden curator, pro gardener, perennial specialist, maintenance specialist, problem solving specialist, rose specialist; topics: perennials, roses, shrubs, pruning, rain gardens, vines, invasive plants, garden humor, many others; contact: Curator of Woody Plants, The Dow Gardens 1018 W. Main St., Midland MI 48640, 989-631-2677, martin@dowgardens.org

Mason, Sandra: writer, educator, agriculture extension agent, garden events manager, broadcaster: masons@mail.aces.uiuc.edu

McLean, Terri: agricultural extension agent, writer, educator, garden problem solving specialist, garden events manager; topics: garden problem solving, pest management, plant identification, general garden care, community volunteering; contact: mcleant@msu.edu, 810-244-8530

Michener, David, botanical garden curator, taxonomist, university professor, landscape designer/builder, writer, educator: michener@umich.edu

Morrell, Gail: pro gardener, educator, practical gardening technique specialist; topics: maintenance, pruning, butterflies, insects and disease, garden pests, garden renovation, weeds; contact 248-828-2978, thegardener@comcast.net or 6352 Riverton, Troy, MI 48098

Nikkila, Steven: pro gardener, pro photographer, writer, educator; topics: photography, tree and shrub/selection, small spaces, wildlife in gardens, estimating garden work, native plants, soil preparation; contact: 120 Lorberta, Waterford, MI 48328-3041, 248-681-7850 (ofc), 248-895-1010(c), hortphoto@gmail.com

Palechek, Pam: designer, educator; topics: landscape and garden design, English gardens, Mediterranean gardens, vegetable gardening, garden art, color schemes; contact: 248-363-0334 pamelapalechek@yahoo.com

Pargoff, Chris: arborist, city forester, big tree project coordinator; topics: tree selection, tree care, tree pests, native plants, park planning, champion trees; contact: c\_pargoff@hotmail.com

Reibitz, Renata: pro gardener, designer, botanical garden horticulturist, deer protection specialist: renatamae@comcast.net

Reznicek, Tony: university professor, botanical garden/herbarium curator, rock garden specialist, grass and sedge specialist, educator; topics: rock gardening (various levels), Michigan native plants for gardens, collector's plants, climate change's impact on gardens, the traveling gardener in China/Alaska/Chile etc.; contact: reznicek@umich.edu, 734-764-5544

Ryker, Celia: pro gardener, garden/landscape designer/builder, naturalized and native landscape specialist, wildlife gardens specialist, watershed preservation specialist; topics: native plants, hybrids and varieties of native trees and shrubs, woodland gardening, wildlife gardens, entry gardens, controlling invasive plants, practical gardening; contact: Hadleyhillfarm@aol.com 248-627-2356

Schneider, Bill: nursery owner/grower, native plant specialist, landscape designer/builder, plant propagation specialist; topics: native plants, native landscape design, ecological restoration, related topics; available to speak November-to-March only; contact at WILDTYPE Design, Native Plants & Seed LTD, 900 N. Every Rd., Mason, MI 48854, 517.244.1140 (voice), 517.244.1142 (fax),wildtypeplants.com, wildtype@msu.edu

Sierzega, Karen: pro gardener: Mssirzebra@aol.com, 248-476-1672 or (cell) 810-919-2982

Skandalaris, Karen: landscape / garden designer / builder, educator:  
karenska@comcast.net, 248-887-9541

Tice, Ann: garden designer, medical doctor / dermatologist, educator:  
dermgood@gmail.com

Veresh, Dan: (retired!) botanical garden curator, arborist, educator:  
veresh@dowgardens.org

Walley, Jackie: garden designer, builder, herbalist, educator:  
herbalthymes@comcast.net