

High Desert Gardening & Landscaping Conference 2015

Cochise College Student Union Building, Sierra Vista

Wednesday, March 11

Pre-Conference Event:

7:00 p.m. Patterson Observatory at UA Sierra Vista campus

Southeast AZ is renowned for its clear dark skies. This is your opportunity to view the sky with the observatory's 20-inch telescope. Sign up early – limited to the first 25 individuals.

Thursday, March 12

7:30 – 8:30 a.m. **Registration & Breakfast**

8:30 – 8:45 a.m. **Welcome – Jan Groth, MC**

8:45 – 10:00 a.m. **General Session A**

The Buzz on Bees – the status of honey bees in a stressful world
Dr. Mark Carroll, Research Entomologist, Carl Hayden Bee Research Center

10:00 - 10:30 a.m. **Break/Exhibits**

10:30 – 11:30 **Session I**

- A. Ethnobotany: Desert Plant Uses & Native Peoples – Community Room
Lauren Malanga, Volunteer Services Coordinator, Tohono Chul
- B. Maintaining Healthy Trees – No More Stress – Classroom 1206
Dr. Ursula Schuch, Extension Specialist, Ornamental Horticulture, School of Plant Sciences, University of Arizona
- C. Regenerating the Land & Pollinator Habitat – Classroom 1207
Kate Tirion, Borderlands Restoration & Deep Dirt Farm Institute

11:30 – 1:00 p.m. **Lunch, Door Prizes & Exhibits**

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. **Session II (Hands On/Interactive)**

- A. Plant & Cactus Propagation – Community Room
Bill Cook, Owner, Harmony Gardens, Duncan, AZ and Extension Program Coordinator, Greenlee County
- B. Cutting Gardens & Flower Arranging – Classroom 1206
Andrea Fisher, Sierra Vista Flowers
Evan Frank, ACE Hardware

- C. Preserving Your Bountiful Harvest – Classroom 1208
Cheralyn Schmidt, MPH, Program Coordinator Senior, The Garden Kitchen, Pima County Cooperative Extension, University of Arizona
- D. Hardscape for the Home: Building Paths and Walls – Classroom 1209
Allan Hammond, Action & Results Fencing
- E. Backyard Chickens: Selecting & Raising – Classroom 1207
Michelle Boyer, Tucson

3:00 – 3:30 Break/Exhibits

3:30 – 4:30 General Session B

Phyto-Environmental Health: Gardens as a Hub for Community Engaged Research
Dr. Monica Ramirez-Andreotta, Assistant Professor, Department of Soil, Water and Environmental Sciences, University of Arizona

4:45 – 6:00 Master Gardeners – Up-Close & Personal – Presentation/Panel/Hors d'oeuvres
A chance for Master Gardeners to learn how different MG groups operate and an opportunity to network and learn from one other.

Friday, March 13

7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Registration & Breakfast

8:30 – 8:45 a.m. Welcome - Jan Groth, MC

8:45 - 10:00 a. m. General Session C

Tree rings and the tales they tell of drought, floods, fires, and times gone by

Dr. Steven W. Leavitt, Professor of Dendrochronology, University of Arizona Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research

10:00 - 10:30 a.m. Break/Exhibits

10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Session III

- A. Landscaping with Native Grasses & Shrubs – Classroom 1206
Jim Koweek, Owner, Arizona Revegetation & Monitoring Company
- B. Container Gardening – Community Room
Jan Groth, Extension MG Program Coordinator, Cochise County
Bill Cook, Owner, Harmony Gardens, Duncan, AZ and Extension Program Coordinator, Greenlee County
- C. Critters in My Garden: Food Safety Risks and Humane Solutions – Classroom 1207
Dr. Paula Kahn-Rivadeneira
Assistant Professor & Extension Specialist, Food Safety and Wildlife, Department of Soil, Water, & Environmental Science, University of Arizona, Yuma Agricultural Center

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch - Know it all Panel - Exhibits

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Session IV

- A. Attracting Pollinators with Native Plants – Community Room
Karen LeMay
- B. Hydroponics – how to get started and keep it going – Classroom 1209
- C. Managing Garden and Landscape insects – Classroom 1208
Peter Warren, Urban Horticulture Agent, Pima County Cooperative Extension

2:00 – 2:30 p.m. Break/Exhibits

2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Session V

- A. Moonlight Gardens – Classroom 1206
Jan Groth, Extension MG Program Coordinator, Cochise County
- B. Milkweeds & Monarchs – Classroom 1207
Stephen Scott, Terroir Seed LLC, Home of Underwood Gardens Chino Valley, Arizona
- C. Vegetable Gardening – Community Room
Bill Cook, Owner, Harmony Gardens, Duncan, AZ and Extension Program Coordinator, Greenlee County

3:45 - 4:30 p.m. General Session

Landscape Design

Margaret West, President, MWest Designs, Inc.

Saturday, March 14

Post-Conference Event:

Pruning Techniques Clinic: Learn how to assess plant health and prune appropriately with plant expert, Bill Cook. Outside demonstration – dress appropriately! Hosted by Water Wise and Master Gardeners.

Time: 9 to 11 a.m.

Location: University of Arizona South, 1140 N. Colombo Ave, Sierra Vista, AZ

Public Meeting Room, Groth Hall

Presenter: Bill Cook, Program Coordinator, Horticulture, Greenlee County Cooperative Extension

NOTE: ALL SPEAKERS, TOPICS, AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

For more information and to register: <http://cals.arizona.edu/cochise/mg/events.htm>
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Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.