

About the Speakers:

Linda Bergen is a retired educator. Linda is an avid gardener and a member of both the Green Team Garden Club and the Lake Wissota Garden Club. Along with growing flowers for her garden, Linda loves to create garden art.

Andy Heren grew up on a hobby farm in Central IL, in a family of 6. The family had large gardens, and his mom did a lot of canning. When he finally bought his own house, he started gardening and became a Master Gardener in 2010. Master Gardeners all have their gardening interest area. His is vegetable gardening, and his passion is heirloom tomatoes. If he ever retires, he wants to expand those gardening interests to more flowers and natives to attract pollinators. His other hobbies include cooking, reading, and model rocketry. He taught elementary and middle school for 22 years and has been the Program Support Assistant at the Eau Claire County Extension office for 10 years. He and Michelle have one daughter, two grandchildren, and a Shih-Tzu named Emma.

Pat Kosher is a retired biology teacher who dabbles in gardening. He especially enjoys working with perennials, but experiments with different gardening related ideas. He has done straw bale gardening and raised monarch butterflies. His current project is developing a pollinator garden for Brunet Island State Park.

About the Speakers Continued...

Margaret Murphy serves as the UW Madison Division of Extension Horticulture Educator for Chippewa, Dunn and Eau Claire Counties. Margaret joined UW Madison Extension in the spring of 2019 after relocating from Iowa where she served as horticulture educator for eight years with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. Within the horticulture program, we focus on outreach that promotes good environmental stewardship. Margaret provides guidance on building sustainable landscapes, growing your own food and discussions on the health and wellness benefits of being around plants and gardening.



About the Hosts...

Your hosts for this event are the members of Women's Fellowship of Ladysmith and Conrath Congregational UCC. The proceeds from today's event will help fund the charitable work of Women's Fellowship, as they support various social service organizations and groups to help the people in our community. In the 2024, the Women's Fellowship donated to: Embrace, Lighthouse Homeless Shelter, Rusk County Farmers' Market, and Hope and Friends Backpack Food Program. For more information about the Women's Fellowship, call (715)532-3252.



13th* Annual Garden Seminar



Saturday
April 5, 2025
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Hosted by
Ladysmith/Conrath
Women's Fellowship
Congregational UCC
109 E. Lake Ave.
Ladysmith, WI



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Bring someone who has never attended the Seminar and you get \$5 off. Each must use separate registration form.

New Attendee Name: _____

Registration Limited to 75

_____ \$15 Before March 30 **Fee includes**
_____ \$20 At the Door **2 sessions**
and a snack

plus _____ \$13 Garden Totems – limit 12
(This workshop requires an extra fee for supplies – payable on a separate check. Class size is limited; if class is full, your check will be returned.)

Make checks payable to:
UCC Women's Fellowship and mail to:
Garden Seminar, Congregational UCC,
P.O. Box 41, Ladysmith, WI 54848

For more information, please call Julie
at: (715) 579-0784

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

✓ Check one session per time slot
(Refer to the Program Guide for descriptions)

<u>9:45 AM</u>	<u>11:00 AM</u>
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PROGRAM GUIDE

*9:15 AM Registration

*9:30 AM Welcome

*9:45 AM Breakout Sessions

A. Margaret Murphy, “Gardening Helps Us Age With Vitality” Join this class to learn and discuss the benefits we gain through sharing space with plants. Research shows that humans flourish from being around plants leading to many positive mental, physical, and social benefits. Gardening is a great way to incorporate many of these benefits into our lives. We will explore what the studies are saying and how we can continue to include plants in our lives as we age.

B. Andy Heren, “Heirlooms – a Gardening Heritage” Watch any cooking show and they will eventually make a dish with heirloom tomatoes. We hear a lot these days about heirlooms: vegetables, flowers, fruits. So, what's the difference between an heirloom, a hybrid, and open pollinated? Where do heirlooms come from and why do people choose them? Master Gardener Andy Heren will tell you about his passion for heirloom vegetables, especially tomatoes, and the names of some of his favorites. He'll also ask for some of your favorites. You'll find very few heirloom seedlings in nurseries, so he'll also give a brief tutorial on where to find the seeds and how to start these unique heirlooms yourself.

10:45 – 11:00 Snack Break

*11:00 AM Breakout Sessions

A. Pat Kosher, “Going Wild in Gardening” Pat will share his ideas, tips and experiences on developing a pollinator garden at Brunet Island State Park. Whether you have a big space or little, learn how to create a habitat that supports wildlife, contains diverse plant communities, and provides water sources. Instructions for making Bee Houses will also be shared.

B. Linda Bergen, “Garden Totems” One of the latest gardening trends is Garden Totems. Create your own unique garden totem by combining an interesting variety of drilled Christmas ornaments on a rod. Whatever you create; it will be a great garden accent whether you choose to use it in a winter porch pot or during the gardening season to add some pizzazz to your shade garden. Cost of the materials is \$13 and class size is 12.



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