

You are Invited to the 9th Symposium

Please join us in Kosciusko County for the 9th Master Gardener Symposium. The goals of the Master Gardener Symposium are to increase your knowledge of sound gardening practices and to provide information to the community on current and timely gardening methods.

Everyone is invited to attend. **You do not have to be a Master Gardener!** So, please mark your calendar for Saturday, March 3rd and join us for a day filled with educational & practical tips that you can use in your garden.

NEW

This year the symposium is being held at Rodeheaver Auditorium in Winona Lake. Attendees may park across the street (Park Avenue) and designated parking areas along Park Avenue. The parking lot to the north of the Auditorium is the handicapped parking area. It will also be used for vendors so that they may have easy access to the building for unloading/



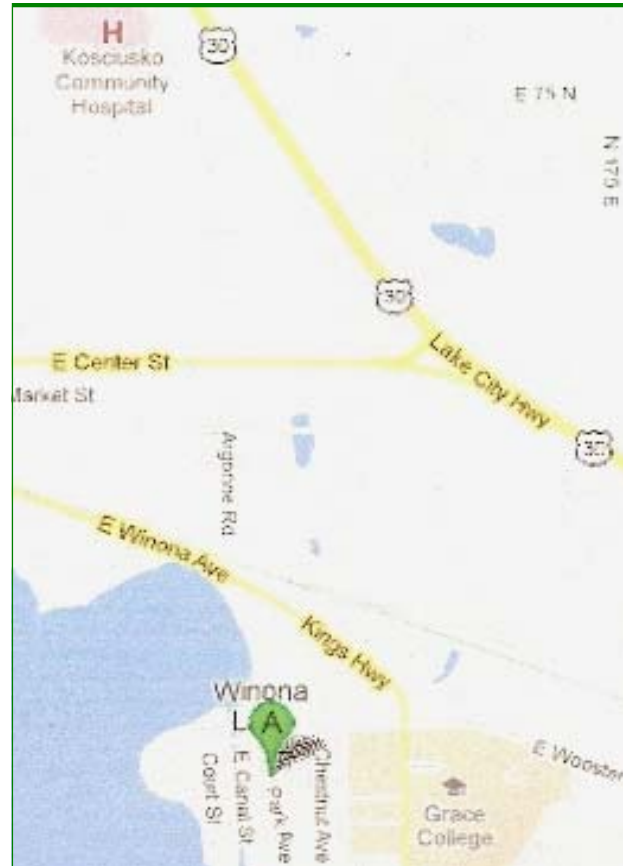
The symposium counts as **6 educational hours** for those in the Master Gardener program.

If you require auxiliary aids and services due to a disability or have special food needs, please contact us by February 24 at 574-372-2340.

Vendors

The symposium features several area garden suppliers and crafters. Please stop by and visit them. This is a great opportunity to learn what is new for the 2012 growing season.

Map of Rodeheaver Auditorium (Point A)



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GATEWAY TO GARDENING

A Symposium sponsored by the
Kosciusko County
Master Gardener Association
& Purdue Extension

**Saturday
March 3, 2012
9 a.m.—3 p.m. EST**

**Rodeheaver Auditorium
Corner of Park Ave. & 9th St.
Winona Lake, Indiana**

*Helping Others
Grow*

SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE & SPEAKERS

- 8:45 a.m. **Registration/Coffee**
- 9:15 a.m. **Welcome**
- 9:30 a.m. **Floral Art Using Your Imagination**
Amy Thompson
Kosciusko Cty. Master Gardener
- 10:20 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. **Local Produce**
Ben Hartman,
Clay Bottom Farm, Co-Owner
- 11:45 a.m. **Lunch**
- 12:45 p.m. **Bonsai**
Darlene Kittle,
Ft. Wayne Bonsai Club, President
with Steve Moore
- 1:35 p.m. Break
- 2:00 p.m. **Rain Barrels & Water Quality in Our County**
Anna Burke
Kosciusko County Lakes & Streams, Program Manager
- 3:00 p.m. **Wrap-up & Evaluations**



Amy Thompson

Amy is an Advanced Master Gardener from the Class of 2010. She enjoys attending, planning and helping to prepare the various educational sessions that the Kosciusko County Master Gardener Association provides to the public. She recently began informal flower arranging and is learning as much as she can. Amy is interested in sharing with others how to use and maintain cut flowers in arrangements from the home garden and how to display the flowers in your own imaginative way.



Ben Hartman

Ben is co-owner/operator of Clay Bottom Farm (www.claybottomfarm.com) along with his wife Rachel Hershberger. Clay Bottom Farm, located 7 miles east of Goshen, Indiana, is a small farm specializing in year-round production of salad greens. Ben and Rachel describe themselves as young people dedicated to sustainable agriculture and to providing customers with high quality local fruits and vegetables. They sell to area restaurants, including Cerulean and 1000 Park in Winona Lake and directly to customers through a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program. They also sell at the Goshen Farmers Market.



Darlene Kittle w/Steve Moore

A Master Gardener since 1988, Darlene started specializing in houseplants, then giving numerous presentations about them. In the early 90's, she became interested in bonsai trees from reading library books. She joined the Fort Wayne Bonsai Club in 1993 becoming its newsletter editor 4 years later. Darlene is currently the President of the club, a position that she has held since 1998 (except for one year—2010). Since October, 2000, she has answered over 7,000 houseplant questions on the allexperts.com website. Darlene will be assisted by Steve Moore, a Warsaw resident, who is also a member of the Fort Wayne Bonsai Club. Both are happy to answer questions and offer their contact information (email addresses):

Darlene Kittle—houseplant and bonsai plantlady6@yahoo.com
Steve Moore—bonsai treebeard20@gmail.com



Anna Burke

Anna is the Program Manager for Kosciusko Lakes and Streams (KLAS) which is a water quality program at Grace College in Kosciusko County that focuses on research and education. Her responsibilities include serving as the point of contact for the community, administering K-12 education programs and conducting research. Prior to this, she was an intern with the National Environmental Education Foundation in Washington, DC. Anna holds a Master of Environmental Science from Taylor University and a Bachelor of Science in Cell Biology and Neuroscience from Montana State University.

Registration Form 2012 Gateway to Gardening Master Gardener Symposium

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email: _____

Please indicate # of vegetarian meals desired ____

Registration fee: \$30/person
(includes continental breakfast, lunch,
and handout materials)

Number _____ x \$30 = _____

Names attending (in addition to above)

Make checks payable to the
**Kosciusko County
Master Gardener Association**

Please send to the
Extension Office (address below) by: **February 28.**
Late registration—please add **\$10/person.**

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