

**Southwestern Indiana Master Gardener Association of Evansville, Indiana will host the**

**Ohio Valley Garden Conference**

**Saturday, October 20, 2012**

**Casino Aztar Conference Center, 450 NW Riverside, Evansville, Indiana**

**Conference registration** will be available online and by mail on April 1, 2012 at [www.swimga.org](http://www.swimga.org)

Our **speakers** will be:

**Paul James:**

Come prepared to pick Paul's brain as he field your gardening questions and shares his experiences and humorous stories with us.

In 1995, he created "Gardening by the Yard" a weekly program that airs on the Home and Garden Television Network. Paul's clever writing, zany style, and his commitment to all-natural gardening have endeared him to millions of viewers who understand that gardening can be both a joy and a challenge.

**Dr. Anne Butsch:**

Dr. Anne Butsch is Board Certified in Family Practice as well as Holistic Medicine, and she is Board Eligible by the American Academy of Medical Acupuncture.

Anne enjoys sharing her knowledge of healing herbs from the garden which has made her quite a popular speaker on the subject.

**Paul Bouseman**

Paul Bouseman Is the Botanical Curator at Mesker Park Zoo & Botanic Garden where he has worked for 16 years. He graduated from the University of Southern Indiana where he earned a Bachelor's of Science degree.

Since coming to Mesker staff, Paul has designed and installed landscape and animal exhibit project including the tropical rainforest exhibit AMAZONIA: Forest of Riches.

**Dr. Tom Hickey:**

Dr. Tom Hickey with over 30 years of experience growing roses, Dr. Tom Hickey has acquired a vast knowledge of the subject. He was certified as Master Rosarian by the American Society in 2005, and received the Outstanding Consulting Rosarian Award by the Illinois-Indiana District in 2007.

**Doug Parkinson:**

Doug Parkinson is the Eastern Regional Sales manager for EuroAmerican Propagators. He will reveal the latest in new plant varieties coming onto the market.

**Larry Caplan:**

Larry Caplan, an Extension Educator for horticulture in Vanderburgh County has worked with Purdue University since 1986 on addition to a Bachelor's degree from Rutgers University and a Master's degree from the University of Illinois—both degrees in horticulture.