

**GARDENING IS A GAMBLE**



**BUT WORTH IT**

**WISCONSIN  
MASTER GARDENER  
ASSOCIATION**

## **Annual Conference 2009**

**Ho-Chunk Convention Center  
Baraboo, Wisconsin  
October 2-3, 2009**

**Keynote Speaker – Neil Diboll, Prairie Nursery  
Playing Your Wild Card: Gardening With Native Prairie Plants**

Hosted by the Master Gardener Volunteers of  
Adams, Columbia, Juneau, Marquette and Sauk Counties

# Gardening is a Gamble – But Worth It!

## Friday, October 2

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8:30 am - 4:30 pm	Daytime Tour (leaving from Ho-Chunk) to International Crane Foundation, Wollersheim Winery, and Goose Pond Sanctuary, for \$45 (including lunch). See last page for more details about this tour.
4:30 - 7:00 pm	Registration
5:00 - 9:00 pm	Vendors, Exhibits and Silent Auction open
7:00 pm	Welcome
7:15 pm	Keynote Address <i>Playing Your Wild Card: Gardening With Native Prairie Plants</i> – Neil Diboll, Prairie Nursery
8:30 pm	Reception and Cash Bar

## Saturday, October 3

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7:30 - 8:30 am	Breakfast and registration
7:30 am - 3:00 pm	Vendors and Exhibits open; Silent Auction open until 1:30 pm
8:30 - 9:00 am	Welcome and WIMGA Annual Meeting
9:00 - 10:00 am	Breakout sessions I
10:00 - 10:30 am	Break— visit vendors and exhibits
10:30 - 11:30 am	Breakout sessions II
11:30 am - 1:00 pm	Lunch <i>The Art of Vegetables</i> – Dr. Jim Nienhuis, UW-Madison Horticulture Dept.
1:00 - 1:30 pm	Break— visit vendors and exhibits
1:30 pm	Silent Auction closes
1:30 - 2:30 pm	Breakout sessions III
2:30 - 2:45 pm	Break – Silent Auction winners posted
2:45 - 3:30 pm	<i>Restoration of Ancient Ho-Chunk Gardens</i> – Dr. William Gartner, UW Madison Geography Dept.
2:45 pm	Raffle winners announced
3:30 pm	Invitation to 2010 conference, farewell



\*\*\* Ho-Chunk Convention Center is a smoke-free facility \*\*\*

## Educational Sessions

### Breakout sessions I

- A. *Restoration of a Tall-grass Prairie* – Mark Martin & Sue Foote-Martin, Goose Pond Sanctuary
- B. *Growing Sales: How Plants Get Into a Seed Catalog* – Dick Zondag, Jung's Seed Co.
- C. *Fabulous Flora for Beneficial Bugs* – Samantha Peckham, Olbrich Gardens
- D. *Garden Journaling* – Susan Kilmer, UW Arboretum and Olbrich Gardens
- E. *Creating a Healing Garden* – Marcy Huffaker & Keri Olson, St. Clare Hospital, Baraboo

### Breakout sessions II

- F. *Five Steps to Successful Prairie Meadow Establishment* – Neil Diboll, Prairie Nursery
- G. *Fooling Mother Nature: Using Cold Frames, Hoop Houses & Hot Caps to Extend the Gardening Season* – Barb Larson, UW-Extension Kenosha Co. Horticulture Agent
- H. *Dealing with the Invaders* – Kelly Kearns, WI Department of Natural Resources
- I. *Cultural Uses of Herbs* – Kathryn Scheidermayer, Garden Spirit
- J. *Where the Buffalo Roamed: Land Restoration Projects in Wisconsin* – Alison Duff, International Crane Foundation

### Breakout sessions III

- K. *What's Up with Wisconsin Weather?* – Drs. Steve Ackerman & Jonathan Martin, UW-Madison Atmospheric & Oceanic Sciences Department (aka "The Weather Guys")
- L. *Lifelong Gardening* – Mike Koch, Jeff and Jane Breuer, Columbia Co. Master Gardeners
- M. *New Wave Design: Creating Sustainable Gardens While Providing Habitat for Butterflies, Birds and More* – Ina Lukas, Blooming Valley Nursery
- N. *Master Gardener Projects You Can Duplicate in Your County* – Judith Reith-Rozelle, West Madison Ag Research Station
- O. *Dealing with Problem Wildlife* – Dr. David Drake, UW-Madison Wildlife Ecology Department

## LODGING

Make your reservations directly with the hotel or park of your choice.

### Ho-Chunk Casino Hotel & Convention Center

S3214 Highway 12

Baraboo, Wisconsin 53913

Rooms are available for Friday and Saturday nights for \$62.00 + 10.5% tax per room per night. Group rates until September 30th. Mention special group rate **IMGC09** when making your reservation. Call (800) 746-2486. For more information see [www.ho-chunk.com](http://www.ho-chunk.com)

Directions to Ho-Chunk - Take Hwy 90/94 to US Hwy 12 (Exit 92). Go south towards Baraboo 3 miles. Hotel is on the left.

### Fox Hill RV Park & Campground

E11371 North Reedsburg Road

Baraboo, WI 53913

Toll Free: (888) 236-9445

Phone: (608) 356-5890

[www.foxhillrvpark.com](http://www.foxhillrvpark.com)

Directions to RV Park - (minutes from Ho-Chunk – Shuttle available) Take Hwy 90/94 to US Hwy 12 (Exit 92). Go south towards Baraboo 2½ miles. Turn left onto N Reedsburg Rd. Park is on the right in about 1 mile.

For more information on the Wisconsin Dells (including additional lodging) see [www.wisdells.com](http://www.wisdells.com)

# DEAL YOURSELF A WINNING HAND

Join us on Friday, Oct 2nd for a tour of Wisconsin's fragile ecosystems, natural habitats and unique wildlife. We will travel by bus to three special locations. Tour will leave Ho Chunk at 8:30 am and return by 4:30 pm. Space is limited; minimum of 30 participants required for each of two buses. If minimum is not met, your check will be returned. Cost of tour and lunch is \$45; payment is separate from conference registration and checks should be made out to "WIMGA 2009 Tour."



We will visit the following sites:

## **Madison Audubon Society's Goose Pond Sanctuary** ([www.madisonaudubon.org](http://www.madisonaudubon.org))

Goose Pond is one of Wisconsin's watchable Wildlife Areas and a designated State Natural Area. The major focus at Goose Pond is wetland preservation and tall grass prairie restoration. We will take a guided walking tour of the tall grass prairie and visit the fall seed collection operation. Tour guides Mark Martin and Sue Foote-Martin, ecologists with the DNR Bureau of Endangered Resources, will also have a breakout session on Saturday.

## **Wollersheim Winery** ([www.wollersheim.com](http://www.wollersheim.com))

Visit a 150 year old winery on the banks of the Wisconsin River. This stop will include a video tour, visit to the gift store and wine tasting. A box lunch will be served in the new Vineyard Room overlooking the hillside vineyards. Watch for soaring bald eagles!

## **International Crane Foundation** ([www.savingcranes.org](http://www.savingcranes.org))

At ICF of Baraboo, Wisconsin, we will see their efforts in preservation of the world's crane population, and restoration and preservation of their tall grass prairie. Staff guides will include Alison Duff who will be a presenter on Saturday.

Tour involves active hikes with some hills; the climb to the winery is physically demanding. Rain or shine. Dress appropriately!

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## **Box Lunch Menu Choices**, catered by Blue Spoon Café ([www.bluespooncafe.com](http://www.bluespooncafe.com))

Served with a dill pickle spear, kettle chips, home baked cookie and beverage (ice tea, lemonade, bottled water)

### *Turkey Euro*

Thinly sliced turkey breast with Swiss cheese, mayonnaise, Dijon mustard, lettuce and tomatoes on a grilled baguette.

### *Blue Ribbon Chicken Salad*

Blue Spoon's own chicken salad made with oven-roasted chicken, diced granny smith apples and toasted pecans, blended with mayonnaise. Served with lettuce and tomatoes on cracked wheat bread.

### *Veggie Meister Wrap*

Artichoke hearts, tomatoes, kalamata olives, green and red peppers, onions, mushroom slices and fresh spinach leaves dressed with raspberry vinaigrette and wrapped in a seasoned tortilla.

# Registration

## Participant Information – please PRINT

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ as you wish it to appear on your name badge(s)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Evening phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

MG Association: \_\_\_\_\_

An e-mail confirmation of registration will be sent unless you check here:

I prefer to have my confirmation mailed to me

I do not need confirmation

All program materials, breakfast and lunch are included with full registration.

Please indicate number of registrants on appropriate line(s):

\_\_\_ \$25 for Friday only - Neil Diboll, Speaker

\_\_\_ \$60 for Saturday only

\_\_\_ \$70 for entire conference until September 1st (postmark date)

\_\_\_ \$80 entire conference AFTER September 1, 2009

Enclosed is my check payable to "WIMGA 09" for \$\_\_\_\_\_.

I have marked my preferred breakout sessions on the back of this page.

Mail to: Jim Culbertson, W1576 Deer Path Drive, Montello, WI 53949

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## Tour Registration – DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 15!

\$45 per person.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Participant(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Please choose one box lunch per person (descriptions on last page of brochure). Sorry, no substitutions.

\_\_\_ Turkey Euro

\_\_\_ Blue Ribbon Chicken Salad

\_\_\_ Veggie Meister Wrap

Enclosed is my separate check made payable to "WIMGA 2009 Tour" for \$\_\_\_\_\_.

### Choice of Breakout Sessions (on Saturday, October 3rd)

Please mark your 1st and 2nd choices for each session by putting a 1 or 2 in the appropriate spaces. If two people are registering on one form, list choices for second name in second column.

#### First Breakout Session (9:00-10:00 am)

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| _____ | _____ | C. | <i>Fabulous Flora for Beneficial Bugs</i> – Samantha Peckham                  |
| _____ | _____ | D. | <i>Garden Journaling</i> – Susan Kilmer                                       |
| _____ | _____ | E. | <i>Creating a Healing Garden</i> – Marcy Huffaker & Keri Olson                |

#### Second Breakout Session (10:30-11:30 am)

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| _____ | _____ | F. | <i>Five Steps to Successful Prairie Meadow Establishment</i> – Neil Diboll |
| _____ | _____ | G. | <i>Fooling Mother Nature: Extend the Gardening Season</i> – Barb Larson    |
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| _____ | _____ | I. | <i>Cultural Uses of Herbs</i> – Kathryn Scheidermayer                      |
| _____ | _____ | J. | <i>Restoration Projects in Wisconsin</i> – Alison Duff                     |

#### Third Breakout Session (1:30-2:30 pm)

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