

Speakers Continued

Christi Spak—Bats are unique and amazing animals! They can lower their own metabolism to survive the winter and can eat half their body weight in insects every night. They are also one of the most maligned groups of animals in the world. Whether you love them or hate them, they play an essential ecological role in our environment. As we begin to see the effects of White-nose Syndrome it is increasingly important for us to understand this role to help our bats, recover from this devastating disease.

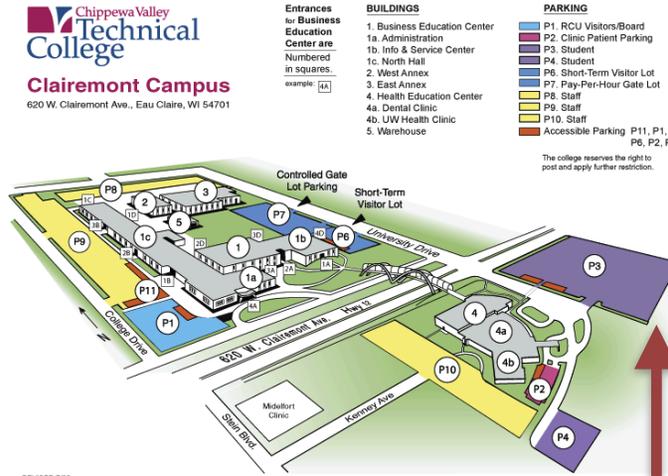
Crystal Schmidt—Come and explore the rare and unique vegetables, fruits, and herbs that can be grown in our Zone 4 climate. Crystal will answer the questions of why a gardener should grow rare plants and what the benefits are of growing these unique things. Chrystal will showcase a large variety of extraordinary edibles.

Dan Zerr—Water is increasingly a cause of concern, both in quantity and quality. What are some issues surrounding water? How can we as gardeners make the best use of water to both preserve it and keep it clean.

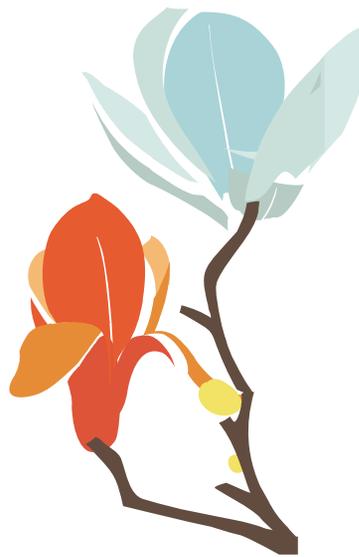
Catrine Marcussen—Water features in the garden, from small portable ones to large ponds, accent your garden. Based on personal experience of what works well, she will emphasize the magic and joy that water can bring to the garden for all of us. Examples and images will include ideas for designs, installations, planting, maintenance and overwintering. Water plants and aquatic life will also be covered.

Chad Zutter—Wildflowers, forbs and native grasses are Chad's passion. His presentation will cover preparing a site for wildflower planting; when to plant wildflowers (Spring/Summer/Dormant); and maintaining wildflower plantings (weed control/ moisture/soil).

Nancy Spak—This workshop is a hands on art project session where you will make a wind chime for your garden. The wind chimes will be made with metal, beads and sandblasted glass pieces. The end product will be a piece that will delight gardeners with delightful sounds!



Seminar attendees should park in Student Lot P3 and cross the foot bridge to the main building (4a). Seminar is in Room 103, (Conference Center)



Questions?

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Ready, Set, Grow...

2017 Winter Garden Seminar



**January 28, 2017
Chippewa Valley Technical
College,
620 West Clairemont Ave.
Eau Claire, WI**

**Hosted by the Eau Claire
Area Master Gardener
Association and
Eau Claire County UW-EX**

Speakers

Tim Johnson—Keynote Speaker Presentation: When humans learned how to save seeds, they altered the course of history. With this one little hack, we harnessed the power of the plant kingdom and paved the way for the world. Seed saving may seem like an antiquated hobby in today's world where seeds are readily available from large retailers, the truth is that seed saving makes you a better gardener. Join Tim Johnson, Head of Preservation at Seed Savers Exchange, on a historical journey that ends right in your garden with a discussion about how and why you should be saving and growing heirloom seeds, as well as how this makes gardening more enjoyable and productive.

Breakout Session: Tomatoes are the most popular garden fruit (or are they vegetables?) in the US. This makes them a perfect veggie to begin a new seed saving hobby. Tim Johnson will teach participants everything they need to know from buying the right seeds to saving the seeds this year. He might even have some seeds to share!

David Zlesak—There are significant changes underway in the breeding, testing production, distribution and use of landscape roses. Spurred on by high consumer expectations, recent research, and creative innovation by the industry to satisfy customers in a tight economy, there is much to look forward to in the rose industry. There is an increasing push to regionally trialing and marketing of regionally superior cultivars and greater commitment than ever to roses with truly elevated disease resistance. Strong performing newer roses for the upper Midwest will be highlighted.

Kathy Stahl— Invasive plants have been creeping into Wisconsin for several years. Kathy will discuss some of the non-native plants that have been and will be plaguing West Central Wisconsin. This will include how pests multiply, how to dissuade them from your land, and what Wisconsin native plants are good alternatives. Your experiences with invasive and native Wisconsin plants will be a welcomed addition to her presentation.

Schedule

8 AM Registration

8:55 AM Welcome and Opening Remarks

9 AM Keynote Speaker—Tim Johnson: Why I Need You to Grow Heirlooms (and Why You Will Want to Grow Them Too)

10 AM Break – Check out Vendors

10:30 AM Breakout Session #1

Tim Johnson: Let's Start with Tomatoes: Saving Seeds From America's Favorite Vegetables (or Are they Fruits?)

David Zlesak: The Cutting Edge of Landscaping Roses

Christi Spak: A Year in the Life of a Bat

11:30 AM Lunch – Check out Vendors

12:45pm Breakout Session #2

Kathy Stahl: Invasive Plant Species in Wisconsin

Crystal Schmidt: Rare and Unique Edibles for the Home Garden

Dan Zerr: Water: Use it Wisely

1:45 PM Break – Check out Vendors

2:15 PM Breakout Session #3

Catrine Marcussen: Water Features in the Garden

Chad Zutter: Planting and Maintaining Wildflower Plots

Nancy Spak: Workshop: Make a Stained Glass Wind Chime for Your Garden

3:15 PM End of Seminar

Registration

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Cost: \$35.00 postmarked by January 15, 2017. \$40.00 thereafter.

Includes lunch and 2 snack breaks.

Workshop is an extra \$15.

Choose 1 breakout session per section

Breakout Session #1

- A. Tim Johnson: Let's Start with Tomatoes
- B. David Zlesak: The Cutting Edge of Landscaping Roses
- C. Christi Spak: A Year in the Life of a Bat

Breakout Session #2

- D. Kathy Stahl: The Good, Bad and Ugly of invasive Plants and Their Alternatives
- E. Crystal Schmidt: Rare and Unique Edibles for the Home Garden
- F. Dan Zerr: Water: Use It Wisely

Breakout Session #3

- G. Catrine Marcussen: Water Features in the Garden
- H. Chad Zutter: Planting and Maintaining Wildflower Plots
- I. Nancy Spak: Work Shop: Make a Stained Glass Wind Chime For Your Garden

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