

# Growing Together

2021 Western Wisconsin Spring Garden Seminar



**SAVE THE DATES: VIRTUAL PRESENTATIONS**  
**Saturdays at 10 am**

**February 20, 2021** Sonya Burke  
*Soil Preparation for Planting Vegetables*

**February 27, 2021** Melinda Myers brought to you by   
*Creating a Private Space* <https://www.diggershotline.com/>

**March 6, 2021** Dr. Laura Jull  
*Planting Trees and Shrubs*

**March 13, 2021** Kelly Povo & Phyllis Root  
*Searching for Wildflowers in Wisconsin and Minnesota*

**Cost: \$10 covers all four presentations**

The Spring Garden Seminar will be presented via You Tube Live. Attendees will receive the link the week prior to each presentation. All presentations are open to the public and we welcome both new and experienced gardeners. Registration at <https://www.eauclaireareamastergardener.org/>

Brought to you by Western Wisconsin Master Gardener Associations from the following counties: Barron, Chippewa, Dunn, Eau Claire, Pierce and St. Croix



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## Speakers for Western Wisconsin Conference



**February 20, 2021**

**Sonya Burke**  
*Soil Preparation for  
Planting Vegetables*

Sonya Burke has been a Hennepin County Master Gardener with the University of MN Extension Services for six years. Her love of growing things comes from a long line of gardeners and farmers on her mother's side of the family. Since moving to NE Minneapolis from "the country", she has added five gardens to her yard – mostly for natives and other perennial plants; and works with her neighbors to create pollinator corridors. She is obsessed with tomatoes and cucumbers, and wages a seemingly never-ending war with the Creeping Charlie in her flower beds.

You'll learn how to grow better vegetables by evaluating and improving your garden soil.



**February 27, 2021**

**Melinda Myers**  
*Creating a Private Space* brought to you by  
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Nationally recognized gardening expert, TV/radio host, author and columnist Melinda Myers has a master's degree in horticulture, over 30 years of horticulture experience and written over 20 gardening books. She hosts the nationally syndicated "Melinda's Garden Moment" program and The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series. She's a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and writes a nationally syndicated newspaper column.

Learn how to combine plants, furnishings and accessories to create an entertainment space, retreat or area for relaxation within your landscape. Melinda will share strategies for maximizing beauty and enjoyment whether you're dealing with a small yard or trying to create a garden room within your landscape.



**March 6, 2021**

**Dr. Laura Jull**  
*Planting Trees and Shrubs*

Dr. Laura G. Jull is a member of the faculty of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of Horticulture and the Wisconsin State Extension Specialist of Woody Ornamental Horticulture. She currently teaches Identification and Culture of Woody Landscape Plants, Arboriculture and Landscape Maintenance, and Plant Propagation. Laura's extension responsibilities include serving Wisconsin's Green Industry, providing direction for statewide proactive programs, supporting county extension agents in implementing and evaluating programs, and advanced Master Gardener training.

Ensure the best possible outcome for your landscaping investment by learning how to correctly plant trees and shrubs.



**March 13, 2021**

**Kelly Povo & Phyllis Root**  
*Searching for Wildflowers in  
Wisconsin and Minnesota*

Kelly Povo has been a professional photographer for over 30 years and has exhibited in galleries and art shows across the country. Her photographs have been published on posters, calendars, note cards, and in books.

Phyllis Root has written over fifty books for children, including several books on bogs, prairies, old growth forest in the upper Midwest. Phyllis lives in Minneapolis and teaches in the low-residency Master of Fine Arts in Writing for Children and Young Adults Program at Hamline University in St. Paul.

Our speakers will take you on a visual journey to learn how to identify, safeguard and enjoy our native wildflowers.

## Registration Information

Registrations for the Growing Together Seminar or for an individual presentation are due the week before each presentation. One \$10 registration fee includes all four presentations. Participants will receive a link the week prior to each presentation. Go to <https://www.eauclaireareamastergardener.org/> for registration. Questions can be directed to Andy Heren at Extension—Eau Claire County at 715-839-4712 or [Andy.Heren@co.eau-claire.wi.us](mailto:Andy.Heren@co.eau-claire.wi.us)