

GARDEN FEVER 2024 REGISTRATION

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www.carverscottmastergardeners.com

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For mail-in registration, complete and mail-in this form with a check. One form per person.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State/ZIP _____

Phone (day) _____

Email _____

\$45/person through March 22 (mailed by 3/19)

\$55/person Late reg, online only, closes 3/29

**We cannot guarantee walk-in registration availability.*

Price includes lunch, speaker sessions, silent auction, vendor fair, and door prizes. Lunch accommodates gluten free and vegetarian diet restrictions.

Make checks payable to:

U of M Extension

Mail registration form and payment to:

Carver County Extension Office

Attn: Garden Fever

11360 Hwy 212 W, Ste 4

Cologne, MN 55322

Registration refunds deduct a \$5 administrative fee.

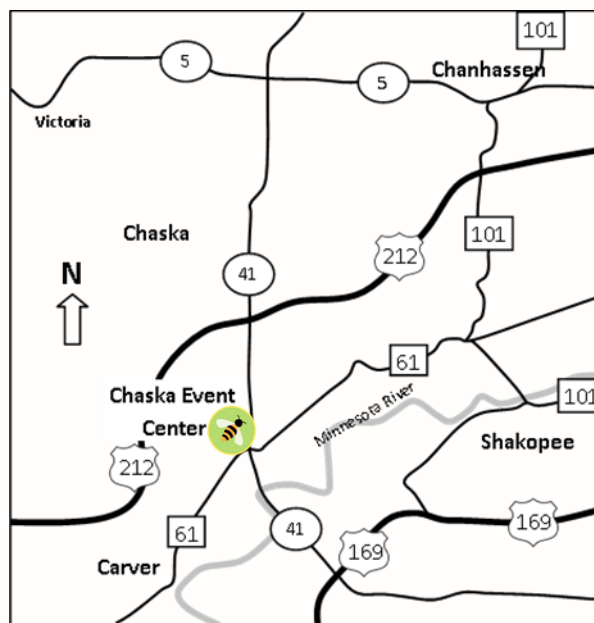
After March 22, 2024, no refunds will be issued.

CHASKA Event Center

3210 Chaska Blvd

Chaska, MN 55318

(952) 227-7912



Who are the Master Gardeners?

The mission of the Master Gardener Volunteer Program is to use research-based horticultural knowledge and practices to deliver educational outreach and project-based efforts that inspire change and promote healthy people, healthy communities, and a healthy planet.

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MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Carver-Scott Master Gardeners



April 6, 2024

8:45am - 3:30pm

Chaska Event Center

Chaska, MN

A Day of Gardening Inspiration and Education! Every spring, the Carver-Scott Master Gardeners kick off the gardening season with Garden Fever. This year, we celebrate 25 years of this festive, inspiring, and educational event. Our primary goals are to inspire gardeners of all ages by offering top notch, research-based education not only during Garden Fever, but throughout the year. Join us for a very special celebration to bring your gardening ideas and goals to life.



8:45 AM Registration

9:30 AM Welcome

9:45 AM Russ Henry
Healthy Soil

Russ Henry, owner of Minnehaha Falls Landscaping, is a soil life consultant and pollinator advocate. Healthy soil grows healthy plants. Whether your soil is clay, sand, or silt, there's a solution for you. We'll discuss how to maximize health to grow gardens that burst with productivity and abundance.

10:30 AM Break: Silent Auction, Vendor Fair

11:00 AM Michelle Bruhn
Companion Planting for Home Gardeners

Learn how to combine the beauty and science of companion planting to grow healthier gardens. We'll go into building soil health, welcoming beneficial insects, suppressing weeds plus balancing pest and disease pressures. From cover cropping to planting flowers next to vegetables, there are endless ways to play with your plants to increase the biodiversity and harvests from your garden.

12:00 PM Lunch: Silent Auction, Vendor Fair

1:00 PM Heidi Heiland
Horticulture Therapy and the Healing Nature of Gardens

When all of our senses are engaged at the same time is when we are most fully alive. Where does this happen? In a garden! Every being benefits from touching soil and plants. The formal practice of Horticultural Therapy (HT) takes healing a step further. Learn the specific objectives and measurable outcomes that can be achieved by employing HT.

1:45 PM Break: Silent Auction, Vendor Fair
2:00 PM Silent Auction Ends

2:15 PM Cory Whitmer
Native and Pollinator Gardening for your Backyard

Get your garden buzzing with pollinator friendly plants. Many pollinators are on the threatened species list, and that list grows every year. The main reason for pollinator decline is lack of food source. We will be discussing plants that help pollinators, both for their habitats and for nourishment. Every plant in our presentation benefits bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds.

3:15 PM Closing Remarks, Door Prizes
Silent Auction Pick-Up

About Russ Henry

As owner of Minnehaha Falls Landscape & Giving Tree Gardens, founder of Bee Safe Minneapolis, and a certified Soil Life Consultant, Russ Henry has been protecting and growing ecosystems across Minnesota. His companies install, manage, and restore properties in the metro area with native pollinator plants, and without the use of pesticides or synthetic fertilizers.

About Michelle Bruhn

Michelle relishes being a suburban homesteader born and raised in Minnesota. She's a local food advocate, regenerative gardener, freelance writer, educator, and farmers market manager. As the founder of Forks in the Dirt, an information hub for garden and farm-to-table living, she helps people grow their own, know their farmer and cook real food year-round. Her passion is helping folks Dig Their Food.

About Heidi Heiland

Heidi is the Chief Experience Officer for Heidi's Lifestyle Gardens which began in 1979. She creates award-winning ecoscapes and nourishing encounters with nature by providing holistic consultation, landscape design, installation, and garden design & maintenance. She holds a certificate in Horticultural Therapy through Colorado State University and has her certificate in Permaculture Design.

About Cory Whitmer

As a lifelong lover of plants, Cory has held multiple positions in the horticulture industry, including Head Grower, General Manager, Aquatic Manager, and Landscape Designer. He is a Certified Professional through the Minnesota Nursery and Landscape Association and is currently Design Manager at The Mustard Seed. He calls himself a plant geek, always looking for the perfect plant for the perfect place.