

A Kinder, Friendlier Garden: Beatrix Potter's Legacy – Mary Jo Fleming, a Chippewa Valley Master Gardener Volunteer with a degree in biology, grew up with the tales of Beatrix Potter, the exploits of Mole and Mr. Toad, and the antics of Disney's chipmunks. As gardeners, we have welcomed birds, butterflies, and pollinators, but what about other critters who find our landscapes attractive? Learn a little about these small mammals, and how they impact our environmentally friendly gardens.

***Succulents in a Teacup – Faye Ryszkiewicz**, is the owner of Fryszki's Country Gardens in Caryville. As part of the Think Spring's English Garden theme, Faye will cover basic care of succulents and help workshop participants plant a teacup garden. Participants are able to bring their own teacups or buy one from Faye and are also encouraged to bring any embellishments to add to their design. The cost of the workshop is \$12.50, and if participants choose to buy a teacup at the seminar, the price will be between \$6-8. Please check the box on your registration if you plan to buy a teacup at the event. *Please make out a separate check for \$12.50 to CVMGA for this session.



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Gardening Seminar
Chippewa County Extension Office
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BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

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10:00 AM 11:00 AM
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PROGRAM GUIDE

8:00 AM Registration Opens

8:30 AM Welcome

8:45–9:45 AM

Keynote Session

Jeff Epping

Inspirations from English Gardens

9:45 AM Morning Break

10:00-10:45 AM – Breakout Sessions

A. Straw Bale Gardening

B. Garden Pests

11:00-11:50 AM – Breakout Sessions

A. Small Trees with Big Impact

B. Violets and Companion Houseplants

11:30-1:15 Lunch

1:15-2:15 PM

Keynote II

Jeff Epping

Sustainable Gardens: Designs and plants for Greener Gardens

2:30-3:15 PM

A. Produce Preservation

B. A Kinder, Friendlier Garden

C. Teacup Workshop*

Keynote – Inspirations from English Gardens -

Jeff Epping, has been Director of Horticulture at Olbrich Botanical Gardens for more than 20 years. He oversees the horticulture operations and garden designs of more than ten inspirational display gardens. He has visited, studied and photographed gardens throughout the U.S. and Europe. England has some of the most incredible gardens in the world and many are full of innovative design ideas. This garden travelogue will introduce you to some renowned gardeners and their masterpieces as well as some hidden gems.

Straw Bale Gardening – Joy Lancour and Steve Hesselberg, are Chippewa Valley Gardener volunteers who have successfully mastered the art and science of straw bale gardening. They will introduce us to the benefits of above-ground gardening, layout, equipment, conditioning, and planting techniques. They'll be glad to answer questions about what works and what doesn't since every new technique has a learning curve.

Garden Pests – Jerry Clark, Chippewa County Crops & Soils Educator, will help you explore integrated pest management and alternative methods to control those pesky weeds, insects and plant diseases.

Small Trees with Big Impact – Jeff Epping, Director of Horticulture at Olbrich Botanical Gardens, has helped to design and install a variety of display gardens showcasing the best plants for south-central Wisconsin. Jeff will introduce us to top performing, small-scaled ornamental trees that can fit all our needs.

Violets and Companion Houseplants – Faye Ryszkiewicz will talk about African violets, their care and propagation, and suggest creative ways to use violets and other houseplants with similar requirements.

Keynote II – Sustainable Gardens: Designs and Plants for Greener Gardens – Jeff Epping, Director of Horticulture at Olbrich Botanical Gardens, has promoted the concept of sustainable gardens. Green or sustainable gardens are good for the environment and good for gardeners. These beautiful gardens require less time, water, and chemicals to grow, appropriate at a time when busier lives and strained resources impact our landscapes.

Produce Preservation – Dora Wood, A Chippewa Valley Master Gardener volunteer, was raised on a dairy farm and, even as a child, helped tend a very large garden. Since 2015 she has been running a CSA garden located on part of 25 acres. This has encouraged her to introduce new vegetables and learn how to incorporate them into her menus and preserve them while they are abundant. Dora will cover the fundamentals and tools of food preservation using water baths and pressure canning, dehydrating, freezing and keeping a root cellar.