



# Green County Master Gardeners Association



## 16<sup>th</sup> Garden Inspiration for all Seasons

March 8, 2025 8:30a.m.-3:30p.m.

### Agenda: **“Gardening in a Changing Climate!”**

- 8:30** Registration— View silent auction and resource materials
- 8:50** Welcome— Susan Konopacki, Green County Master Gardener President
- 9:00** **“Changing Climate”** Bob Lindmeier, Question and answer at 10:00
- 10:20** Break— Silent Auction Bidding
- 10:30** **“Foodmageddon: Lessons From Growing All Our Own Food”** Scott Johnson
- 11:30** Lunch— Silent Auction Bidding
- 12:15** Afternoon Announcements— Door Prizes
- 12:30** **“Sustainable Landscapes & Rainwater Harvesting”** Anthony Nied, Q&A 1:00
- 1:30** Break— Final Silent Auction Bidding
- 1:40** **“Building Resilient Soil”** Chris Bandura
- 2:25** **“Creating Bee Friendly Gardens”** Kimberly Kester
- 3:15** Silent Auction Winners
- 3:30** Final Announcements, Thank You for attending!



### Garden Inspirations for All Seasons—Our Speakers

We invite you to our 16th annual Symposium! Our venue and exciting program speakers will bring education, fun and practical ideas for every gardener. This year we feature “Gardening in a Changing Climate.”

#### **Speaker Bios:**

**Bob Lindmeier** is a retired Meteorologist who believes strongly in climate change education. Bob received a degree in meteorology from the University of Wisconsin in 1979. During his career Bob worked at Weather Central, Wisconsin TV Network, 44 years at WKOW-TV and numerous other radio and TV stations. In 2019 he was presented with the Wisconsin Silver Circle lifetime achievement award by the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences. In 2023 he was presented with the Local Broadcast Legends award from the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association.

**Scott Johnson** is the director of the Low Technology Institute. He started thinking about how we’re going to live in a more local, less energy-intensive future while working as an academic archaeologist and has transitioned that interest into creating research and educational programming answering the question, *“How will we live comfortably in 2100?”*

**Anthony Nied**, after graduating with a degree in horticulture from Chippewa Valley Technical College, Anthony was hired by Down to Earth Garden Center in Eau Claire as the Manager of the Lawn Care and Landscape Division. Seven years later Anthony started *Nied Landscape and Design* and *Safe and Simple Organic Lawns*, which both had a focus on increasing the sustainability of our community one property at a time. *Safe and Simple Organic Lawns* received a green industry award from the city of Eau Claire. Anthony transformed those businesses into *Flawn Seed Kits* in 2022 making it easy to transform an existing grass lawn into a low maintenance flowering lawn.

**Chris Bandura** is the Conservation Cropping Outreach Specialist for UW-Madison Division of Extension in the Crops and Soils Program. His work primarily focusses on enhancing knowledge about soil health and function and what management practices can be implemented to achieve maximum conservation of soil resources.

**Kimberly Kester**, Regional Livestock Educator for the counties of Grant, Green, Iowa and Lafayette, starting in 2024. Her programming focuses on beef cow-calf operations, specifically genetic improvement, heifer development, and heat abatement. Kim also supports programming in small ruminant parasite management and poultry flock management. Kim has worked as a bull herdsman for a cattle genetics company, and a national educator for the American Beekeeping Federation. Kim worked for over 6 years as a County Extension Coordinator and Agriculture & Natural Resources Agent for University of Georgia Extension. And she also serves as an agriculture officer in the U.S. Army Reserve. Kim holds 5 degrees from the Universities of Texas, Florida, Iowa and Wisconsin; a Doctoral, 2 Master of Science and 2 Bachelor of Science degrees

**Venue- Albany Lions Club, 402 North Cincinnati Street. Albany, WI 53502**