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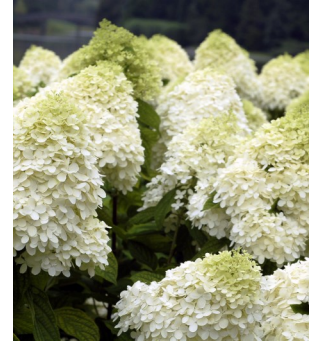
Gardening Symposium

Saturday, March 14, 2015

8 am - 3 pm

Sauk Valley Community College

Dixon, IL



Richard Hawke

Keynote Address: Four-Star Plants



Richard Hawke is the plant evaluation manager at the Chicago Botanic Garden, and is responsible for the comparative evaluation of over 1200 taxa of perennials, vines, shrubs, and small trees, including the oversight of a 16,000 sq. ft. green roof trial. He is the author of *Plant Evaluation Notes*, writes for numerous horticulture publications, is a contributing editor for *Fine Gardening*, and teaches and lectures frequently. Richard received the Perennial Plant Association's Academic Award for teaching excellence in 2005. The Garden's Plant Evaluation Program has been recommending superior garden plants to home gardeners and the green industry since 1989. Richard will present a variety of four-star plants, including new selections and old favorites, from over 25 years of comparative trials.

Session One Topics:

Create Your Own Self-Watering Container

When Pretty isn't Enough: Plant Trials at the Chicago Botanic Garden

Heirlooms for the Garden

Seed Saving

Gardener's Tips, Tricks, and Lore

Session Two Topics:

Make Mine a Hummingbird Garden

Introduction to Propagation

Tree Diseases & Related Problems

Don't Blame the Camera: How to Take Better Landscape Photos

Herbal Vinegars

Session Three Topics:

Hypertufa: Not Your Traditional Stepping Stone

Square Foot Gardening

Technology for the Home Gardener

Shade Gardening

Introduction to Propagation

Events in the East Mall

Demonstrations on Attracting Pollinators, Succulent Wreaths, and Miniature Gardens

Vendors with unique gardening items for purchase

Master Gardener Question and Answer Help Desk

Registration and More Information

Please register by **March 10, 2015**.

Register online or download registration form:

<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/bdo>

The cost of this workshop is **\$40**.

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