

2026 Garden and Green Living Expo- Seminar Schedule

Friday, February 13, 2026

12:15	Garden Talk with Larry Meiller: Live Larry Meiller, Brian Hudelson and Lisa Johnson, Wisconsin Public Radio Mendota 1-2	NEW! Ornamental Grasses for Wisconsin Bruce Spangenberg, University of Wisconsin Extension Mendota 5	NEW! Creating Your Own Homegrown National Park Alex Singer Mendota 8	NEW! Home Compost Systems Scott Johnson, Low Technology Institute Waubesa/Kegonsa
12:30	NEW! Create Stunning Gardens in Tough-to-Grow Places Dan Unruh Mendota 3	NEW! DIY Landscape Design Basics Jacob Kluza, UW-Extension Mendota 4	Building and Exploring the Driftless Trail Barb Barzen or Jennifer Filipiak Mendota 6-7	Salvias: Hidden Pollinator Treasures Michael and Kathi Rock, International Hummingbird Society Monona/Wingra
1:30	No Presentation Scheduled	NEW! How Wool Restores Soil Karen Mayhew and Elaine Becker, Woollets LLC Mendota 5	NEW! Pet-Friendly Landscaping Jamie Viebach, University of Illinois Extension Mendota 8	Purple Martins in Wisconsin 2026 Dick Nikolai, Wisconsin Purple Martin Association Waubesa/Kegonsa
1:45	NEW! Wild Food/Wild Medicine Linda Conroy, Moonwise Herbs Mendota 3	NEW! Choosing a Mulch for Every Occasion Amy Freidig, University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension Mendota 4	NEW! Why Choose a Green Burial? Anita Lawrence, Solas Natural Burial Preserve Mendota 6-7	Magnificent Monarchs Gae Bergmann Monona/Wingra
2:45	NEW! Creating a Seedsaving Garden Andre Paquette, Firefly Farm & Mercantile Mendota 1-2	Oaks Under Pressure: Climate Change Madelyn Jahnke, Tree Health Management Mendota 5	NEW! Seasonal Vegetable Gardening in Wisconsin Vera Reinke, Heirloom Kitchen Gardens Mendota 8	NEW! The Beauty of Blooming Peonies Michelle Ovans, Ovans Peony Farm Waubesa/Kegonsa
3:00	NEW! Designing a Habitat Hedgerow Daryl Beyers Mendota 3	NEW! Bagging Apples for Insect and Disease Control Josie Dillon, UW-Madison Extension Mendota 4	NEW! Shady Garden? No Problem! Lindsey Bender, Field and Forest Products Mendota 6-7	Gardening for Hummingbirds Michael and Kathi Rock, International Hummingbird Society Monona/Wingra
4:00	NEW! Grow Your Best Tomatoes Yet Melinda Myers Mendota 1-2	WI Natural Resources Shaped by Fire Jeb Barzen, Wisconsin Prescribed Fire Council Mendota 5	Common Landscape Mistakes Sean Pratt, Ganshert Landscapes Mendota 8	NEW! Minnesota State Horticultural Society Don Smith, Minnesota State Horticultural Society Waubesa/Kegonsa
4:15	NEW! Native Plants for Shady Spaces Melissa Apland, Bee Balm Wildscapes Mendota 3	Tree Pruning Fundamentals Lisa Johnson, Extension Dane County Mendota 4	NEW! Testing and Managing Your Private Well Cayla Cavey, Center for Watershed Science and Education Mendota 6-7	NEW! Take Two Chickadees and Call Me in the Morning Craig Thompson, Driftless Birds Monona/Wingra
5:15	NEW! Fundamentals of Integrated Pest Management *90 minute talk Allen Pyle, UW-Madison Extension Mendota 1-2	NEW! Restoring Your Woodland to Health *90 minute talk Frank Hassler, Red Head Ecological Consulting Mendota 5	NEW! Herbal Upcycle Creations *90 minute talk Marcy Lautanen-Raleigh, Backyard Patch Herbs Mendota 8	Elegantly Light Your Home Using Landscape Lighting Dustin Lang and Brandon Lang, Lang Lighting and Decor LLC Waubesa/Kegonsa
5:30	10 Plant Diseases Not to Compost Brian Hudelson, UW-PDDC Mendota 3	Gathering Wild for Health and Longevity Sam Thayer, Forager's Harvest Mendota 4	NEW! Container Gardens on the Cheap Lisa Hinzman Howard, Midwest Garden Gal LLC Mendota 6-7	Beginning Beekeeping for Gardeners Scott Johnson, Low Technology Institute Monona/Wingra

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9:15	NEW! Honeyberries: A Promising New Berry Crop for the Upper Midwest Steffen Mirsky, UW-Madison Extension Mendota 1-2	NEW! Hardscaping to Enhance Your Landscape Sean Pratt, Ganshert Landscapes Mendota 5	Oaks Under Pressure: Climate Change Madelyn Jahnke, Tree Health Management Mendota 8	NEW! Cultivating Community Through Gardening Sarah Zdroik and Amy Kowalski, Growing Collective Waubesa/Kegonsa
9:30	NEW! Sustainable Gardening Strategies for the 21st Century Karen Mayhew and Elaine Becker, Woollets LLC Mendota 3	NEW! Grow It Yourself (GIY): Veggies 101 Lisa Hinzman Howard, Midwest Garden Gal, LLC Mendota 4	NEW! Wisconsin Lawn Care Calendar Bruce Spangenberg, University of Wisconsin Extension Mendota 6-7	NEW! Take Two Chickadees and Call Me in the Morning Craig Thompson, Driftless Birds Monona/Wingra
10:30	NEW! Coping with Environmental Extremes in Your Garden Amy Freidig and Allen Pyle, UW-Madison Extension Mendota 1-2	NEW! Seeds in Soil: Finding Your Roots Susan Apps-Bodilly, Wisconsin Historical Society Press Mendota 5	NEW! Cacti, Agaves and Succulents for Suburban Gardens Daniel Goodspeed, Happy Valley Plants Mendota 8	NEW! Growing Zinnias in the Midwest Judy Greenfield, Greenfield Florals Waubesa/Kegonsa
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1:00	Spring Blooming Shrubs Lisa Johnson, Extension Dane County Mendota 1-2	NEW! Attracting Birds to your Yard Alicia King, Wisconsin Society or Ornithology Mendota 5	NEW! Presley's Pointers for Busy Gardeners Erin Presley, Olbrich Botanical Gardens, Leigh Preseley, Clearview Garden Center Mendota 8	NEW! Testing and Managing Your Private Well Cayla Cavey, Center for Watershed Science and Education Waubesa/Kegonsa
1:15	NEW! Rain Gardens: The Next Generation Frank Hassler, Red Head Ecological Consulting Mendota 3	NEW! Truffle Cultivation Lindsey Bender, Field and Forest Products Mendota 4	NEW! Pet-Friendly Landscaping Jamie Viebach, University of Illinois Extension Mendota 6-7	NEW! Field Notes on Climate Special Preview Ryan Hendricks, Kylie Compe, Ami Eckard-Lee, James Crall and Claudio Gratton hosted by PBS Wisconsin Education Monona/Wingra
2:15	NEW! Grow an Attractive and Edible Landscape sponsored by Diggers Hotline Melinda Myers Mendota 1-2	NEW! Turning Your Indoor Garden into a Profitable Business Victor Zaderej, Happy Leaf LLC Mendota 5	NEW! New, Unique and Top Performing Plant Varieties Allen Pyle, UW-Madison Extension Mendota 8	NEW! Why Choose a Green Burial? Anita Lawrence, Solas Natural Burial Preserve Waubesa/Kegonsa
2:30	Gardening in a Warming Wisconsin Scott Johnson, Low Technology Institute Mendota 3	NEW! Wings of Wonder: Monarchs in Mexico Katey Pratt and Mike Gibson, Olbrich Botanical Gardens Mendota 4	NEW! Native Plants for Shady Spaces Melissa Apland, Bee Balm Wildscapes Mendota 6-7	NEW! The Beauty of Blooming Peonies Michelle Ovans, Ovans Peony Farm Monona/Wingra
3:30	Food Preservation Inspiration Becky Gutzman Mendota 1-2	NEW! Minnesota State Horticultural Society Don Smith, Minnesota State Horticultural Society Mendota 5	Have Ewe Herd About Growing with Wool? Elizabeth Ivankovic, Ewe and Me Wool Company, LLC Mendota 8	The Buzz in Your Garden Judy Cardin Waubesa/Kegonsa

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11:45	Have Ewe Herd About Growing with Wool? Elizabeth Ivankovic, Ewe and Me Wool Company LLC Mendota 3	Diseases of Houseplants Brian Hudelson, UW-PDDC Mendota 4	Snakes in Your Garden! Eric Roscoe, Specialty Serpents Mendota 6-7	NEW! Robotic Mowing Rick DeYoung, Robot Mowing Solutions Monona/Wingra
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