

West Virginia University Extension Service

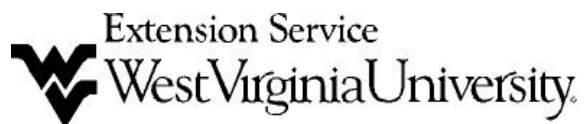


A GARDEN A - FAIR

West Virginia Master Gardener Conference
June 1 – 3, 2007
Fairgrounds – State Fair of West Virginia
Fairlea, West Virginia



Hosted by Greenbrier Valley Master Gardeners



Dear WV Master Gardener and Extension Colleagues,

This is the perfect opportunity for me to express my gratitude for the many talented and capable volunteers we have in our organization. Planning and organizing an event of this nature and magnitude is no easy task, and each year I am amazed at the dedication exhibited by the host chapter.

This year is no exception as the Greenbrier team has worked diligently to provide us with an excellent program. The work that they have done, leading up to the event is inspiring. They have developed a unique relationship with the State Fairgrounds Board which will serve the State Master Gardener Program well into the future.

I probably don't say it enough, but I feel fortunate to be able to work with all the incredible West Virginia Master Gardeners who are committed to serving their communities and state through the Extension Service programs.

You inspire the best in me. See you at the Fair.

Thanks and welcome!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John W. Jett'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a dark ink on a white background.

WELCOME TO THE 2007 WEST VIRGINIA

MASTER GARDENER CONFERENCE

A GARDEN... A-FAIR

Welcome from the southern region of West Virginia! Greenbrier Valley Master Gardeners and our Extension Agent, John McCutcheon offer you lots of good old southern hospitality throughout the weekend. We have prepared a splendid conference filled with educational challenges and fun!

Many of you have been to the State Fair and many have volunteered in our Demonstration Garden. Now you have an opportunity to visit and enjoy some more of our favorite places. Do take advantage of the interesting tours and field trips available on Friday afternoon - the walking tour of historic downtown Lewisburg, The Greenbrier Resort and the Bunker Tour or the Grounds & Garden tour at the Greenbrier. Jimmie Coffman's Triple C Compost Farm and Frank Tuckwiller's Vineyard are terrific. Josh Polin has offered a tour of his expansive Riverbend Nursery also.

Don't miss the Board of Directors Meeting....all are invited. Then, let the merriment begin!! The Welcome Reception is followed by Carnival Time, an evening planned for good food, great fun, and of course, entertainment, featuring: Line Dancing!

On Saturday morning we are honored to have David Cavagnaro inspire us with the keynote address accompanied by his magnificent slides! Our educational workshops on Saturday are diverse and will provide something for everyone!! Photography, Orchids, Compost, Native Plants, Riparian Areas, Greenhouses, Organic Gardening, Home Vineyard and Hellebores. In our Hands-On workshops you will make a Hypertufa, learn about Shiitake Mushrooms or design with custom pavers.

Throughout the day you will be able to visit remarkable vendors positioned around the porches of the Gus Douglass Annex. Please take the opportunity to enter your bids for the Silent Auction items provided by Master Gardeners from around the state. Bidding will end at the start of the banquet which will culminate with the ever-popular live auction.

On Sunday, we hope you will enjoy Dr. Anjad and Jorge Ferreira, our Featured Speakers who will share incredible knowledge of Teas and Medicinal Plants, followed by two classes on herbs.

Finally, we hope your weekend with us is all you expected.....and more. And we thank you for coming way down South to Greenbrier County.

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SCHEDULE

Friday, June 1, 2007

8:00am – 6:00pm	Breakfast on your own Registration Underwood Youth Center Silent & Live Auction Set Up "Fair Share Set Up" County exhibits and displays			-Riverbend Nursery – guided tour You may drive your own vehicle with provided directions. -Beartown State Park You may drive your own vehicle with provided directions.
9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Tours and Field Trips -Self-guided walking tour of Downtown Lewisburg -Bunker Tour – The Greenbrier You may drive your own vehicle with provided directions. 90 minutes \$30.00 per person Hours: 9:30am, 11:30am, 1:30pm 3:30pm. -Grounds & Garden Tour – The Greenbrier You may drive your own vehicle with provided directions. Afternoon tour approximately 30 minutes -Triple C Compost Farm Personally chauffeured by local Master Gardeners Time 11:30am – 12:30am -Frank Tuckwiller's Vineyard Personally chauffeured by local Master Gardeners (wine tasting & light hors d'oeuvres Time: 1:00pm – 2:30pm			Lunch on your own in historic Lewisburg -Blackwell's Restaurant -Café Del Sole -Food & Friends -General Lewis Inn -Irish Pub -Miss Ashley's Tea Room -Stardust Café -Tavern 1785
		4:30pm – 5:30pm	Board of Directors Meeting (Administration Building)	
		6:00pm – 7:00pm	Welcome Reception & Social Hour light hors d'oeuvres Gus Douglass Annex	
		7:00pm – 9:00pm	Its Carnival Time on the Fairgrounds! Gus Douglass Annex	
				Come for an evening of fun and entertainment. Test your skills and play your favorite carnival games. Win prizes, have tasty food and enjoy a memorable time! Followed by a Line Dancing Party Led and instructed by Polly Reynolds Master Gardener – Fayette County

Saturday, June 2, 2007

8:00am – 5:00pm Registration
Underwood Youth Center

8:00am – 9:00am Continental Breakfast
Underwood Youth Center

8:00am – 9:00am Gardeners Market Set Up
Outside Porch
Gus Douglas Annex

9:15am Welcome: Opening Ceremony
John McCutcheon –
GVMG Extension Agent
John Jett –
WVMG Coordinator

9:15am – 10:30am Introduction: Keynote Address
David Cavagnaro
“Fork to Fork”
The Joys of Edible Gardening

10:45am Break (light snack)

11:00am – 12:00pm Workshops/Presentations

1-1 Natural Light – Creative Garden Photography
David Cavagnaro

1-2 Ins and Outs of Orchid Growing
Louise Mashburn

1-3 Compost of Soil Life
Jimmie Coffman

1-4 Modern Custom Pavers
(limit of 20 - Preregistration Required)
Ryan Lewis & Dan Greene

12:00pm – 1:00pm Lunch
Box Lunch
Annex and Patio Areas

1:30pm – 2:30pm Workshops/Presentations

2-1 Native Plants for Home Landscapes:
More Than Just Yard Ornaments
Peter Heus

2-2 Riparian Areas: Natures Filters
Adam Webster

2-3 So You’re Thinking about Buying a Greenhouse
Barbara Liedl

2-4 Growing and Using Shiitake Mushrooms
(limit of 20 - Preregistration Required)
Pam West

2:30pm Break (light snack)

2:45pm – 3:45pm Workshops/Presentations

3-1 Organic Gardening 101
John Spangler

3-2 French Hybrid Grapes in WV
Frank Tuckwiller

3-3 Destination Hellebores
Barry Glick

3-4 A Recipe for Hypertufa
(limit of 20 –Fee & Preregistration Required)
Marsha Geiger

4:00pm – 5:00pm West Virginia Master Gardener
Annual Meeting and Elections
Gus Douglass Annex
John Griggs, President –
WVMG Association

5:00pm – 6:00pm Free Time
Final hour for Silent Auction
Final hour for Gardener’s Market

6:00pm Silent Auction Closes
(Pay at close of Live Auction)

6:00pm – 9:30pm WVMG Association Banquet
 Underwood Youth Center
 6:00pm Welcome and Introductions
 6:15pm Recognition and Awards
 7:00pm Buffet Dinner Banquet
 8:00pm Live Auction
 (for the Scholarship Fund)

Sunday, June 3, 2007

8:00am – 9:00am Continental Breakfast Buffet
 Underwood Youth Center

9:15am Introduction: Featured Speakers
 Underwood Youth Center
 Hassan Amjad, MD
 Health Benefits of Tea
 Jorge Ferreira, PhD
 Medicinal Plants –
 Their Science & Benefits

10:30am Break

10:45am – 11:45am Workshops/Presenters
 4-1 Lavender, Sage, Rosemary and Thyme
 Ellen Reynolds
 4-2 Fresh Herbs Impact for All Areas of the Menu
 Timothy Rogers

12:00pm Conference Closes

**Thanks for coming to Greenbrier County
 Have a safe Journey Home!**

Programs and activities offered by the West Virginia University Extension Service are available to all persons without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, veteran status, political beliefs, sexual orientation, national origin, and marital or family status.

**Keynote Speaker - David Cavagnaro,
 “Fork to Fork” – The Joys of Edible Gardening**
 Studying and celebrating the magnificence of the natural world has been David’s central passion since childhood. With his first 35mm camera at age 14, he spent much of his time backpacking in the mountains of California, recording what he found on film. A decade of international travel as a scientific field worker, educational tourism leader and photography instructor greatly expanded his knowledge of natural history. Beginning with the Galapagos International Scientific Project in 1964, his photo assignments and seminar teaching has led him to some of the most beautiful wilderness regions of the United States. In 1970 he returned to another childhood passion: gardening. Fifteen years of intensive flower, fruit and vegetable gardening in central California resulted in a new career in horticultural photography. For eight years he managed the genetic preservation gardens for the Seed Savers Exchange in Iowa. His photography has been widely published in nature calendars and magazines, including *Audubon*, *National and International Wildlife*, *Natural History*, *Ranger Rick* and *Life*. Whether through the experience with nature, or through the co-creative process of gardening, helping others to reconnect with the earth remains his fervent passion.

Featured Speakers

**Hassan Amjad, MD,
 Health Benefits of Tea**

Dr. Anjad has an MD from the Punjab University, King Edward Medical College. He has been a faculty at several US medical colleges including Marshall University. He is also a Fellow of the Linnean Society of London and the author of several books: *Wildflowers of West Virginia*, *Medical Botany of the Eastern United States*, *Folk Medicine of Appalachia*, *Herbs as Medicine*, *Flowers of Cranberry Glades*, *Flowers of Kate Mountain*, *Medicinal Flowers of West Virginia*, *Pomegranates*, *Dragonflies of WV* and *Fossils of WV*.

He is listed in Who's Who in the World and Marquis Who's Who. He a respected authority of teas from around the world, and is currently writing a book concerning TEAS.

Jorge Ferreira, Ph.D.

Medicinal Plants

Born in northern Brazil in 1960. He obtained a BS in Agronomy, an MS in Tropical Fruit culture and worked in research and extension until 1989 when he immigrated to the United States. After receiving his PhD from Purdue University in plant physiology and biochemistry he has worked as a photochemist and plant physiologist for the USDA in Mississippi, analytical chemist for Bayer Crop Sciences and teacher/researcher at Southern Illinois University. He is currently a horticulturist at USDA in Beckley, WV. He achieved international recognition for is work on *Artemisia annua* and *Artemisinin*, currently recommended by the World Health Organization as the first-line treatment against quinine-resistant malaria in over 50 countries.

Presenters

LOUISE MASHBURN - Has been growing orchids for thirty years. President of the Memphis Orchid Society for six years. President of the Blue Ridge Orchid Society two years. She has been Show Chairman for eight years.

JIMMIE H. COFFMAN - A sixth generation Greenbrier County farmer and great grandfather, who enjoys sunrise, sunset, dinner time, sitting on the porch and playing in the dirt. Jimmie has presented a program about nutrient compost for our Master Gardener classes for five years.

DAN GREENE - Certified Master Gardener and Certified Master Naturalist. As a teacher in Greenbrier County schools, Dan has brought energy and creativity to our Junior Master Gardener program, displaying many of their projects at the State Fair of West

Virginia. Dan also made the delightful “lizard” stepping stones in our Children’s garden at the State Fair.

RYAN LEWIS - Co-owner of Windy Knoll Nursery in Lewisburg and a graduate of West Virginia University’s Horticulture Program, he has twenty years of hands-on experience in the green industry. To view some of his work in pavers you will not have to travel far. Take a look at the plaza in front of the Underwood Youth Center here at the fairgrounds.

PETER HEUS - Founder and owner of Enchanter’s Garden which he started in 1994 from a long time interest in natives. A strong advocate of bringing under-utilized and unknown species into the trade, Peter propagates everything he grows largely from wild sources located in the botanically rich area of southern WV. He resides in Hinton.

ADAM WEBSTER - Conservation Director for West Virginia Rivers Coalition, a statewide river conservation group. He is a native West Virginian and has an M.S. in Journalism and a B.S. in Wildlife and Fisheries from WVU. He is interested in sustainable development and is an avid photographer.

BARBARA E. LIEDL - Received her B.S. in Horticulture Production from Purdue University and her M.S. and Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota. She did post-doctoral work at Cornell University in a team developing insect and disease resistant field tomato varieties. She has taught a wide variety of courses at Central College and WV State University. Currently a Research Scientist at Gus R. Douglass Institute, she is working on breeding greenhouse tomatoes, organic/sustainable farming, hydroponics and ornamentals.

PAM WEST - A fourth generation farmer, Pam and her husband, Kirk, have been raising Shiitake mushrooms on their farm in Frankford, WV since 1992. Along with Shiitake, the family also produces many other specialty crops, including heirloom tomatoes, and twenty-seven other different vegetables, cut flowers and herbs. They have greenhouses for transplant sales, and are weekly vendors at Lewisburg and Union Farmer’s Markets.

JOHN SPANGLER - Lived and farmed in Monroe County most of his life and for years, an enthusiastic presenter for our Master Gardener classes. He is a regular vendor at the Lewisburg Farmer's Market and enjoys teaching folks how to get their organic garden producing successfully. His popular Mother's Day Tour of his greenhouses always brings a crowd.

FRANK TUCKWILLER - A graduate of Duke University, twenty years in the Marine Corps and twenty-two years in the Heating & Air Conditioning business. Frank was raised on a farm across from his present vineyard, which was started on seven acres in 1998. His first bottles of wine were sold in 2006. He and his wife, Barbara also raises Angus cattle.

MARSHA GEIGER - Born in Milton, WV she is current secretary of Greenbrier Valley Master Gardeners, Marsha was educated at Marshall University and later attended schools in Richmond, VA and Princeton, WV. She worked in Huntington and Bluefield, WV as a Christian Educator and a second career as a Certified Dental Assistant came later in life. Excelling in Craft Workshops, Marsha has given Hypertufa classes for several years. She is the mother of five children and grandmother of twelve.

BARRY GLICK - Resides on sixty acres of mountaintop in Greenbrier County known as Sunshine Farm & Gardens, where the main focus of plant breeding is within the genus Helleborus, a favorite shade perennial. He maintains more than sixty-eight thousand flowering size stock plants for seed production and is an active member of about seventy-five horticultural societies. He lectures extensively in the US and abroad on North American Native Plants.

ELLEN REYNOLDS - Master Gardener and Master Naturalist, Ellen is the owner of Beagle Ridge Herb Farm and Environmental Education Center in Wytheville, VA. She is a Flower Show Judge and her passion is plants, with herbs and perennials at the top of her list. Chosen Virginia's Educator of the year for 2006, Ellen is pleased to share her knowledge and love of horticulture with visitors of all ages as she speaks around the region and at her farm.

TIMOTHY RODGERS - Thirty years experience in all areas of the food industry. He has studied all over the world in many cultures. Highlight of his career was being an Associate Dean of culinary arts at The Culinary Institute of America. He now owns and operates Blackwell's Restaurant in Lewisburg with his wife Lee Ann.

Housing Information:

Blocks of rooms have been reserved at the Hampton Inn (30 units, \$84/night – 304/645-7300) and the Brier Inn (50 units, \$59 - \$74/night – 304/645-7722.) Rooms will be held until April 30, 2007. Additional Housing information can be found at the Greenbrier County Convention & Visitor Bureau Website listed below.

Additional registration forms available at:

The Master Gardener Website:

www.wvu.edu/~agexten/hortcult/master/

The Greenbrier County Convention & Visitors Bureau Website:

www.greenbrierwv.com/home/indes.asp

Housing list

Allstate Motel	304/536-1731
Dawson Inn	304/392-6661
Fort Savannah Inn	304/645-3055
General Lewis Inn	304/645-2600
James Wylie House B&B	304/536-9444
Minnie Manor B&B	304/647-4096
Old White Motel	304/536-2441
Relax Inn	304/645-2345
Rodeway Inn	304/645-7070
Sunset Terrace Motel	304/645-2363
Super 8 Motel	304/647-3188
Village Inn Motel	304/536-3353