

WILD ONES 2010 CONFERENCE

DESIGN WITH NATURE



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2010
RADISSON HOTEL ROSEVILLE

Full day event features:

- DOUGLAS TALLAMY
- ED PLASTER
- WELBY SMITH
- EVELYN HADDEN
- EXHIBITORS

- Native plant nurseries
- Natural landscape designers
- Environmental organizations

Pre-registration only by February 22, 2010

PRESENTED BY
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Minnesota Chapter of the American
Society of Landscape Architects and
Blue Thumb—Planting for Clean Water

Conference Schedule of Events

<p>SATURDAY</p> <p>8:00 AM – 8:45 AM</p> <p>8:00 AM – 1:30 PM</p> <p>8:45 AM – 9:00 AM</p> <p>9:00 AM – 10:45 AM</p> <p>10:45 AM – 11:15 AM</p> <p>11:15 AM – 12:15 PM</p> <p>12:15 PM – 1:30 PM</p> <p>1:30 PM – 2:45 PM</p> <p>2:45 PM – 3:15 PM</p> <p>3:15 PM – 4:30 PM</p> <p>4:30 PM – 4:40 PM</p>	<p>FEBRUARY 27</p> <p>Registration – Hotel Lobby</p> <p>Exhibits Open – Salon E</p> <p>Welcome – Main Hall</p> <p>Nature Happens Here</p> <p>Break</p> <p>Soil Restoration</p> <p>Lunch Buffet</p> <p>Trees and Shrubs of Minnesota</p> <p>Break – Silent Auction</p> <p>Natural Habitat for Humans and other Species</p> <p>Auction Announcement</p> <p>Closing</p>
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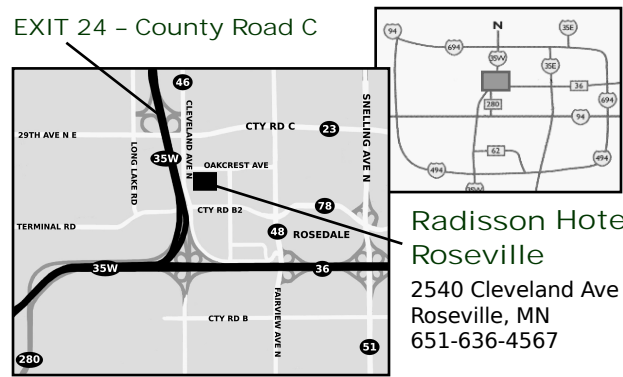


Blue Thumb—Planting for Clean Water
www.bluethumb.org

Conference Hotel Information

Take 35W to County Road C (Exit 24).
Go south on the East frontage road (Cleveland Ave).

EXIT 24 – County Road C



Radisson Hotel
Roseville
2540 Cleveland Ave No
Roseville, MN
651-636-4567

Register early to guarantee your seat!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 22, 2010

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REGISTRATION FEES – Includes lunch
Please select all that apply:

- \$_____ Member price – \$40, Wild Ones or MASLA
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- \$_____ One-year Wild Ones membership – \$30
- \$_____ TOTAL ENCLOSED

Make check payable to WILD ONES and mail to:
Brent Holm, 15327 Lake Shore Ave, Minnetonka, MN 55345

To register online visit www.for-wild.org
Questions? Call **612-293-3833**
Or email designwithnature.conference@gmail.com



Wild Ones: Native Plants, Natural Landscapes promotes environmentally sound landscaping practices to preserve biodiversity through the preservation, restoration and establishment of native plant communities. Wild Ones is a not-for-profit environmental education and advocacy organization.

Our speakers advocate for understanding and renewing ecosystems. They will discuss recent research on the interdependence of native plants with soils, microorganisms, insects and wildlife. With thoughtful design, these elements create robust landscapes and healthy communities.



Nature Happens Here

DOUGLAS TALLAMY



Nature Happens Here calls us to re-examine the links between the vitality of our landscape ecosystems and our well-being. The message is simple. By reconnecting to our patch of earth, be it small or large, we make a significant contribution to restoring nature's bounty.

A renowned entomologist, Doug Tallamy focuses on the key role native plants play through their co-evolved relationships with insects, birds, and other wildlife above and below ground. Based on his extensive research, he discusses ways of improving insect diversity which in turn supports a healthy community of natural predators leading to a balanced ecosystem. Doug will also discuss the impact of exotic ornamentals on natural systems, what defines “alien” and “native” as applied to plants, and design strategies that focus on restoring habitat.

Tallamy is Professor and Chair of the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware in Newark, Delaware. Chief among his research goals is to better understand the many ways insects interact with plants and how such interactions determine the diversity of animal communities. His latest book, *Bringing Nature Home, How Native Plants Sustain Wildlife in Our Gardens*, was awarded the 2008 silver medal by the Garden Writer's Association.

Soil Restoration

ED PLASTER

Most gardeners and landscape designers find they need to amend their soil to reduce compaction, improve nutrient levels, or address water-holding capacity. They want to know: *What are the appropriate soil strategies? Should we use compost? What about compost tea?* Ed Plaster addresses these questions based on the simple philosophy that healthy soil is alive and teeming with essential bacteria, fungi, *mycorrhizae* and other living organisms. Together, these make up the underground food web that is fundamental to plant health and robust ecosystems. Ed will share his knowledge on beneficial practices that restore soil vitality.

Plaster is a horticulturist, specializing in soil science and natural history. He taught at Dakota County Technical College for 31 years, and served on the DNR Commissioner's Advisory Committee for their Science and Natural Area program. Plaster is author of *Soil Science and Management* (5th edition). The latest edition expands on topics of soils in natural ecosystems with special emphasis on the relationship between soil and climate change.



Trees and Shrubs of Minnesota

WELBY SMITH

The importance of native trees and shrubs in our landscapes goes beyond their aesthetic attributes. They play a vital role in promoting natural diversity by providing habitat and food for insects, wildlife, and us. Not all native plants provide the same level of habitat. Welby Smith will share the top selections in terms of ecological significance, their habitat and requirements for growth, flowers and fruit, native adaptive range, culture and cultivation requirements in the landscape.

Smith has been the state botanist with the MN DNR in the Division of Ecological Resources since 1978, and is coordinator for the DNR's endangered plant species program. He is author and contributor to numerous books on Minnesota's native plants including the most recent, acclaimed book – *Trees and Shrubs of Minnesota*. Welby was honored last year by the Minnesota Native Plant Society for his achievements in the study and promotion of native plants.

Natural Habitat for Humans and Other Species

EVELYN HADDEN

Evelyn Hadden lends her unique view of sustainability by describing design elements for a more nurturing and diversified approach to your land. These include “inside-out” design, vertical layering of vegetation, matrix plantings, island sanctuaries, corridors, and choosing plant companions that support each other and boost soil health. Evelyn will also talk about shaping the land to address runoff, identifying unfilled niches in your landscape palette, and supporting natural cycles by viewing “wastes” as resources.

Hadden has been writing and publishing about naturalistic landscaping since 2001 when she founded LessLawn.com, an educational garden and landscape website. In *Apprentice to a Garden* and *Shrink Your Lawn: Design Ideas*, Evelyn emphasizes wildlife-friendly and sustainable gardening techniques. In 2009, Hadden won a silver medal from the Independent Publisher's Living Now Book Awards.