

## Registration Details

### Register:

online - [go.illinois.edu/GBD23](https://go.illinois.edu/GBD23)

call - 309-547-3711

**Registration fee:** \$35 Early Bird by Mar. 1  
\$40 through deadline March 31

**Location:** Spoon River College  
Conference Center in Engle Hall  
Canton Campus Conf. A & B  
23235 N County Highway 22, Canton IL

## Schedule

**7:45 a.m. Doors open and Vendor browsing**

**8:15 a.m. Keynote Address**

Extreme Weather in your Garden  
Duane Friend, U of I Extension State Master  
Naturalist and Climate Specialist

**9:40 a.m. Session 1**

- A. Prairie Plants & Early Uses, Jennifer Bass
- B. "Tall Spindle, High Output" Orchards, Rob Preston
- C. Roses at Luthy Botanical Garden, Bob Streitmatter
- D. Finding Plants in Every Adventure, Rhonda Ferree

**10:40 a.m. Session 2**

- A. 20 Stems for Spring, Christine Wright
- B. "Tall Spindle, High Output" Orchards, Rob Preston
- C. Prairie Installation & Maintenance, Doug Franks
- D. Kipling Lavender Farm, Jeff Kipling

**11:45 a.m. Lunch and Vendor browsing**

**1 p.m. Session 3**

- A. 20 Stems for Spring, Christine Wright
- B. New Flowers & All-American Selections Corrine Brown
- C. Key Tools for Your Home Vegetable Garden, John Curtis
- D. Native Plants for Home Landscape, Chris Enroth



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*Gardeners'*  
**BIG** Day

April 15, 2023

7:45 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Spoon River College,  
Canton

All gardeners welcome!



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## Keynote Address ~ 8:15 AM

Heavy rains, high humidity, late frosts, flash droughts - these events can take a toll on gardens. Illinois Extension Climate Specialist Duane Friend will discuss several weather trends and their influences on plants and soil health.



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## Session 1 ~ 9:40 AM

### A. Prairie Plants & Early Uses

**Jennifer Bass**, *Master Gardener & Naturalist*

Take a look at prairie plants, their pollinators, seeds, and how they were used for healing by Native Americans and early settlers.

### B. "Tall Spindle, High Output" Orchards

**Rob Preston**, *Tippy Creek Owner/Operator*

Learn about starting a Tall Spindle orchard, including costs, strategies, and upkeep. They are labor intensive to get started with the benefits of ease of maintenance, performance, and return on investment.

### C. Roses at Luthy Botanical Garden

**Bob Streitmatter**, *Landscape Architect*

Fifteen years after renovating our rose garden, we will explore the design and planting that encompasses low maintenance roses and year-round interest.

### D. Finding Plants in Every Adventure

**Rhonda Ferree**, *Extension Hort. Educator, retired*

Rhonda will spotlight plants that she has found in her various travels, since retiring in 2018. Some of her favorites include poppies across CA, Kansas bladderpod, pitcher plants in OR, and various fruits of Ecuador. She will also discuss how she documents the plants she finds.

## Session 2 ~ 10:40 AM

### A. 20 Stems for Spring

**Christine Wright**, *Floral Designer*

We will make a fresh arrangement with 20 stems of flowers and discuss 19 other designs. We will discuss basic design principles and stem care to ensure longevity. *\$12.50 activity fee*

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### C. Prairie Installation & Maintenance

**Doug Franks**, *Jubilee Prairie Dawgs*

Prairies are ecosystems. Learn how Jubilee Prairie Dawgs conserve prairies and the role of prairie mycorrhiza in building soil and storing carbon will be explained; as well as the connection to climate change, soil erosion, flooding and water depletion.

### D. Kipling Lavender Farm

**Jeff Kipling**, *Owner/Operator*

Jeff will be discussing the process of growing lavender from seedling to mature plant. He will also share about the products made from the harvest as well as the history of the farm.

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**Corrine Brown**, *ICC horticulture professor*

Learn about the All-American Selections program. See how winners are selected and introduced to gardeners all across the U.S.

### C. Key Tools for Home Vegetable Garden

**John Curtis**, *Barefoot Gardens, CSA*

There are a huge number of new tools that make gardening easier. Hand tools in large, big box stores are outdated and poor quality. John demonstrates tools for professional and amateur.

### D. Native Plants for Home Landscape

**Chris Enroth**, *Extension Hort. Educator*

People with a passion for wildflowers will enjoy learning how and when to plant as well as how to maintain the long-term health and appeal of native plants.