

Bureau, LaSalle, Marshall and Putnam County Master Gardener and Master Naturalist Speaker's Bureau Request

The Bureau, LaSalle, Marshall and Putnam County Master Gardener and Master Naturalists Speakers Bureau is a resource for the community that provides quality horticultural and natural resources education on request. All speakers are Master Gardener or Master Naturalist volunteers who have completed 60 hours of training from the University of Illinois Extension, and have years of personal experience. Presentations do not exceed one hour, and topics can be modified to accommodate time slots. There is no cost except when noted for workshop cost of materials; however, we can accept honoraria. Youth topics are designated, but any topic can be considered for restructuring based on the intended audience. Please note that we cannot always accommodate every request due to prior scheduled commitments and the availability of volunteers. If you have a need for a specific topic that is not listed, please let us know in the additional comments and requests box and we will try our best to accommodate. Once you complete the below request, the County Program Coordinator will contact you. Thank you for your interest!

*Indicates questions that require an answer.

* Name	<input type="text"/>
* Requesting Organization	<input type="text"/>
* Phone Number for Organizer	<input type="text"/>
Email	<input type="text"/>
* Address	<input type="text"/>
Speaking Location (if different)	<input type="text"/>
* Date Needed	<input type="text"/>
* Type of Event	<input type="text"/>
* Speaker Start Time	<input type="text"/>
* Time Allotted for Speaker	<input type="text"/>

*Do you have a projector and screen?

Yes No

*Do you have a computer?

- No
- Yes, a Mac
- Yes, a PC
- Unknown

Expected Audience Size

Describe the audience (Youth, Adult, Families, Grades, etc.):

Additional Comments/Requests – Please note here if you are interested in a topic not listed.

Please choose up to three speaking topics.

Master Gardener/Horticultural/Gardening Talks

- Organic Vegetable Gardening
- Putting Your Garden To Rest
- Herb Gardening
- Tomatoes: Planting, Common Problems, and Harvesting
- Dividing Perennials
- Vegetable Gardening in Raised Beds and Containers
- Gardening for Backyard Birds
- Flower Arranging 101
- The Water Cycle and Rain Barrels
- What is a Plant?
- Soils and Composting
- Planning a Garden
- Introduction to the Master Gardener Program

Master Naturalist/Natural Resources Talks

Introduction to Tree Identification

Backyard Birds

Photographing Wildlife

Hummingbirds

The Importance of Pollinators

Vermicomposting

Geology Rocks!

Short Geologic History of Illinois

The Water Cycle

Introduction to the Master Naturalist Program