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2014 Spring Gardening Extravaganza Creating Your BEEutiful Landscape

Spring is on its way and St. Louis County Extension is conducting the annual Spring Gardening Extravaganza on April 12th at Hermantown High School. This full day conference is titled “Creating Your BEEutiful Landscape” and will explore many options which gardeners and home owners have to enhance their landscapes while improving the habitat for bees and other pollinators. By planting fruits, vegetables and specific flowering plants the gardener can create a better environment for pollinators. The program features thirteen educational programs and workshops including Designing Your Landscape for Bees and Butterflies, Growing Apples, Blueberries and Raspberries, Top Ten Flowering Perennials, New Perennials and Edibles, Pest Control Alternatives, Native Plants and Native Bees. Speakers are local and national experts on bees, pollinator plants and fruit production and include Dr. Karl Foord, Dr. David Wildung, developer of the Minnesota “half-high” blueberries, Ray Lopez, N. E. Minnesota Beekeepers Association, Extension Master Gardeners and local horticulturists Tom Kasper and Bob Olen. The cost of the program is \$38 which includes lunch, refreshments, a resource book, and presentations from 9 AM until 3 PM. Pre-registration is advised as some of the workshops have limited space. For a complete brochure contact St. Louis County Extension 218/733-2870 or visit www.stlouiscountymn.gov/ext.

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