

Pollinator Event &

Perennial Island Garden Tour



**MIDWEST
GROUNDCOVERS**
LLC

Wednesday, June 20th

8:00am - 12:00pm

6N800 IL Rt. 25, St. Charles



Janie Grillo | 8:30am - 9:30am

Janie will be presenting on the fascinating annual lifecycle of one of the most recognized and loved butterflies, the monarch. The population of the monarch and many other pollinators is declining, so Janie will also present on the many plants that may be incorporated into the landscape to help support them and other pollinators.

Janie has a Bachelors of Science Degree from SUNY at Fredonia and worked in sales for many years before choosing to be a stay-at-home mom. She began working in the green industry in 2003 at The Natural Garden and has been with Midwest Groundcovers since the purchase of The Natural Garden in 2011. She designed and coordinated a handicap accessible sensory and butterfly garden at an equine-assisted therapy facility and has raised and tagged monarch butterflies for Monarch Watch since 2001. Janie has over 16 years of experience presenting to garden clubs, garden centers, schools, museums, trade shows, etc...



Richard Hawke | 9:45am - 10:45am

Richard's "Great Perennials for Pollinators" presentation is about the best perennial plants to attract pollinators; from natives, nativars (cultivars of a native species) and a few exotics that have been top-performers in the Chicago Botanic Garden's trials.

Since 1986, Richard Hawke has been the Plant Evaluation Manager at the Chicago Botanic Garden, and is responsible for the comparative evaluation of herbaceous and woody plants. Richard has a horticulture degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is the author of Plant Evaluation Notes, a Chicago Botanic Garden publication reporting the results of evaluation trials. Richard is an instructor for the School of the Chicago Botanic Garden, and in 2005, received the Perennial Plant Association's Academic Award for teaching excellence. Richard is an author and contributing editor for Fine Gardening, and periodically writes for other horticulture publications such as Perennial Plants, The American Gardener, Chicagoland Gardening, and Nursery Management.



Austin Eischeid | 11:00am - 12:00pm

Austin will be taking you on a guided tour of the new Perennial & Ornamental Grass Display Garden (Perennial Island), showing you some of his favorite perennials and explaining how to use them in your gardens. Wear comfortable shoes and dress appropriately!

Austin is an independent garden design consultant and an Iowa native with a Bachelor's Degree in Horticulture from Iowa State University. He focuses on designing dynamic naturalistic plantings using strong perennials and grasses with many seasonal interests. He has worked side by side with mentors Piet Oudolf and Roy Diblik on a number of projects to gain practical knowledge on dynamic planting plan layouts.

In 2017, Austin moved to the Chicagoland area to work on the continued development of the existing gardens and renovation of the older gardens areas at Midwest Groundcovers, which include the Piet Garden designed by both Piet Oudolf and Roy Diblik.

Please RSVP to Lindsey Scott at mg-marketing@midwestgroundcovers.com by Friday, June 15th