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Learn How to Grow Beautiful, Productive Gardens

Webinars, videos, and DIY projects with garden expert Melinda Myers will be offered free of charge to Wisconsin residents through a partnership with Wisconsin Public Libraries and We Energies

Wisconsin (March 24, 2023) – Growing your own food and flowers is good for the mind, body, spirit, and your household budget. Gardening expert, TV/radio host, and author Melinda Myers invites Wisconsin residents of all ages to learn how to grow nutritious food and beautiful landscapes no matter your space, time or budget limitations. From April through September, Myers will produce and provide libraries and their patrons throughout Wisconsin educational content, including live webinars, how-to videos, do-it-yourself projects, and other activities at no cost thanks to underwriting sponsor We Energies.

Live Webinars

Wisconsin residents can register for the three live webinars with Myers via the links below.

4/18/23, 6:30p.m. CT - Growing a Bountiful Harvest Even When Time, Space & Budget are Limited Register at: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_HETZZYjiRYet8VdgdvP6Rg

5/3/23, 6:30 p.m. CT - Gardening in a Changing Climate

Register at: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN nl1UO6bYRgejuux0QKXjxA

9/13/23, 6:30 p.m. CT - Fall is for Planning and Planting an Energy-Saving Landscape
Register at: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN UlxlxmuqSr2N9LF7 MT8Yw

The webinars will be recorded and housed for on-demand viewing on Milwaukee Public Library's <u>YouTube</u> Channel.

Videos and DIY Projects

The videos and garden-related activities that will be offered include the following:

Host a Seed Swap (April/May) - Gather with library patrons, friends, and family for a seed swap at your local library, if they are hosting one, or host one yourself. Then share and receive surplus seeds with others in your community. The activity guide is now available to download on the <u>program web page.</u>

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Grow a Tomato in a Pot (June) - Learn how to successfully grow tomatoes in a container for a bountiful harvest.

Go on a Bug Hunt (July) - Learn more about the good bugs in your garden and neighborhood and why they are so important.

Worm Composting (August) - Learn all about converting kitchen scraps into a nutrient-rich soil amendment and how it can help boost the beauty and productivity of your gardens.

All webinar information, videos, downloadable DIY projects and activities will be uploaded throughout the season to the **program web page**. The Seed Swap Activity Guide is available now.

People can contact their local public library for additional activities and related books and information.

This 2023 program is exclusively sponsored by We Energies.

To schedule an interview or segment with garden expert Melinda Myers after April 4, contact Diana Paul at diana@melindamyers.com. Before April 4, schedule interviews through Melinda Myers, 414-617-5477.

About Melinda Myers

Melinda Myers is a gardening expert, TV/radio host, author & columnist with more than 30 years of horticulture experience. She's written over 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening and The Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition (2022). Myers hosts the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV and radio segments and The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" series. She is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and writes the twice-monthly "Gardeners' Questions" newspaper column. Myers was recently inducted into The Association for Garden Communicators Hall of Fame. Myers' website is www.MelindaMyers.com.

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