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Welcome New Mexico State Master Gardeners,

As hosts of this year's 2012 State Master Gardener Conference I would like to welcome you to Doña Ana County and the beautiful city of Las Cruces, NM. All of us here in Doña Ana County have been carefully planning this conference for two years to bring to you, two full days of education, professional development, and a lot of fun kicked in as well. We chose this year's theme, "New Mexico – 100 Years Old and Still Growing", to reflect upon our state centennial this year, (our past history), and the fact that as New Mexicans we are never too old to grow, (our future growth through education and life experiences). As the Agricultural Extension Agent in Doña Ana County since 2008 I am proud to welcome all of you to this educational experience and hope that you too shall learn and grow from it.

The Master Gardener Conference is the perfect way for Master Gardeners from around the state and region, to get together and enjoy an educational opportunity while discussing their own programming efforts. We have purposely kept the conference price low so that Master Gardeners from around the state and adjacent areas may attend. We have world class speakers coming from Oregon, Arizona Texas and New Mexico for your educational experience and enjoyment. This conference is one of those "once in a lifetime" chances to hear speakers of this caliber, making it one you will not want to miss. Once you have attended this conference I know you will remember it for some time to come.

You are also invited to come to our early check in and socializing event on Wednesday June 6, 2012 from 4 - 7pm. We will be hosting the early check in event at the NMSU Alumni and Visitors Center/Zuhl Museum. The Zuhl Museum is a place filled with fossilized plants, wood and other mineral gems. When you see these specimens you will feel a connection to past natural gardens and our prehistoric planet. Well, maybe some of us will. By the way, some of our programs will have limited seating and /or a restricted class size so I suggest that you sign up as early as possible to reserve a place just for you.

We have a wonderfully designed conference T-Shirt you won't want to miss out on. You can purchase a Conference T-Shirt(s) prior to the event on the conference registration form, (note: we will not be selling T-Shirts at the event). We are also having a silent auction, top quality door prize giveaways, as well as some rare and special plants to bid on, (Donated by: Sean Hogan, Cistus Nursery, Oregon).

The Banquet will be on Thursday evening, June 7, 2012, with special guest speaker Dr. Sam Fernald, Director NM Water Research Resources Institute, NMSU. The banquet will be held at the beautiful Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum on the east side of Las Cruces. The museum is a showplace of New Mexico's Farming and Ranching Heritage and boasts spectacular views of the Organ Mountains...and I promise the food will be just as spectacular.

To enjoy all that we have to offer please send in your registration forms and mark your calendars for June 6-8, 2012.

In conclusion, the Master Gardener Program is only as strong as its members. This is your organization and your chance to be a part of a truly rewarding educational opportunity. Doña Ana County Master Gardeners and I look forward to seeing all of you at this year's State Master Gardener Conference. I would like to thank every one of you now for your attendance and participation in this event. The Master Gardener Conference is not just about how much of a show a county can put on...it is also about volunteers coming together to learn from one another, developing new ideas, meeting old friends, culturing new ones, and practicing giving back to our communities that we love. After all, the tiny redwood seed can start a forest that builds a nation, and one person can make a difference in someone's life and change the world.

Sincerely,

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To learn more about us go to our Master Gardener home page and visit our exciting new magazine format: www.aces.nmsu.edu/damg.



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Time	Ag. Aud.	Room 190	Room 337	Room 303	Room 336	FGF	Skeen Hall
Thursday	Thursday	Thursday	Thursday	Thursday	Thursday	Thursday	Thursday
8:30-9:00	Opening: Dr. Boren	X	X	X	X	X	
Session 1 9:15-10:15	T 1 W & W Veggies	T 2 Accessible Gardening	T 3 Putting the Pieces Together	T 4 Oaks of the SW	T 5 Get Batty!	T 6 Insect ID	T 7 Plant Path. Lab. tour
Session 2 10:30-11:30	T 8 Insects & Gardens	T 9 "Caliche"	T 10 Growing Med. Herbs	T 11 H2O Efficient Landscapes	T 12 Preserving the Harvest	Insect ID con't	T 13 Plant Path. Lab. tour
11:30-12:30	Lunch on	your own	Lunch on	your own	Lunch on	your own	Lunch
Session 3 12:45-1:45	T14 Soil Amendments	T 15 Pest Cont. w/ Personality	T 16 New Trends in Tree Care	T 17 New Plants for the SW	T 18 Gardening for Wildlife	T19 Plant Propagation	X
Session 4 2:00-3:00	T 20 Hoop Houses	T 21 Soil- inhabiting Nematodes	T 22 Fruit Trees for NM	T 23 Cold Hardy Agaves	T 24 Irrigating with Grey Water	Plant Propagation con't	T 25 Plant Path. Lab. tour
Session 5 3:15-4:15	T 26 "Climate"	T 27 Lawns for NM	T 28 Nut Trees for NM	T 29 Plant CSI	T 30 Plants & People of NM	Plant Propagation con't	T31 Plant Path. Lab. tour
Friday	Friday	Friday	Friday	Friday	Friday	Friday	Friday
8:30-9:15	Opening: Sean Hogan	X	X	X	X	X	X
Session 6 9:30-10:30	F 1 A Tale of Tomatoes	F 2 Beneficial Arthropods	F 3 Nox. & Inv. Weeds	F 4 Propagating Agaves	F 5 Gardeners & NM Snakes	F6 Floriculture + Permaculture	F 7 Plant Path. Lab. tour
Session 7 10:45-11:45	F 8 Urban Soils	F 9 Bees, Wasps and Ants	F 10 Rainwater Harvesting	F 11 DIY Bonsai \$20.00 fee	F12 How To Make a PPT	Floriculture + Permaculture con't	F 13 Plant Path. Lab. tour
11:45-12:45	Lunch on	your own	Lunch on	your own	Lunch on	your own	Lunch
Session 8 1:00-2:00	F14 Q & A	X	X	X	X	X	F 15 Plant Path. Lab.
Session 9 2:15-3:00	F 16 Q & A	X	X	X	X	X	F 17 Plant Path. Lab.

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Class Descriptions

Thursday

- T1** *Weird & Wonderful Veggies* -new varieties to grow - Dr. Stephanie Walker
- T2** *Accessible Gardening* - gardening for those with physical challenges - Laurie McGrath
- T3** *Putting the Pieces Together-Designing Effective Programs* - setting objectives and factors that influence programming decisions - Dr. Brenda Seevers
- T4** *Oaks of the Southwest* - native oaks and their uses in the landscape - Oscar Mestas
- T5** "Get Batty!" - Rink Somerday
- T6** *Insect ID* - hands-on, catch and release, insect ID. - Dr. Carol Sutherland
- T7** *Plant Pathology Lab Tour* - tour of the NMSU plant path lab. Limit 10
- T8** *Insects & Gardens*- the role of insects in garden ecology - Eric Grissell
- T9** "Caliche"- Dr. Curtis Monger
- T10** *Growing Medicinal Herbs* - growing environment effects on medicinal properties of herbs - Dr. Mary O'Connell
- T11** *Efficient Water Use in New Mexico Residential Landscapes* - Dr. Rolston St. Hilare
- T12** *Preserving the Harvest* - ways to save garden produce - Karim Martinez.
- T13** see T7 Limit 10
- T14** *Soil Amendments* - Dr. Bill Lindeman
- T15** *Pest Control with Personality* - creating backyard lizard habitat - Richard Quick
- T16** *New Trends in Tree Care*- John White
- T17** *New Plants for the Desert Southwest* - intriguing new varieties - Sean Hogan
- T18** *Gardening for Wildlife* - creating wildlife habitat in the landscape - Lois Balin
- T19** *Plant Propagation* - hands-on - Dr. Gene Picchioni. Limit 20
- T20** *Winter Gardening with Hoop Houses* - construction techniques and gardening tips - Dr. Mark Uchanski
- T21** *Soil-inhabiting Nematodes: the good, the bad and the ugly* - Dr. Stephen Thomas
- T22** *Fruit Trees for New Mexico* - Dr. Richard Heerema
- T23** *Cold Hardy Agaves* - Greg Starr
- T24** *Irrigating with Greywater* - safety, uses and methods - "Doc" Stalker
- T25** see T7 Limit 10
- T26** "Climate"-Dr. Dave DuBois
- T27** *Lawns for New Mexico* - Dr. Ryan Goss
- T28** *Nut Trees for New Mexico* - Dr. Richard Heerema
- T29** *Plant CSI* - A closer look at the criminals of the plant world - Dr. Rebecca Creamer
- T30** *Plants and People of New Mexico*- description of various pre-historic and historic uses of native NM plants by native peoples - Alex Mares

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Class Descriptions

FRIDAY

- F1** *A Tale of Tomatoes* - tips on growing tomatoes in NM - Dr. Stephanie Walker
- F2** *Beneficial Arthropods* - ID and good gardening practises - Dr. Scott Bundy
- F3** *Noxious and Invasive Weed Species* - Dr. Jamshid Ashigh
- F4** *Propagating Agaves* - Greg Starr
- F5** *Gardener's Guide to NM Snakes* - ID and benefits - Richard Quick
- F6** *Floriculture Meets Permaculture* - floral design with things you already have-Sabine Green
- F7** see T7 Limit 10
- F8** *Urban Soils* - coping with urban soil challenges - Dr. Bill Lindeman
- F9** *Bees, Wasps and Ants* - the importance of Hymenoptera in the garden - Eric Grissell
- F10** *Rainwater Harvesting Techniques Where It Seldom Rains* - "Doc" Stalker
- F11** *DIY Bonsai* - learn some bonsai basics by making one - Dr. Mark Uchanski. \$20.00 additional fee, bring hand pruners. Limit 20.
- F12** *How To Make A PowerPoint Presentation* - tips on creating effective PPT's - Vic Crane
- F13** see T7 Limit 10
- F14** *Q&A session*
- F15** see T7 Limit 10
- F16** *Q&A session*
- F17** see T7 Limit 10

Notes:

An "x" in the schedule denotes no presentation.

Thursday talks are noted with a "T".

Friday talks are noted with a "F".

Talk titles shown in the following format, "Talk title", denotes speaker's topic area and that no presentation title was received by Feb. 14. This applies to T9 and T26.

The following presentations have class size limits:

Plant Pathology Lab. tours (T7, T13, T25, T31, F7, F13, F15, F17) - limited to 10. No at-the-door registration.

Plant Propagation (T19) - limited to 20.

DIY Bonsai (F11) - limited to 20. No at-the-door registration, \$20.00 additional fee, bring hand pruners.

2012 New Mexico Master Gardener State Conference, June 7-8, 2012

"New Mexico - 100 Years Old and Still Growing"

NMSU Campus in Las Cruces, NM

Gerald Thomas Hall (GT) - Home to the College of Agriculture and Home Economics

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM INSTRUCTIONS and GENERAL INFORMATION

Important Information: A presence on Facebook has been established to provide information on the upcoming MG NM Conference in Las Cruces. On Facebook you can find not only the complete registration package, but also other important current information concerning the conference. (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Doña-AnaCo-Master-Gardeners/111217812302104>)

Attendees: Only individuals who are certified Master Gardener/Naturalists (MG/MN) or are currently enrolled and working toward certification in a NM, TX, or AZ MG/MN Cooperative Extension Program are eligible to attend this conference. **The conference is not open to the general public.** Seating will not be available for spouse, other family members or friends. Service animals are welcome but no pets.

Registration: Early registration ends April 26. Registration fees increase after that date, please read the registration form for full details. Each conference attendee must submit their own registration, no "grouping". Registrations will be dated from the postmark, not from the form itself. On the registration form, please select a 1st and 2nd class preference for each session. Some classes are limited from 10 to 20 people and space will be reserved based on postmark of the registration form so please register early. Please read the registration form, program schedule and session schedule carefully. We recommend you copy your registration before mailing it and bring the copy with you.

Payment: Payment is by check or money order only. Cash and credit cards are not accepted for conference payment. Payment must be made out to "NMSU" with "MG Conference" written in the memo line. Payment must accompany registration form and forms without payment will be returned. Class space will be assigned only with paid registration. Mail registration form with check or money order to Mary Thompson, 1915 La Jolla, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Recognizing that not everyone has a checking account, a single check may be written to cover several registrations. All registrations paid for in this manner must be mailed together with the check.

Check-in and "At-the-Door" Registration:

Wednesday: Conference check-in and "at-the-door" registration will be available Wednesday evening, June 6, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the NMSU Alumni and Visitors Center on the NMSU campus. (See map). The Center is home to the Zuhl Collection and Museum, a gallery which showcases specimens of petrified wood, fossils and minerals. The Collection will be open to us that evening. (See link N3). At conference check-in you will receive a name tag, program book, your session schedule along with other information concerning the conference.

Thursday: Conference check-in and "at-the-door" registration will continue in the main lobby of Gerald Thomas Hall (GT), on main campus, Thursday morning, June 7, from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Agenda Overview: For detailed information refer to the program schedule.

Thursday: The opening session of the conference will begin sharply at 8:30 a.m. in the Ag Auditorium, GT and feature Dr Boren as keynote speaker. This will be followed by your choice of 2 out of the 13 classes being offered that morning followed by a lunch break on your own. That afternoon, after lunch, you will have a choice of 3 out of the 18 classes, then a short break followed by the banquet at the NM Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum.

Friday: The opening session will begin sharply at 8:30 a.m. in the Ag Auditorium, GT and feature special guest speaker Sean Hogan. This will be followed by your choice of 2 out of the 13 classes being offered followed by a lunch break on your own. After lunch you have a choice of 2 out of the 4 classes being offered. The conference is scheduled to end at 3:00 p.m.

General Information:

Classes: All classes, except for Insect Identification (T6), Plant Propagation (T19), Floriculture Design (F6) and the Plant Pathology Lab (T7, 13, 25, 31, F7, 13, 15, 17), will be held in GT. The tours for the Plant Pathology Lab located in Skeen Hall will be limited to 10 persons per tour. Insect ID, Plant Propagation and Floriculture Design classes will be held at the NMSU Fabian Garcia Farm (FGF). (See map). There is an additional \$20 fee to cover material costs for the Bonsai class (F11), to be paid with registration and no “at-the-door” registration will be accepted for this class. Class size is limited to 20. This is a “make and take” class, please bring hand pruners.

Banquet: The Thursday evening banquet (Chuckwagon Buffet) and Silent Auction will be held in the Ventanas Ballroom at New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, in the shadow of the Organ Mountains. New Mexico’s unique agricultural heritage comes to life at this 47-acre interactive museum. Raul Gonzales will host an optional afternoon tour prior to the banquet of the cactus garden, rock garden, community garden plot, pistachio/pecan/fruit orchards, vineyards, and modern green houses utilizing cutting-edge technology. A \$2 fee will be charged on site for the tour. Also, prior to the banquet plan to shop at “The Eagle Ranch Mercantile” which offers a variety of gift ideas, including pistachios, books, jewelry, NM foods, and award winning wines. (See link L3). Guests are welcome to attend the banquet, however, there will be a charge of \$30 per guest to be paid with registration.

Conference T-shirt: Shirts are \$12 and are Gildan “pistachio green” 100% pre-shrunk cotton in a short sleeve unisex style. Please allow for possible additional shrinkage. The conference logo is on the upper left front. Shirts will not be sold at the convention and must be pre-ordered and paid for by April 26 and are not available for late or on site registering. There will be no refund or exchanges. If you order a t-shirt you may pick it up at check-in. Shirts will not be mailed. For sizes, see conference registration form.



Conference Hospitality: Those wishing a snack or beverage during the conference are encouraged to patronize the Aggie Grill located on the ground floor of GT. The Grill is open from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily and offers a varied menu. Seating is available in the Snack Bar, outside by the Ag. Pond and under nearby trees. There are also drink vending machines in the hallway outside the Snack Bar. (See link N7). Food is not permitted in any classroom and beverages must be in a closed container.

Conference and Campus Parking: Campus police have limited conference parking to orange parking lot #3 which is immediately east of the Alumni and Visitors Center. The lot is on the corner of College Drive and Knox Street. (See map). Please park in this lot, the campus police are very diligent about enforcing NMSU parking regs. For more info. (See link N1).

Vendors: We have invited regional businesses who offer unique, some handcrafted, merchandise. Vendor booths will be open to conference attendees on Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The booths will be open to the general public all day Friday only. Some speakers will have their books for sale. At this time, these sales are by cash or check only.

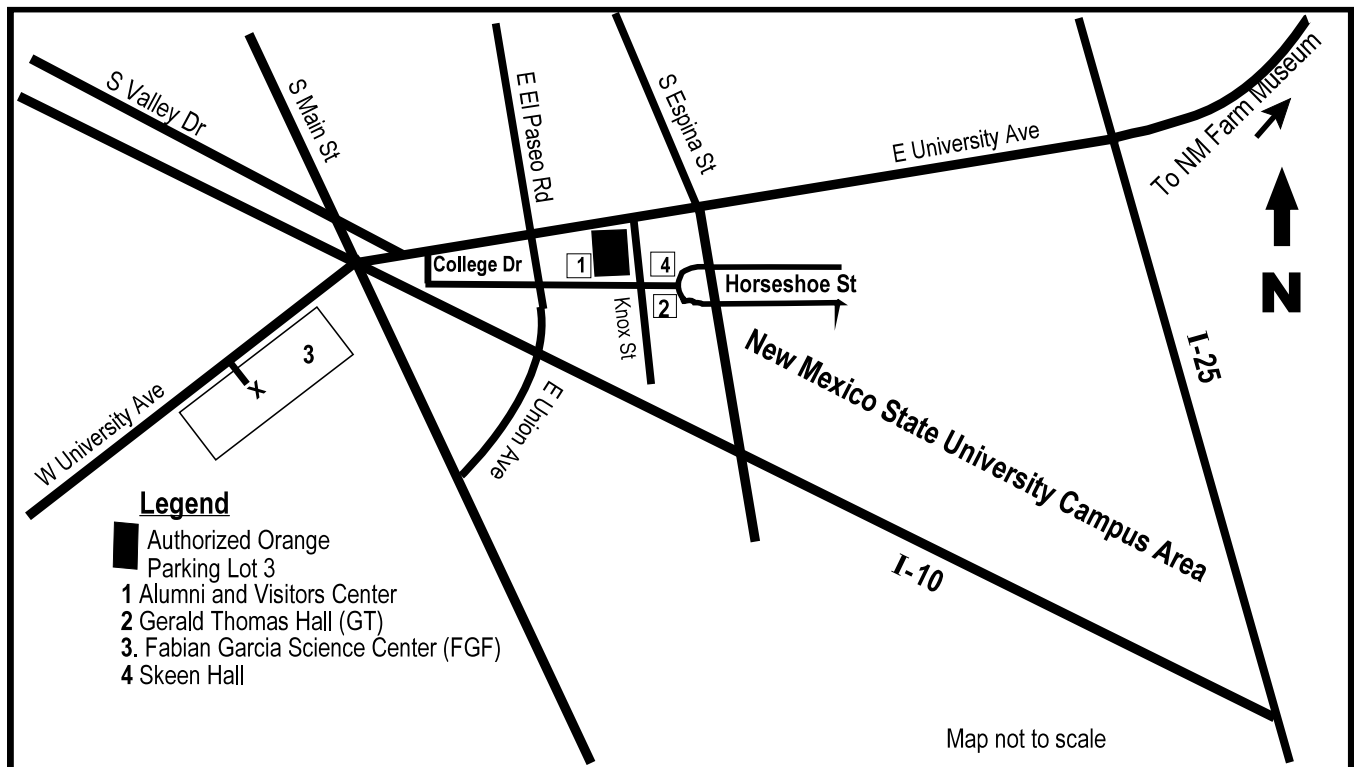
Silent Auctions and Door Prizes: At each day's opening session there will be drawings for door prizes. Winner must be present. The silent auction items will be available for bids all day Thursday and will be awarded at the close of the evening banquet. Auction items featured are representative of our New Mexico heritage and showcase southern New Mexico agriculture and history. Do bring your cash or checkbook as we are unable to accept debit or credit cards at this event.

Brag Tables: We have asked each Master Gardener unit to bring a poster or other visual display to set up on their “brag table” to tell others about the MG program and activities in their county.

Area Accommodations, Restaurants & Attractions: We encourage you to take advantage of the excellent listings on the Las Cruces Convention and Visitors Center webpage. (See links L1, L2).

Conference Contact: If you have questions, need assistance or clarification on any aspect of the conference please contact Sylvia Hacker slh303@yahoo.com or 575.647.4394

Las Cruces can be hot in June, dress accordingly



USEFUL LINKS

Las Cruces

- L1 - Las Cruces Convention and Visitors Center: <http://www.lascrucescvb.org/>
- L2 - Accommodations link: <http://www.mustseelc.org/Visiting/Lodging.aspx>
- L3 - New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum: <http://www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org/>

New Mexico State University (NMSU)

- N1 - NMSU Visitor Parking info: <http://nmsuparking.com/visitor.htm>
- N2 - NMSU Campus Map: Go to GoogleMaps and type in "Gerald Thomas Hall, University Park, NM"
- N3 - Zuhl Collection & Museum:
http://alum.nmsu.edu/s/422/images/editor_documents/zuhl_brochure.pdf
- N4 - NMSU Arthropod Museum: <http://aces.nmsu.edu/academics/arthropods/>
- N5 - Chile Pepper Institute: <http://www.chilepepperinstitute.org/>
- N6 - Fabian Garcia Science Center (also known as "the farm"):
<http://fabiangarciasc.nmsu.edu/index.html>
- N7 - The Aggie Grill located in Gerald Thomas Hall: <http://nmsudining.com/dining/aggie.html>

Area Attractions

- A1 - White Sands National Monument: <http://www.nps.gov/whsa/index.htm>
- A2 - New Mexico Museum of Space History: <http://www.nmspacemuseum.org/>
- A3 - War Eagles Air Museum: <http://www.war-eagles-air-museum.com/>
- A4 - Spaceport: <http://www.spaceportamerica.com/>
Note: If you wish to visit Spaceport you must book a tour.
- A5 - Spaceport tours: <http://www.ftstours.com/>
- A6 - Mesilla, NM: <http://www.oldmesilla.org/>
- A7 - Ft. Selden State Monument: http://newmexico.org/western/learn/fort_selden.php
- A8 - Leasburg Dam State Park: <http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/prd/leasburg.htm>
- A9 - White Sands Missile Range Museum: <http://www.wsmr-history.org/>
- A10 - Stahman's Pecans: <http://www.stahmanns.com/>

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2012 NEW MEXICO MASTER GARDENER CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

"New Mexico - 100 Years Old and Still Growing"

Las Cruces, Thursday, June 7th and Friday, June 8th



Please mail this form along with your **check or money order** to:
Mary Thompson DACMG, 1915 La Jolla, Las Cruces, NM 88005
Phone: 575.524.4565 Email: thompson90@q.com

(make check or money order payable to "NMSU" and reference "MG Conference" in memo)
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Doña-AnaCo-Master-Gardeners/111217812302104>

(Please print all information)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

COUNTY: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

CLASSES WILL BE ASSIGNED ON A FIRST COME BASIS ACCORDING TO REGISTRATION POSTMARK. BE SURE TO REGISTER EARLY TO GET THE CLASSES OF YOUR CHOICE.

CLASS SELECTION *(Please indicate a 1st and 2nd choice)*

Day	Session	Class Codes	Choice (enter class code)	
THURSDAY	9:15-10:15	Classes T1 to T7	1 st _____	2 nd _____
THURSDAY	10:30-11:30	Classes T8 to T13	1 st _____	2 nd _____
THURSDAY	12:45-1:45	Classes T14 to T19	1 st _____	2 nd _____
THURSDAY	2:00-3:00	Classes T20 to T25	1 st _____	2 nd _____
THURSDAY	3:15-4:15	Classes T26 to T31	1 st _____	2 nd _____
FRIDAY	9:30-10:30	Classes F1 to F7	1 st _____	2 nd _____
FRIDAY	10:45-11:45	Classes F8 to F13	1 st _____	2 nd _____
FRIDAY	1:00-2:00	Classes F14 to F15	1 st _____	2 nd _____
FRIDAY	2:15-3:00	Classes F16 to F17	1 st _____	2 nd _____

Conference Registration \$65 Late Registration \$85 On-site Registration \$105
(If received by Apr 26, 2012) (If received between Apr 27 and May 25) Please check the appropriate box

Registration includes banquet - if you require a **vegan** diet please check box:

Additional Conference Costs

Class F11 - Bonsai - Friday (10:45 to 11:45) Workshop Fee \$20

T-Shirt - Price \$12 Size ____ Number Requested ____ (Sizes: **S** - 34-36, **M** - 38-40, **L** - 42-44, **XL** - 46-48, **XXL** - 50-52, **XXXL** 54-56) *Must be pre-ordered - not available on site. No exchange or refund*

Banquet Guest \$30 Check if bringing a guest

*All refund requests must be in writing to conference contact Mary Thompson (see address at top of form) before May 24, 2012, There will be no refunds after that date. **One registration form per person attending is required**, but one check or money order for several persons is acceptable. This conference is only open to Interns, and currently certified Master Gardeners*

Conference \$ _____
 Class F10 \$ _____ **Itemized**
 Guest Buffet \$ _____ **Summary**
 T-Shirt \$ _____

For registrar's use only	
Registration received	_____
Amount \$	_____
Choices recorded	_____
Receipt sent	_____

TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED \$ _____ *For this registrant only*



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