



Schoolyard Gardens Conference An Ecosystem of Learning, Sharing Common Ground March 4, 2016

Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

SCHOOLYARD GARDENS provide an incomparable, hands-on opportunity for educators to learn how to meet academic standards, engage with community partners, learn about agriculture, healthy eating and cultural competency, and connect with natural systems. Whether you're a beginner or schoolyard garden veteran, join us in March and learn innovative strategies for building, sustaining, and engaging diverse learners in a thriving schoolyard garden.



Presented by the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum and the University of Minnesota Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Program in collaboration with the Minnesota Schoolyard Gardens Coalition

2016 ENDORSING ORGANIZATION GUIDELINES

No financial commitment is necessary to become an endorsing organization.

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

Contribute to the growing success of school gardens in Minnesota by becoming an endorsing organization at the 4th Annual Schoolyard Garden Conference on March 4, 2016! Over 250 teachers, school administrators, school food service professionals, Master Gardeners, parents and other school garden supporters attend this event to share their ideas and resources for building and sustaining school gardens.

FEATURED KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Betti Wiggins, Executive Director, Detroit Public Schools' Office of School Nutrition

2016 TOPICS:

Horticulture and gardening training: understanding the basics and extending your growing season
Connecting the garden to the classroom: curriculum ideas and resources
Resources for sustainability: starting and keeping your schoolyard garden program going
Case studies of successful, innovative programs including cultural competency

BENEFITS OF ENDORSEMENT

Endorsing organizations will be listed on program agenda
Endorsing organizations will be included on the Arboretum website and in the web-based follow-up report
Each endorsing organization will have space on a literature table for copies of one hand-out for participants
Members and staff of endorsing organizations may attend the summit at the member rate

YOUR COMMITMENT

Endorsing organizations actively publicize and market the conference to their members and the general public through direct mail, email campaigns, website listings, etc., as appropriate.*

To endorse this conference, please contact: Carrie Stowers, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum at cstowers@umn.edu

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FINANCIAL SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Financial sponsorship for this summit ranges from \$500 to \$20,000 and is open to businesses, government agencies, non-profits, civic organizations, university-affiliated departments or groups, and individuals. For an initial conversation, please contact Wendy Composto, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, at (612) 625-0856 or comp0002@umn.edu.