

## 2015 SCHOOLYARD GARDENS CONFERENCE – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28 – AGENDA

### MACMILLAN AUDITORIUM – OSWALD VISITOR CENTER

**8:00** Registration, coffee/tea/refreshments

**8:30** Introductions and Welcome – TIM KENNY; MINNESOTA SCHOOLYARD GARDENS COALITION

**9:00** Keynote: *Gardening Is Good Therapy – And You Get Tomatoes*  
JEAN LARSON, PH.D., Manager, University of Minnesota Nature-Based Therapeutic Services, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

**10:00** Break

**10:15** Youth Voices: Inspiration & Call to Action – Panel Discussion  
KAREN DEPRATTO, Coordinator of Youth Development, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

**11:00** Lunch/Networking

#### CONCURRENT SESSIONS

	MACMILLAN AUD. A/C	MACMILLAN AUD. B/D	SNYDER AUDITORIUM	LEARNING CENTER	AZALEA CLASSROOM
	<b>YOUTH VOICES</b>	<b>INNOVATIVE CASE STUDIES/SUCCESSSES</b>	<b>CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS</b>	<b>HORTICULTURE BEST PRACTICES</b>	<b>SPECIAL TOPICS</b>
<b>12:00</b>	Growing to College and Career – KAREN DEPRATTO and RANDY GAGE	The Mad Scientist in All of Us: What's Your Next Creation? – TOM FRERICKS	Integrating Existing Curricula to Benefit Students with Varying Abilities – DR. JEAN LARSON and HEATHER BENSON	Plant Selection: Pollinator Friendly Annual Plants – DR. MARY MEYER	Planning and Output Maximization – JASON REESE
<b>1:00</b>	Cultivating the Next Generation: Stories from a Successful Youth Engagement Model – REBECCA MINO and DAVID RITTENHOUSE	Farm to Classroom in Five Years and Twenty-four NutriMan Programs: The Story of the Little Garden That Could and the People Behind This Success Story – AMY WYANT	Farm to School and Youth Leadership: A Perfect Match! – ERIN MCKEE	Worms in Schools – KIRSTEN SAYLOR	Minnesota Schoolyard Gardens Coalition Presentation and Discussion

**2:00** Break

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<b>2:15</b>	K-12 Garden Curriculum Share – BONNIE LOHMAN and BRIAN WHEAT	Edina South View Middle School Garden: Grant to Growing 2014 – CATHY HELLER  Nay Ah Shing School Gardens – DEB FOYE and JEANENE GROSS		Pop up Gardens – XAVIER PORTER  Season Extension – LARRY CIPOLLA	Teaching Outdoors: Strategies for Maintaining a Positive Learning Environment – SIL PEMBLETON

POSTER SESSION – OSWALD VISITOR CENTER GREAT HALL – 10:00 A.M.–3:30 P.M.

**BUILDING LOCATIONS:** The MacMillan Auditorium, Sections A/C and B/D, and the Azalea Classroom are in the Oswald Visitor Center. The Snyder Auditorium is in the Snyder Education Building.  
A shuttle bus to the Learning Center will be provided during lunch and afternoon break, and at the end of session.

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