

# Prairies & Pollinators Workshop

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>**

**9:00 AM TO 2:30 PM**

**GRAND OCCASIONS BALLROOM  
W16181 US 10, OSSEO WI**



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## Schedule:

- 8:30 - 9:00 Registration & Snacks
- 9:00 - 10:30 Garden Wise: How to Plant a Butterfly/Pollinator Garden in Your Backyard by Arlena Schott, Landscaping Business Owner/Host of TV Show "Garden Wise"
- 10:30 - 10:45 Break & Snacks
- 10:45 - 12:15 Beekeeping Today by Dr. Gordon Waller, President of the WI Honey Producers Assoc
- 12:15 - 12:45 Lunch
- 12:45 - 2:00 Prairie Planting for Honeybee Habitat by Kristina Buening
- 2:00 - 2:30 Question & answer/open discussion



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# Speaker Bios & Presentation Summary

## *Dr. Gordon D. Waller, PhD - Beekeeper Consultant*

Dr. Waller was born and raised southeastern Trempealeau County. He farmed for two years before earning his BS in Agricultural Education. He completed his graduate study in Entomology and Applied Statistics at Utah State University earning his MS in 1967 and PhD in 1973. He has worked as a Research Entomologist for the USDA, as an Entomology Professor for the University of Arizona, and as the State Apiary Inspector for WI DATCP. He is currently the President of the WI Honey Producers Association.



### Beekeeping Today

Beekeeping has never been as challenging as at the present time and yet beekeepers have never had such an opportunity for financial success as they do at the present time. The Asian bee parasite is a serious challenge to beekeepers, insecticides applied to plants by both farmers and home owners, and normal honey bee forage has been replaced by monoculture agriculture—corn and soybeans—causing a crisis in bee nutrition when pollen and nectar are not available. The late S.E. McGregor (author of *Insect Pollination of Cultivated Crop Plants*) predicted that one day beekeepers would abandon their honey extractors in favor of managing their honey bee colonies just for crop pollination. That “one day” seems to be now.

## *Arlena Schott - Landscaping Business Owner/Host of TV Show “Garden Wise”*

Arlena has been keeping things green for over 30 years, beginning in Fallon, NV as her grandfather showed her how to bring life to hundreds of plants. She opened her first business when she was 19 and was a regular speaker at many Nevada garden clubs.



Arlena to Wisconsin in 1995 and began operating a new landscaping business. She is a regular speaker at many Master Garden clubs, Home and Garden shows, and she travels across the country sharing what she has learned during her 30 years in the landscaping and gardening business.

In 2002, Arlena approached her local TV station TCCTV (Trempealeau County Community TV) and asked them to make an announcement on the watering regimen needed to ensure the health of plants after the long, hot, dry summer. The station manager asked her to do the segment; which gave birth to her TV show “Garden Wise”. She is a regular guest on WEAU TV-13 with Judy Clark and Hello Wisconsin. According to Arlena, “Gardening isn’t just a hobby, it’s a way of life that I love”. Arlena will be providing insight into [How to Plant and Maintain a Butterfly/Pollinator Garden in Your Backyard](#).

## *Kristian Buening - Sunbow Farm Owner/Organic Herb, Fruit, & Vegetable Farmer*

Kristina has owned and operated Sunbow Farm as an organic fruit and vegetable farm since 2003. Her passion for plants blossomed in graduate school where she obtained a M.S. in teaching biology and a Ph.D. in plant ecology. Although whenever possible Kristina had cultivated a small garden, when she started Sunbow she had no background in ‘farming’. She has learned, and continues to learn, by doing and is always eager to share what she has learned with others. As an ecologist, Kristina strives to create an environment in which all organisms of the farm ecosystem can thrive, from the tiniest, but vitally important, bacteria to the insects which pollinate the food crops, to the chickens and sheep, which through their manure recycle vital nutrients to begin the cycle again. As a farmer, her primary objective is to reconnect the people of her community with the land that provides them with this most basic of resources needed for human survival – food.



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