

# Hurry before it's too late!

Register soon for the 2010 New Mexico Master Gardener Conference, June 10-12, because some of the tours are filling up fast and the May 1<sup>st</sup> \$20 registration discount deadline is fast approaching!

The new website for the 2010 New Mexico Master Gardener Conference has launched and it is extremely easy to navigate and full of useful information! Log on to [www.regonline.com/2010\\_NM\\_MG\\_Conf](http://www.regonline.com/2010_NM_MG_Conf). View the agenda which includes a pre-conference Leadership Workshop and Thursday Night Welcome BBQ with a Silent Auction, information about speakers and tours, lodging information and much, much more. Most importantly, this is where you will register and pay. To get the tours and break-out sessions you want, be sure to register early as the tours and break-out sessions are space limited, so it's first come, first served. Registering before May 1<sup>st</sup> will also get you an early bird discount of \$20.

You can pick from a variety of spectacular hands on workshops and tours on Thursday and Saturday afternoons. The renowned Albuquerque Biopark will be hosting Master Gardeners for a number of combined workshops and tours led by their Curators: including the Japanese Garden Tour and Design Workshop—the new Desert Rose Garden Tour—the Pollinator Garden and Butterfly Pavilion Tour and Pollinator Workshop—Tour of the Heritage Farm—Tree Identification and Trees of the Botanic Garden tour—Rio Grande Zoo Greenhouse tour and Flower Lab. You can also choose—a Tree Identification and Tour of the urban forest of the University of New Mexico—a seminar on Canning, Freezing and Dehydration of Fruits and Vegetables at the Bernalillo County Extension Kitchen—a Tour of Soilution's Compost site and a guided Tour of a Certified Wildlife Habitat Garden in the middle of the city. Several more tours and workshops are in the works, including several home garden tours. Many tours will run simultaneously, so register early to get your first choice.

You'll also be amazed at the number of cutting-edge speaker choices there are—nineteen to date with a wide array of topics. There are many options to choose from and you'll be able to tailor a schedule that is just perfect for you. Here are bios of a couple more of the speakers that will be at the conference....

Dr. Carol A. Sutherland—You Won't Be the Only One Dining on your Vegetable Garden: **Learn about some common pests and 'beneficials' you'll encounter and some of your options for safe pest management.** Carol is an Extension Entomologist at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces and also serves as State Entomologist for the New Mexico Department of Agriculture. She has been with NMSU since 1980. She earned her B.S. degree in Biology (Minor: Chemistry) from Boise State University in Boise, Idaho and her Ph.D. in Entomology from Oregon State University in Corvallis, Oregon.

In her current position, she teaches the Entomology class for the statewide Master Gardener program (16 of these presentations in 2009) as well as General Entomology and an Entomology Update for statewide Pesticide Applicator Training Workshops. She also makes special presentations---and brings displays of insects and their relatives---to a variety of audiences ranging from youth to adults for 4H, FFA, Earth Day, Kids, Kows and More, regional fairs, gardening groups, state parks, and others curious about the arthropods in their environments.

Gordon Tooley—You How Do We Get the Most From Fruit Tress. Gordon grew up in Cimarron, NM on the Philmont Ranch. He has an AA degree from Colorado Mountain College. Before starting his farm in Truchas in 1993, he was a backcountry ranger at Philmont, a park ranger at Mesa Verde National Park, an estate garden manager in Maine, and an employee of various landscape companies, stonemasons and tree care businesses. He was a nursery manager, and commercially harvested seed and medicinal plants throughout the Southwest and is a certified Permaculture instructor.

Gordon and his wife Margaret Yancey are the owners of Tooley's Trees. This wholesale and retail nursery in Truchas specializes in species trees and shrubs and uncommon apples, pears, plums, apricots and cherries that thrive in difficult sites and conditions. Gordon conducts many plant-related workshops. Tree farming and establishing stable landforms through stewardship are his vocation. [www.tooleystrees.com](http://www.tooleystrees.com)

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