

Continuing Education at Gustavus Adolphus College Spring 2010 Schedule of Events

Greenhouses: What a Gas! Discovering Climate Change

Bob Dunlap, Arboretum Naturalist and Nils Anderson, Student Teacher, Gustavus Adolphus College

Monday, February 15, 10-11:30am

Interpretive Center, Gustavus Adolphus College, \$9.00 fee, ages 10-12

What's cooler than being cool? Being warm, actually, in the middle of winter! Come learn about how the climate is changing in MN and the rest of the world. Activities will include a tour of the Gustavus Adolphus College greenhouse and building your own mini-greenhouse! Dress warmly for a short walk outside. Limit: max. 25 students; min. 6 students.

For the Birds: Lunch with the Birds

Bob Dunlap, Arboretum Naturalist, Gustavus Adolphus College

Saturday, February 27, Noon-1:30pm

Whiskey River Restaurant, Hwy 99, Saint Peter, \$10.00 fee (Lunch is optional, purchased separately)

Gustavus naturalist Bob "the Birdman" Dunlap will share tips on feeding birds and answer your bird questions. Ever wondered where these birds come from, or what seeds work best to attract them? Bob will provide advice, information, and help you identify common feeder visitors. Learn more about these feathery winter companions! Enjoy lunch (you purchase separately) with the birds at Whiskey River or come just for the talk.

Our Neck of the Woods: Exploring Minnesota's Wild Places

Daniel J. Phillippon, Editor/Associate Professor of English, University of Minnesota

Wednesday, March 3, 7-8pm

Interpretive Center, Gustavus Adolphus College, \$9.00 fee

Drawn from the pages of *Minnesota Conservation Volunteer* magazine—published by the Department of Natural Resources since 1940—these writings evoke a strong sense of place and suggest that the outdoor experiences we share with others come to mean the most to us. With rich observations and spirited tales (of notable writers like Bill Holm), *Our Neck of the Woods* beckons Minnesotans to work, play, and explore in the natural places close to their homes and hearts.

The Arboretum through the Lens of a Camera

Bob Dunlap, Arboretum Naturalist, Gustavus Adolphus College

Thursday, March 18, 7-8pm

Interpretive Center, Gustavus Adolphus College, \$9.00 fee

The Linnaeus Arboretum at Gustavus Adolphus College is both a public arboretum and a haven for wildlife. While the trees and flowers are what most visitors notice, there are all kinds of creatures, big and small, that call the arboretum their home. Arboretum Naturalist Bob Dunlap has photographed many forms of wildlife residing in the arboretum in addition to the trees and flowers that grace the college's gardens. Bob will present a slideshow of his arboretum photos from the past two years and discuss the life histories of his subjects.

Master Gardener's Gardening Series: (You can sign up for all three at a discount or individually)

The Vanishing Prairie

Dolly Rye – Master Gardener

Tuesday, March 30, 7-8pm

Interpretive Center, Gustavus Adolphus College, \$9.00 per class; 3 classes at \$21

Are you curious about prairie plantings, restoration, management, flowers, and purpose? Have you dreamed of restoring your land back to a native prairie? We will help you understand the basics of prairies and help you get one step closer to making your dream come true.

Master Gardener's Gardening Series: Spring Perennials

Barb Maher – Master Gardener

Wednesday, April 14, 7-8pm

Interpretive Center, Gustavus Adolphus College, \$9.00 per class; 3 classes at \$21

It's spring! Would you like to learn more about perennials for spring interest? Spring is an exciting time for us in Minnesota but even more special are the flowers that emerge during this time. Come learn the varieties that you cannot be without this year!

Master Gardener's Gardening Series: Tomato Talk, "From Seeds To Salads – How To"

Harvey Hesse and Joyce Wilcox – Master Gardeners

Monday, May 3, 7-8pm

Interpretive Center, Gustavus Adolphus College, \$9.00 per class; 3 classes at \$21

Waiting to try the new variety or just want some good tomato basics to help you through the summer? This is Tomato Talk 101 (varieties, seed selection and troubleshooting).

Introduction to Fly Fishing

Larry Zelenz, Assistant Athletic Director for Intramurals and Recreation

Monday, April 5 and 12, 7-9:30pm (This is a single class that will be meeting twice)

Lund Center Classroom 208 and Lund Arena

Gustavus Adolphus College, \$20.00 fee (Minimum 6; Maximum 16)

Participants will learn and practice the mechanics of casting with a fly rod. There will be time spent in a classroom setting as well as in the Lund Arena practicing casting techniques. Some time will be spent covering equipment options, stream and lake entomology and local opportunities for catching fish on the fly. This will be a great opportunity if you have ever wanted to get started practicing this most engaging art of angling, or just want to perfect your casting technique.

Wildflower Walk: Seven-Mile Creek

Bob Dunlap, Arboretum Naturalist, Gustavus Adolphus College

Thursday, May 6, 6:30-8pm

Seven-Mile Creek, off HWY 169, \$10.00 fee

(Meet in the westernmost parking lot of Seven-Mile Creek County Park)

Join the Linnaeus Arboretum naturalist on a walk through the park in springtime. Seven-Mile Creek is located seven miles south of Saint Peter and seven miles north of Mankato on US 169. We will walk the trails to look at spring woodland wildflowers and other signs of spring happenings.

Call 507-933-6181 for directions. Limit: 20 persons.