



Welcome to the 2022 Annual UVM Extension Master Gardener Conference!

Saturday, December 3, 2022

9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Conference Program

Thank you for participating in this year's conference! We are thrilled that Drs. Doug Tallamy and Ann Hazelrigg have joined us to give the keynote addresses plus we have an amazing panel of gardeners who will share their efforts of implementing lessons learned from Dr. Tallamy to provide pollinator habitats, native plantings and encourage biodiversity in our Vermont landscapes.

As an exciting new feature this year, we are holding small-group break-outs to provide space for you to informally share what works and what challenges you've faced to educate and engage with the public. As a community of volunteers, we will learn tips and techniques from one another, troubleshoot challenges, and have a fun time connecting!

Accessing the Conference via Zoom

The conference will take place on Zoom at: <https://uvm-edu.zoom.us/j/89577237200>.

Please note that Zoom has installed several updates over the past several weeks and so plan to log in early to allow for any upgrades and/or take some time before the conference starts to join a test meeting at: <https://zoom.us/test> to ensure you can log in and troubleshoot audio and video functions.

If you do not have Zoom on your device (computer, phone, tablet) please [click here](#) to install the Zoom software. For more information on how to use Zoom, they maintain a good collection of tutorials on their website. [Click here to access the tutorials](#). If you haven't used Zoom before/recently, please review the [Getting Started Guide for New Zoom Users](#).

Live Captioning

With thanks to Student Accessibility Services at UVM's Center for Academic Success, the conference is being live captioned. Live captioning provides access to spoken dialogue displayed on the screen and delivered in real-time. You can access the live captioning stream at: <https://www.streamtext.net/player?event=UVMExtMasterGardener>.

Note about our Real-Time Conference

We have done our best to design this online conference to emulate an in-person event to encourage engagement and a sense of being fully present. Therefore, we made the decision **not** to record the conference. Since we are not recording today, you may want to be prepared to take notes.

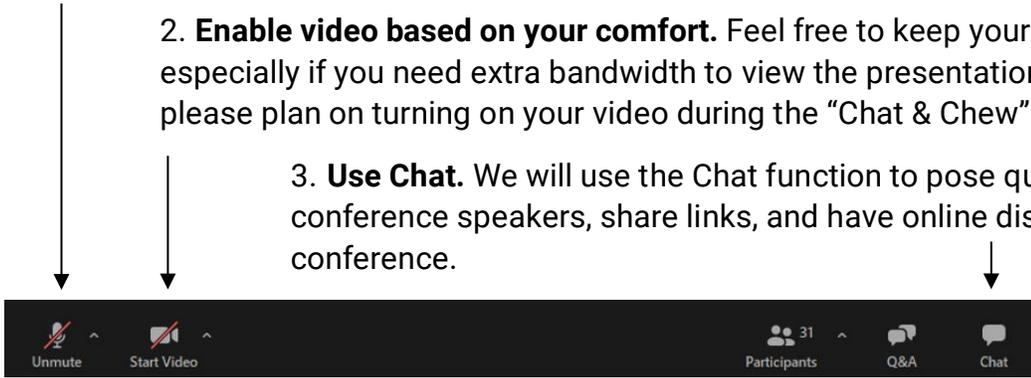
Zoom Etiquette & Tips

For an optimal experience for everyone, there are a couple of items to keep in mind during the conference.

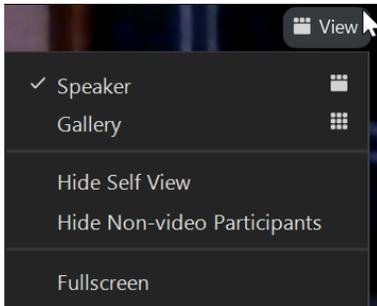
1. **Mute your audio.** For the majority of the program, you should mute your audio when you are not speaking by making sure there is a red line through the microphone icon. Staff will help with muting if we're experiencing background noise. You will want to turn your audio on during the "Chat & Chew" session.

2. **Enable video based on your comfort.** Feel free to keep your camera on or turn off especially if you need extra bandwidth to view the presentations. If at all possible, please plan on turning on your video during the "Chat & Chew" session.

3. **Use Chat.** We will use the Chat function to pose questions for our conference speakers, share links, and have online discussion during the conference.



The University provides a list of behavior expectations for all events; they are listed on page 5.



Zoom defaults the screen View to the gallery mode that allows you to see a grid of participants. If you wish to just see the person speaking next to their slides, free feel to adjust View (located in the upper right hand of the Zoom screen) and select Speaker mode.

You can also hide participants who are not using their video and hide yourself (from your view).

Troubleshooting Audio

If you are having trouble with your audio after you join the conference, you can click on the ^ symbol next to the mic icon to open audio settings. You can manually select the microphone and speaker and/or select "Test Speaker & Microphone..." to test your audio settings.

If you continue to have trouble with your audio, switch to phone audio and our phone in numbers to listen to the presentations:

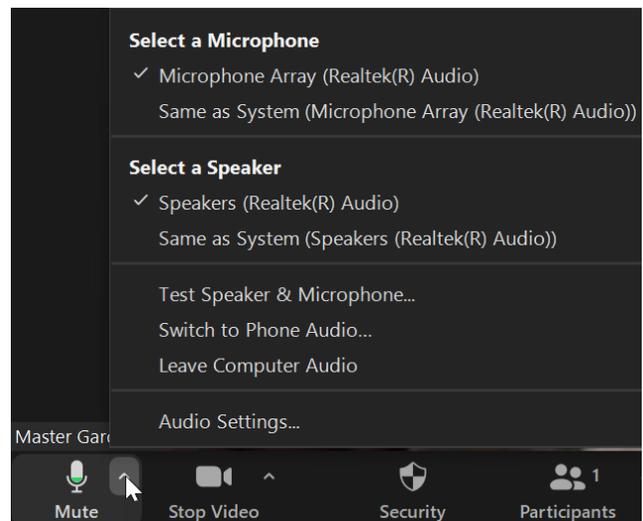
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Agenda

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- 9:20 – 9:30 a.m. Log in and Get Settled**
- 9:30 – 9:40 a.m. Welcome & Housekeeping**
Deb Heleba
- 9:40 – 9:45 a.m. Land Acknowledgement**
Deb Heleba
- 9:45 – 10 a.m. A Reading: Trees, Guardians of the Plant Nation**
Bob Little Tree
- 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Keynote: “Bringing Nature Home” to Vermont and Other Thoughts**
Dr. Doug Tallamy
- 11:00 – 11:15 a.m. Q & A Session**
- 11:15 – 12 noon Putting Dr. Tallamy's Words into Action in Vermont**
Panel: Bethany Barry, Kate Kruesi and Dottie Sundquist
- 12:00 – 12:15 p.m. Q & A Session**
- 12:15 – 12:30 p.m. Break**
- 12:30 – 1:15 p.m. Optional "Chat and Chew" -- Exploring What Works & Sharing Tips**
You will be placed in the break-out session you chose during registration:
- Demonstration Gardens / Place-Based Learning Labs
 - Victory Gardens / Food Security Projects
 - Gardening Workshops/Presentations for Adults
 - Gardening Workshops for Kids/School Projects
 - Ask A Volunteer--Tabling/Event Displays
- 1:15 – 1:30 p.m. Report outs from "Chat & Chew"**
- 1:30 – 2:15 p.m. Keynote: IPM Update: Looking Back & Looking Forward**
Dr. Ann Hazelrigg
- 2:15 – 2:30 p.m. Q & A Session**
- 2:30 – 3:00 p.m. Closing Thoughts**
Cindy Heath
- 3:00 p.m. Adjourn**
Complete the conference evaluation at: <https://go.uvm.edu/22emgconfeval>.

**Please note: All times are in Eastern Time (US and Canada)*

Speaker Bios

Bethany Barry is the co-founder of the [Pollinator Pathway of Addison County](#), a grassroots initiative to establishing pollinator-friendly habitats and food sources for bees, butterflies and birds.

Ann Hazelrigg is a Plant Pathologist and Extension Associate Professor at the University of Vermont where she directs [UVM's Plant Diagnostic Clinic](#). Ann also provides leadership for our Extension Master Gardener, [Pesticide Education and Safety](#), and [IPM](#) programs.

Cindy Heath is the Volunteer Coordinator for the [University of Vermont Extension Community Horticulture Programs](#) and will be transitioning to become the program's Special Projects Coordinator.

Deb Heleba is the Statewide Outreach & Education Program Manager for the [University of Vermont Extension Community Horticulture Programs](#), including the [Extension Master Gardener](#) and [Vermont Master Composter](#) programs.

Kate Kruesi is a Vermont Master Naturalist and is spearheading [Grow Wild](#), an initiative at [Burlington Wildways](#) to encourage folks to plant native species in their yards for pollinator and wildlife habitat.

Bob Little Tree is an Extension Master Gardener (Class of 2008) and is also a [Vermont Forest Pest Detector](#) and a certified school bus driver instructor. He is a citizen of the Paugussett Nation, Pootatuck Band, one of the Original Nations of Connecticut. Little Tree was trained to be a Madeolinu of the Big House Medicine Way by Grand Sachem Nora Thompson Dean of the Lenape Nation, Delaware. He is also a Metenu, One who gathers, prepares & administers medicinal plants, The Sisters.

Doug Tallamy is an entomologist and the [T.A. Baker Professor of Agriculture in the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology](#) at the University of Delaware. He is the author of more than 100 research publications as well as several books including *Bringing Nature Home*, *Nature's Best Hope*, and *The Nature of Oaks*. Doug is also known for the [Homegrown National Park](#), a grassroots call-to-action to regenerate biodiversity and ecosystem function by planting native plants and creating new ecological networks.

Dottie Sundquist is a [UVM Extension Master Gardener](#) (Class of 2009) and is co-chair of the [Bennington County Chapter](#) of Extension Master Gardeners. Dottie is also the project co-leader of the [Gardens at Yellow Barn Farm](#) in Arlington.



Acknowledgements & Appreciations

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We acknowledge the efforts of the Extension Master Gardener Chapter Co-chairs and Chapter steering committees. Our Chapters are independent, local volunteer-run entities that provide local connection, continuing education, and support to our volunteers. Chapter co-chairs have agreed to serve as members of our reconstructed state advisory committee and have helped guide the program, including the development of this conference. Thank you for these extra efforts, Dottie, Heather, Jan, Sarah, Jon, Nancy, Peg, Susan, Marsha, Sue, and Donna.

And, thank you Extension Master Gardeners, program staff, and garden enthusiasts from Vermont as well as from DE, DC, MA, NH, NM, NY, ND, PA, and RI. It's a privilege to share this space with you today.

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Behavior Expectations

By participating in the event, you agree to abide by the University of Vermont's [Our Common Ground](#):

- **Respect.** We respect each other. We listen to each other, encourage each other and care about each other. We are strengthened by our diverse perspectives.
- **Integrity.** We value fairness, honest conduct, adherence to the facts, and sincerity.
- **Innovation.** We want to be at the forefront of change. We believe the best way to lead is to learn from our successes and mistakes.
- **Openness.** We encourage the open exchange of information and ideas.
- **Justice.** We unite against all forms of injustice, including racism. We challenge injustice toward any member of our community.
- **Responsibility.** We are responsible for our words and actions.

You may be asked to leave the conference if your behavior:

- Poses a threat to the health or safety of participants or others;
- Threatens to disrupt the offering;
- May seriously diminish the experience of others; or
- For other sufficient reason.