

Fall Gardening Forum

September 16, 2006



Guest Speaker

Marvin Duren, Marvin's Organic Gardens, Lebanon, Ohio

Marvin's Organic Gardens, is a full service organic landscaping, design, installation, and lawn care company that includes a specialty retail garden center

Session I Landscaping Designs for All Spaces 10:00am - 11:30am

Session II Incorporating New and Unusual Plants (Including Some Native Species) into Your New Garden Design, 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Portage County Gardens Center

5154 S. Prospect Street (Route 44)
Ravenna, Ohio 44266
330-296-2447

Registration 9:30am. Great plants will be given away as door prizes. Must be present to win.

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- Session One *Landscaping for All Places* \$15 (Lunch Not Included)
- Session Two *New and Unusual Plants* \$15 (Lunch Not Included)
- Session One and Two \$30 (Box Lunch Included)

Those attending both sessions will receive a box lunch including a sandwich, chips or coleslaw, and a cookie. Beverages will be provided. Please indicate sandwich choice below:

- Veggie Wrap
- Turkey Wrap
- Club (ham bacon turkey) Wrap
- Coleslaw
- Chips

Registration and payment are due September 1st. Make checks payable to Portage County Master Gardeners and send to Portage County Master Gardeners, Attn. Lynn Vogel, 6970 St. Rt. 88, Ravenna, Ohio 44266. Questions are answered by Kelly 330-296-6432.

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Biography of Marvin Duren

Marvin Duren was born in Stone Mountain, Georgia and has been a long-time resident of Warren County, Ohio. He and his wife, Ann, have three children, Audrey, Wesley & Whitney, all now graduates of college. The two oldest are currently working for Marvin's Organic Gardens.

Mr. Duren served in the US Army Airborne Rangers during the Vietnam era, receiving the Purple Heart and two Bronze Stars. Mr. Duren attended Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, Georgia and Georgia Southwestern University in Americus, Georgia.

From 1972 - 1999, Mr. Duren, in partnership with his father, owned and operated 20 Waffle House restaurants in the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky area. Since the sale of his restaurants in July 1999, Marvin has now devoted himself to operating Marvin's Organic Gardens. Today, five years after starting the business, Marvin's Organic Gardens has grown considerably. Full-service organic landscaping, design, installation, lawn care and a new Garden Center housed in a wonderful Dutch designed tempered glass greenhouse are all part of the expanding business.

For many years, Mr. Duren has practiced gardening and lawn care without using synthetics or chemicals (no herbicides, fungicides, pesticides or fake synthetic fertilizers). He converted to all-organic methods of gardening in 1978 believing our environment is too important to waste. Gardening is "therapy" for him and he encourages others to enjoy the rewards of gardening as well.