

ABOUT THE SERIES

After 15 years on public television with over 300 television episodes to its credit, **Prairie Yard and Garden** has grown into one of Minnesota's top resources for gardening information.



Produced on the historic campus of the University of Minnesota, Morris, Prairie Yard and Garden (PY&G) uses its affiliation with the University of Minnesota to bring important and tested horticultural information to gardeners, in a sometimes difficult and frustrating growing region. The series is a cooperative effort between the University of Minnesota, Morris and Pioneer Public Television, KWCM Appleton.

Each season, researchers, gardening and nursery professionals, educators and ordinary backyard gardeners share with PY&G their experiences and discuss specific issues in horticulture, landscaping and a host of topics in gardening. Guests of Prairie Yard and Garden have varied and impressive backgrounds; some are Minnesota Extension Service educators, county Master Gardeners, and University of Minnesota researchers and professors. However, many guests are people just like

you or your neighbor next door, people who have a special interest or specialize in a specific aspect of gardening or horticulture. Quite often, these programs rank among the top episodes of PY&G by its viewers. Programs such as making a salsa garden, flower arranging, developing a cutting garden, using vegetables from the garden, and landscaping are just some of the varied and specialized topics many of our garden enthusiasts bring to the program.

Prairie Yard and Garden has nurtured important relationships with prominent horticulture organizations such as the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in Chanhassen, Minn. and the Minnesota Extension Service. These two entities bring both information and guests that are reliable and valuable to gardeners statewide, giving the Prairie Yard and Garden television series the credibility needed to be a top resource of horticulture information.

And it doesn't stop here.

With the series growing each and every year, Prairie Yard and Garden developed an impressive website with a bushel basket-full of the same timely and important information that has made the television series a success with Minnesota gardeners. Included on the website are easy-to-use tips on virtually any growing question, answers from experts from the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum on your gardening questions, and a discussion board where gardeners can communicate ideas and solutions on virtually any gardening topic. But what would a website be without information about the television show? At PY&G Online, gardeners can find out much more about the series itself, such as upcoming guests, past topics, and series history.



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Sue Gooch is a lifelong gardening enthusiast – it only seems natural that she shares her knowledge and love of gardening with the Prairie Yard and Garden viewers. Sue took her first Master Gardener course from the Minnesota Extension service in 1986 and has been active as a Master Gardener ever since. Sue served on the Minnesota State Advisory board as a representative from Stevens County and west central Minnesota for four years and was Chair of the board during 1994-95.



Sue Gooch
 Host of Prairie Yard and Garden
 and noted Master Gardener

"I believe that Prairie Yard and Garden has become a great resource for the specific information applicable to our regional growing conditions that gardeners in our viewing area have learned to rely on." Sue also says, "The best part of being involved with Prairie Yard and Garden is the wonderful people I meet wherever I go, both those that I work directly with for a show, and those that recognize me on the street and share their garden experiences."

Prairie Yard and Garden has great guests. The success of the Prairie Yard and Garden series is due to the diverse and knowledgeable pool of guests we find right here in our own backyard. These individuals bring years of experience to Prairie Yard and Garden, inspiring a new growth of interest in the hobby of gardening. Unlike generic syndicated gardening programs, our guests bring Minnesota solutions to Minnesota gardening problems. And we don't stop here. Prairie Yard and Garden's reputation for visiting Minnesota gardeners is the series' hallmark – Minneapolis, Pipestone, Alexandria, St. Cloud, Olivia, and Fergus Falls are just some of the places we've been. You should see where we're going next! Who knows, we could be in your area.

Prairie Yard and Garden is a highly-respected program among professionals and gardening enthusiasts alike. "Prairie Yard and Garden is a practical, timely television program for gardeners in northern climates," says Mary Meyer, extension horticulturist with the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. "The information is high quality, and

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► **Mary Meyer**
 Extension Horticulturist
 Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

yet easy to understand and apply to your own garden. Gardeners in Minnesota are lucky to have this resource."

Minnesota gardeners need the proper tools to create a beautiful garden or landscape project – and what better tool than having Prairie Yard and Garden in your broadcast lineup. Viewers who are passionate about gardening will help make your broadcast station flourish. Plant PY&G in your lineup this season!

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 Farwell
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