

Symposium Speaker

**Tony Avent,
Raleigh, NC**

**“The World of Hostas,
Past and Present”,**
“Perennial Favorites”



Tony Avent, owner of Plant Delights Nursery founded this nursery to help fund the activities of Juniper Level Botanic Gardens, a display and research garden with over 11,000 plants. A graduate of North Carolina State University, Tony's horticulture professor instilled in him the quest for the newest and best garden plants from around the world.

Tony is well known as a lecturer, garden writer and recipient of prestigious awards from the American Horticultural Society, the North American Rock Garden Society, and the North Carolina Association of Nurserymen, to name a few.

Tony actually began selling plants when he was a young kid, so selling plants as an adult seemed natural to him. He quickly realized that starting a nursery was the best way to cover the costs of plant addiction without having to get a real job.

"Nurseries are for people who want to be in a business that embraces gardening, [and] enriches peoples' lives, while controlling their own destinies ... as much as Mother Nature will allow."

Tony Avent runs his nursery, Plant Delights, together with his wife, Michelle.

Seminar Location:

Cornerstone Church
4025 North Road (near Krafft Rd.)
Clyde, MI 48049
(Two miles west of Port Huron, MI)

Registrar: Alicia Cannon (810) 367-6966
Date: Saturday, March 24, 2012
Time: Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Lunch break and shopping: 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Cost: “Early Bird” registration - \$70.00;
includes lunch. Registration fee after Feb.28,
2012 - \$80.00

Local Hotel Accommodations:

Thomas Edison Inn
500 Thomas Edison Parkway
Port Huron, MI 48060
Tel: (810) 984-8000
(ask for the Master Gardener rate)

Quality Inn and Suites
1720 Hancock Ave.
Port Huron, MI 48060
Tel. (810) 987-5999
www.choicehotels.com

Directions to the Cornerstone Church of Port Huron, 4025 North Road, Clyde, MI 48049 <http://famousgod.com/maps>

From I-69 E to the Wadhams Rd. exit # 196. Turn (north) on Wadhams Rd., 1.1 mile, continuing past the light, (Lapeer Rd.) down the hill, over the bridge to the next light at North River Rd., turn right. Follow this curving road (becomes North Road) for 2.5 miles to Cornerstone Church on the left, near the intersection of North Rd. and Krafft Rd. From I-94 E. merge to I-69W at #271 then follow as above from Wadhams Rd.

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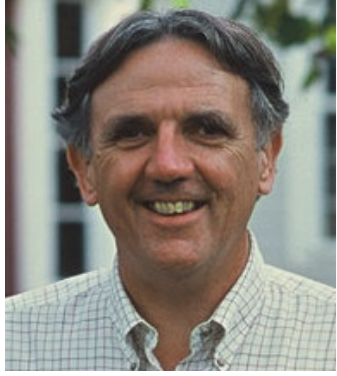


Stone, Scapes, Sensational! a Symposium

**Saturday, March 24, 2012
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4025 North Road
Clyde, MI 48049**

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Seminar: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Registrar: Alicia Cannon
Phone: (810) 367-6966
E-mail: alican@comcast.net
Early bird registration fee: \$70.00
After February 28, 2012: \$80.00
(all in U.S. funds)

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Symposium Speaker

Gordon Hayward
Putney, Vermont,
“The Use of Stone
in the Garden”,
“Placing Art in the
Garden”

In 1971, Gordon Hayward graduated from Wesleyan University with a Masters Degree, having already begun a 17 year career teaching high school students how to write. Gordon gardened part-time for personal clients during those years and in 1977 restored the gardens around the Broadwell Manor House in The Cotswold Hills in England. For the past 20 years he and his wife Mary, (who is from the Cotswolds) have been developing a one and one-half acre garden around their 220 year old cape here in southern Vermont.

In 1984, Gordon turned to the work of garden design, lecturing and writing full time. He consults across the country for residential clients, their architects and builders. Hayward has written nine books and over 50 articles for Horticulture Magazine and Fine Gardening Magazine that relate to this work.

Hayward is a proponent of the entry garden, wide borders flanking a front walk that serves as the garden's spine. "I want you to walk through and experience the front garden rather than pass it by," he says.

“Stone, Scape, Sensational!”

When you arrive you will be welcomed with a delicious continental breakfast; featuring an array of home baked muffins and breads, fruit, coffee, tea and juice. Then experience our great speaker’s topics, shopping, food, plants and fun!

Workshop Topics

Gordon Hayward: “The Uses of Stone in the Garden” Stone furnishes the framework, the structure, and the sense of permanence that transform gardens. Whether in the form of retaining or free-standing wall, as bold standing stones or as boulders at the edge of a small stream, stone lends a garden focus, providing the perfect foil to plants.

Gordon Hayward: “Placing Art in the Garden” In this garden lecture we will see gardens from across America, Ireland and England, illustrating how to form a focal point with the use of pots and garden ornaments. Define a garden path; anchor a garden with richly planted pots, or with a matched pair or statuary.

Tony Avent: “The World of Hostas – Past Present and Future. We’ll take you on a journey from the arrival of hostas in the Western world to their ascendancy to the top of the perennial throne, including a look at some favorites, as well as a look into the future. Avent, with more than 600 hosta varieties in his nursery was growing hostas “before hostas were cool”.

Tony Avent: “Perennial Favorites” Tony will share some of his perennial favorites for the upper Midwest including some little-known gems you may not have heard of. Come see what’s hot!



Registration must arrive no later than February 29, 2012, for Early Bird registration of \$70.00; late registration is \$80.00.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email : _____ (Future symposium brochures will be sent by email)

Seminar fee: Early bird registration : \$70.00, includes all speakers, continental breakfast, lunch, and snack break. Late registration (after February 28, 2012) \$80.00.

Make check payable to SCCMMGA (St. Clair County Chapter of the Michigan Master Gardener Association) Checks or money orders only, to be cashed upon arrival in the mail – no refunds can be made after February 28. Mail registration to: Alicia Cannon, 7200 Drexler Rd., St. Clair, MI 48079, call Alicia at (810) 367-6966; or Lisa Sharrow at (810) 329-3722. Registration forms are also on line at <http://msue.stclaircounty.org>