

The Brandon Garden Club

February 2013 Newsletter

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Member Discounts for 2013

Greenspot- live plant material

Lindenberg's

Patmore's Nursery

Sadler's - Souris

Springside – Bev Logan

AJ Lacoste

Sage Herb Gardens

Sage Herb Gardens 10% includes website orders at <http://www.herbs.mb.ca/en/on-line-shopping/seeds/index.html>

use code BGC2013 for 10%

St Mary's Nursery & Garden Ctr



Tonight's meeting -

Kerry Vanmackelbergh

Care & Propagation of House

plants "Hands on demonstration"

Many thanks to Kerry for all her prep

work in bringing cuttings for the

members to take home & nurture!



Sara Williams presents:

The Brandon Garden Club is pleased to present

SARA WILLIAMS

B.A., B.Sc. & M.Sc. of Horticulture

Tuesday, March 26th, 2013 7PM

311 Park Ave East (Seniors for Seniors Complex)

The New Prairie Xeriscape – In the 15 years since the original edition of *Creating the Prairie Xeriscape* was first published, much has changed. Many gardeners are familiar with the term xeriscape. Mulching is now considered standard practice by home gardeners and landscape professionals. What's different? The vastly increased number of hardy, drought-tolerant plants available to prairie gardeners: over 200 genera, 300 species, and nearly 900 varieties of trees, shrubs, vines, annuals, perennials and bulbs are at our disposal! This presentation will preview the best of the hardy and drought tolerant for prairie gardens.

Sara Williams is a well known and respected prairie horticulturist. For over a quarter of a century she has been educating and enlightening us with her newspaper columns, books and presentations. As the Horticultural Specialist at the University of Saskatchewan, she initiated the Saskatchewan Master Gardener program as well as *The Saskatchewan Gardener* magazine.

She is the author of *Creating the Prairie Xeriscape*, *Perennials for the Prairies*, *In a Cold Land: Saskatchewan's Horticultural Pioneers*, and with Hugh Skinner, coauthor of *Trees and Shrubs for the Prairies*, *Vines & Groundcovers for the Prairies*, and *Gardening, Naturally: A Chemical-free handbook for the Prairies*. The revised and greatly expanded edition of *Creating the Prairie Xeriscape* will be published in February, 2013.

Sara's dedication to Prairie horticulture has been recognized with The Prairie Garden Award for Excellence; the Saskatchewan Centennial Leadership Award, 2005; and several awards for program excellence from the Canadian Association for University Continuing Education. She will be inducted into the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame in 2013.

She has been a board member of the Saskatchewan Horticultural Association and the Saskatchewan Perennial Society, and a long time volunteer in the public gardens of Saskatoon's Forestry Farm Park. Since her retirement, she has helped raise over \$200,000 for the Canadian Harambee Education Society's hostel for impoverished girls in Tanzania so they could attend high school.

EVERYONE WELCOME! (Visitors - \$5)
Books available for purchase at meeting!