



Mahtomedi Garden Club Presents

Letting Nature Guide Your Garden Planning

Adapting to Changing Conditions



About Our Speaker, Bonnie Blodgett

Bonnie is a longtime writer and magazine editor who loves gardening. She has written four books including, most recently, a memoir called *Remembering Smell: On Losing and Discovering the Primal Sense*.

While also working as executive editor of *Mpls. St. Paul Magazine*, she launched an award-winning quarterly for gardeners. She published the *The Garden Letter* for 17 years. She now writes the gardening column for the *St. Paul Pioneer Press* and is a regular contributor of long commentaries on politics, economics and the environment for the *Star Tribune*.

Always interested in politics, she has become a nearly full-time activist on behalf of the environment and the poor. In her "free" time she runs an Airbnb in the house her great grandfather built in 1880.

Wednesday, February 12

6 pm Social Time 6:40 pm Introduction & Club Information 7 pm Speaker

Join us for this special night out featuring refreshments, socializing, a great speaker and information about the Mahtomedi Garden Club!

Bonnie's insights on spring planting and the effects of the environment on our gardens

I love self-seeders and consider myself my garden's editor more than some grand planner who must have her way. It amazes me how different my garden is than the one I thought I wanted decades ago, and how much more unusual and exciting it is. I let nature guide me. I will talk about the gardener's role in tracking the changes we're seeing in our gardens due to environmental pollutants and climate change—loss of pollinators, rise in infestations of Japanese Beetles, the effect of unpredictable snow cover in winter (often mistaken for extreme cold, when what kills plants is sudden cold at the wrong time without adequate cover for plants), monsoon-like rains and then long dry spells and such. All these things have changed the way we garden, so as a garden writer I help people adapt. Join me and the Mahtomedi Garden Club on February 12 to learn more!

This event is FREE but registration is required

Register at [MahtomediGardenClub.org](https://www.MahtomediGardenClub.org)

Event will be held at Mahtomedi District Education Center,
1520 Mahtomedi Ave (Hwy 244) in Mahtomedi

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