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'Find your garden' with Keith Davitt

Landscape designer to speak at symposium



Keith Davitt



Midwest Gardening Symposium kicks off Friday at Morton Arboretum

New York landscape designer Keith Davitt likes problems. "They force you to be creative," he said.

Davitt will kick off the Midwest Gardening Symposium, co-sponsored by The Morton Arboretum and Fine Gardening magazine, on Friday with his presentation "Finding Your Garden: Listening to the Site." The symposium will run Friday through March 12 at the arboretum, 4100 Route 53, Lisle.

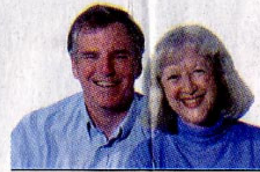
One problem that Davitt had encountered was a long, narrow, dark overgrown yard alongside a Victorian house. He welcomed the challenge to make the space more appealing and usable. To combat the "bowling alley" feel of the location,

and needs of the homeowner.

"A landscape also really needs to be a reflection of its owner," he said.

Davitt also is the author of "Water Features for Small Gardens: From Concept to Construction," (Timber Press, 2003) and "Beyond the Lawn: Unique Outdoor Spaces for Modern Living," (Rockport, 2003). Coming soon is "Landscape Using Structures: Paths & Walkways in Your Garden," (Sterling).

Also on Friday, Mike Sands, environmental director at Prairie Crossing, will talk about how residents live with nature at the Prairie Crossing community in Grayslake. Todd Meier, executive editor of Fine Gardening mag-



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Butterflies and Blossoms." After Myers' presentation, Rex Bastian, the "Tree Doctor," will describe "Lively Soil."

The last presentation of the morning will be by Stephanie Cohen, author of "The Perennial

MIDWEST GARDEN SYMPOSIUM

WHEN: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday through March 12

WHERE: The Morton Arboretum, 4100 Illinois Route 53, Lisle.

COST: Friday-March 12: \$219 non-members, \$199 members; single day: \$123 non-members, \$113 members; Friday garden gourmet dinner \$59 non-members, \$55 members; March 12 Flower & Garden Show tour \$69 non-members, \$59 members
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