Carleton Noon Gardener's Upcoming Events:

- **Wednesday, May 9:** Spring Garden Tour with Sam Demas

On Wednesday, May 9, Sam Demas, College Librarian and Master Gardener, will host an early spring garden walking-tour at his home to see a "work in progress," and hear what Sam is trying to do in adapting to a shady planting site. All members of the Carleton community are welcome to attend whether you have joined the Noon Gardener's in the past or not. Anyone wishing to join the walking-tour should meet in front of Laird at 12:00 p.m.; from here we will walk to Sam's home at 410 Winona St. Sam has generously offered to serve lemonade/iced tea, so feel free to bring your lunch for a spring, outdoor dining experience!

- **Wednesday, May 16:** Tom Nelson, on Wildflower Rescue, SH 251

On Wednesday, May 16, Tom will return to Carleton speak to the Noon Gardener's about his work in rescuing native Minnesota wildflowers (Lady Slippers, bloodroot, etc.) from areas approaching redevelopment. If you attended Tom’s talk a couple of years ago you may remember a lively discussion, as Tom spoke of his deep interest in rescuing these plants from extinction.

- **Wednesday, May 23:** Joel Girardin, on Heirloom Vegetable Gardening, SH 251

On Wednesday, May 23, Joel will speak to us about his background in growing heirloom vegetables; he currently grows 100+ different varieties of garlic, 20+ varieties of shallots, 75 different heirloom tomatoes, 30 varieties of squash, and 10 varieties of melons in his garden near Randolph, MN. In addition to working his own garden, Joel also serves as the Garlic Advisor to the Seed Savers organization out of Decorah, IA, for which he recently won an award.

- **Wednesday, May 30:** Presentation by Margit Johnson, SH 251

On Wednesday, May 30, Margit Johnson will give a PowerPoint illustrated talk about her use of a 66x165 foot city lot where she and her husband grow their Christmas trees, vegetables and flowers, raise chickens, and try to reduce the amount of mowed lawn for more minimal upkeep. This will be an idea-generating discussion, so bring your thoughts & questions!

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