



BIOGRAPHY

Nationally known gardening expert, TV/radio host, author & columnist Melinda Myers has over 30 years of horticulture experience and has written over **20 gardening books**, including [Can't Miss Small Space Gardening](#), the [Midwest Gardener's Handbook](#), and *Jackson and Perkins' Beautiful Roses Made Easy: Midwestern Edition*. She hosts the **nationally-syndicated** "[Melinda's Garden Moment](#)" programming which airs on over **125 TV and radio stations** throughout the U.S. Melinda also hosts the internationally distributed Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series, including the latest [Food Gardening for Everyone DVD](#). She is a columnist and contributing editor for [Birds & Blooms](#) magazine and writes the twice monthly "Gardeners' Questions" newspaper column. Melinda also writes a regular column for *Chicagoland Gardening* and *Wisconsin Gardening* magazines. She appears regularly as a guest expert on numerous national and local television and radio shows.

Melinda is a dynamic presenter, appearing at many of the major flower shows and home & garden events throughout the country each year.

Prior to her current media work, Melinda hosted "**The Plant Doctor**" **radio show** for over 20 years as well as seven seasons of "*Great Lakes Gardener*" on **PBS**. She also hosted "*Yardworks*," a nationally syndicated yard care and garden show where she interviewed celebrities right in their own backyards. Additionally, she was a contributing editor and columnist for *Backyard Living* magazine and has written articles for *Better Homes and Gardens* and *Fine Gardening*.

Melinda has written many books throughout her career, including *Can't Miss Small Space Gardening*, the *Midwest Gardener's Handbook*, *Michigan Getting Started Garden Guide*, *Minnesota and Wisconsin Getting Started Garden Guide*, *Minnesota & Wisconsin Month-by-Month Gardening*, *Jackson and Perkins' Selecting, Growing and Combining Outstanding Perennials: Midwest Edition*, *The Garden Book for Wisconsin*, *Month-by-Month Gardening in Iowa*, *Month-by-Month Gardening in Nebraska*, *Month-by-Month Gardening in the Dakotas*, *My Wisconsin Garden: A Gardener's Journal*, *Month-by-Month Gardening in Wisconsin*, *Month-by-Month Gardening in the Prairielands*, *The Minnesota Gardener's Guide*, *The Minnesota Horticultural Society's Month-by-Month Gardening in Minnesota*, and *The Perfect Lawn: Midwest Series*.

Melinda has a master's degree in horticulture, is a certified arborist, and was a horticulture instructor with tenure.

For her work, community service and media presence, Melinda has received recognition and numerous awards, including the national **American Horticultural Society's B.Y. Morrison Communication Award**. She's also the recipient of the Garden Globe Award for radio talent and the Quill and Trowel Award for her television work, both from the Garden Writers Association. She's been awarded the Garden Communicator's Award from the American Nursery and Landscape Association, the Gold Leaf Award for Arbor Day from the International Society of Arboriculture, and the Perennial Plant Association Garden Media Award. In 2012, Melinda became the first woman inducted into the Wisconsin Green Industry Federation's Hall of Fame.

