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**GARDENING EXPERT MELINDA MYERS TO SHARE SOME GARDENING INSPIRATION AT THE 2011 WISCONSIN STATE FAIR**

**Aug. 1, 2011** – Gardening expert, TV/radio host, author & columnist Melinda Myers will present **“Beautiful Solutions for Your Landscape Challenges”** at **9:45 and 2 p.m. daily** at the We Energies’ Energy Park stage during the 2011 Wisconsin State Fair, which runs Aug. 4-14.

Myers’ presentation will provide ideas on how to maximize the beauty of your landscape using screening methods, raised beds, creative container gardens, protecting your plantings, planting and maintenance strategies, edible gardening for limited spaces and much more.

Myers has also put together some **Green & Growing Kids activities** which will take place at **11:15 a.m. daily** also at We Energies’ Energy Park. Kids will have the opportunity to grow their own worms and take cuttings. Both activities give kids a chance to explore these gardening activities further at home.

Myers encourages all fair goers to check out the new We Energies’ Energy Park area. “The garden underwent some major changes again this year and it’s definitely worth checking out,” explains Myers. “We hope that the gardens inside Energy Park will provide plenty of ideas for visitors to try at home.”

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“I’m excited about presenting at the State Fair again this year,” said Myers. “It’s always a great place to share new ideas, meet with gardeners and spread a love of gardening.”

If you’d like more information or to schedule an interview with Melinda Myers at the fair, please contact Diana Paul at 414-771-1888 or [dianapaul@wi.rr.com](mailto:dianapaul@wi.rr.com)

Gardening expert, author and TV & radio host Melinda Myers has more than 30 years of horticulture experience and has written over 20 gardening books, including **Can’t Miss Small Space Gardening**. She hosts the nationally syndicated **Melinda’s Garden Moment** segments which air on **89 TV and radio stations** throughout the U.S. and Canada. She is a columnist and contributing editor for **Birds & Blooms** magazine and writes the twice monthly “**Gardeners’ Questions**” newspaper column. Melinda hosted “**The Plant Doctor**” radio program for over 20 years as well as **Great Lakes Gardener** on **PBS**. Melinda has a master’s degree in horticulture, is a certified arborist and was a horticulture instructor with tenure. Her web site is [www.melindamyers.com](http://www.melindamyers.com)

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