

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 <u>Can't Miss Small Space Gardening</u>, the <u>Midwest Gardener's Handbook</u>, and Jackson and Perkins' Beautiful Roses Made Easy. She hosts the nationally-syndicated "<u>Melinda's Garden Moment</u>" program which airs on over 115 TV and radio stations

throughout the U.S. Melinda also hosts the internationally distributed <u>Great Courses</u> <u>"How to Grow Anything</u>" DVD series, including the latest <u>Food Gardening for</u> <u>Everyone</u> DVD set. She is a columnist and contributing editor for <u>Birds & Blooms</u> magazine and writes the twice monthly "Gardeners' Questions" newspaper column. Melinda also writes a regular column for *Chicagoland Gardening* and *Wisconsin Gardening*. She appears regularly as a guest expert on 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. She has the highest rating – **5 stars** – on <u>GreatGardenSpeakers.com</u>.



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 many celebrities 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 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's received recognition and numerous awards, including the national **American Horticultural Society's B.Y. Morrison Communication Award**. In 2017, Myers was inducted into the **national Hall of Fame of GWA: The Association for Garden Communicators**, the highest honor that can be given to a member of the association.

Myers has also been awarded the GWA's Garden Globe Award for radio talent and the Quill and Trowel Award for her television work; the Garden Communicator's Award from the American Nursery and Landscape Association; the International Society of Arboriculture's Gold Leaf Award; and the Perennial Plant Association's Garden Media Award. In 2012, Melinda became the first woman inducted into the Wisconsin Green Industry Federation's Hall of Fame.

Myers's website is www.MelindaMyers.com