



# Gulf South Winter Gardening Symposium

Hosted by Master Gardeners of Greater New Orleans (MGGNO)

## Creating an Elegant Edible Landscape

**Saturday, February 20, 2021**

**9:30 am to 12:30 pm CST**

### **Webinar**

In order to maintain safety and convenience for everyone, MGGNO is going virtual for our 2021 Winter Gardening Symposium! We invite you to join us for presentations from two seasoned professionals, Justin Rohner, Agriscaping CEO and Founder, and Erika Nolan, Founder and President of Instar. These exceptional speakers and specialists in elegant edible landscapes will provide educational information to assist home gardeners with growing their own food, a topic that has gained great interest due to the pandemic.

### **About the Presentations**

**JUSTIN ROHNER: INTEGRATING INNOVATIONS IN ELEGANT EDIBLE LANDSCAPING**

Learn how to easily apply new developments in micro-climate technology to create an elegant edible landscape of your own on any-sized property. Discussion to include an in-depth look at innovative ways to tastefully integrate food indoors, outdoor, full-sun, to full-shade spaces and bring new meaning and fun to the mundane, sometimes forgotten spaces of your home, castle, or cabin.

### **ERIKA NOLAN: PLANT SELECTION AND NATURAL REMEDIES**

Selecting the right varieties will make growing at home easier and more rewarding. Presentation will review how to pick foods that grow best in our region and tips for organic gardening. Bonus information on harvesting seeds from your own plants to ensure continuous seed supply for future crops.

## **Meet the Speakers**



Justin Rohner, is executive director of the Queen Creek Botanical Gardens, where he is responsible for all operational aspects of the gardens. As founder of Agriscaping Technologies, Justin has helped people around the world grow their own healthy, fresh foods at home for more than 25 years. He is a passionate educator, artist, and entrepreneur with an engineering mind. His professional enthusiasm centers around improving self-reliance, sustainable food, and family, and was named one of Arizona's Top 35 Entrepreneurs under 35 by The Arizona Republic and AZCentral.com for his work improving local food access & sustainability. Justin began his career in landscaping at the ripe age of 9, working summers and weekends at a small 9-hole, executive golf-course in Mesa, Arizona. He earned his BA from Arizona State University and a Masters from the University of Santa Monica.



Erika Nolan is Licensed Horticulturalist with a Certification in Landscape Horticulture. She created Instar from a smaller home business, operating out of 50 s.f. of gardening space. Erika hustled the plant world in every way possible: from selling plants at people's doorsteps to growing food and selling products at the local Farmer's Markets. Erika purchased her first home where she could further develop her homesteading model. As soon as she built the Veggie Garden, the business exploded, as everyone wanted the same: to grow their own food. Alongside Edible Gardening, Erika's love affair with plants has led her to other creative Landscaping Services, offering the best, most thought-out ideas, all within sustainable, artistic fashion. Erika considers herself and her team "Garden Artists", taking the possibilities of the landscape beyond ordinary vision.

## **Registration**

Registration fee is \$20.00. Please register [HERE](#).

The event will be live on Zoom. No technical skills required! A simple link will be provided to you that you can access from your computer, tablet or cell phone. Just click and attend!

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