

## March 15, 2018 Meeting

The RG&FC March 15, 2018 program will be “**The Cutting Edge of Hardy Landscape Roses.**”

Overview: Significant changes are underway in the breeding, testing, production, distribution and use of landscape roses. Spurred on by high consumer expectations, recent research, and creative innovation by industry to satisfy customers in a tight economy, there is much to look forward to in the rose industry. There is an increasing push to regional trialing and marketing of regionally superior cultivars and greater commitment than ever to roses with truly elevated disease resistance. Strong performing newer roses for the upper Midwest will be highlighted.

Our speaker will be University of Wisconsin - River Falls Associate Professor of Horticulture, David Zlesak. In addition to teaching horticulture, Dave is coordinator of the *Northern Earth-Kind Rose Trials*® which will identify well-adapted, low maintenance landscape roses for our northern Midwest region. He also breeds woody and herbaceous landscape plant cultivars for our region.

His UW-River Falls website is  
<https://www.uwrf.edu/FacultyStaff/1840024.cfm>

