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Summary: Gail Boe, senior gardener, and alumnus Dennis Gimmestad, architectural historian, will be guests on the show.

(February 2, 2011)-“Prairie Yard and Garden” (PY&G), on Pioneer Public Television, will explore the University of Minnesota, Morris gardens on Thursday, February 10, 2011. Host Larry Zilliox will tour the campus gardens with Gail Boe, senior gardener, and visit with Dennis Gimmestad, a Morris graduate who serves as an architectural historian with the Minnesota Department of Transportation. Gimmestad will talk about the history of the campus and its transition from the West Central School of Agriculture (1910–1963) to a public liberal arts college.

Created and produced at the University of Minnesota, Morris, PY&G is in its 24th year of traveling the state tapping researchers, gardening and nursery professionals, educators, and ordinary backyard gardeners for their expertise in horticulture, landscaping, and a variety of gardening topics in a sometimes difficult and frustrating growing region. PY&G has been the number one rated program of national or local origination on Pioneer for the last few years. The program airs Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. January through April, with rebroadcasts Mondays at 1 p.m. and Saturdays at 4:30 p.m.

Pioneer Public Television, a Public Broadcasting System (PBS) affiliate, serves more than 375,000 households across Minnesota, South Dakota, and Iowa.

Photo: West Central School of Agriculture Garden on the Morris campus

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