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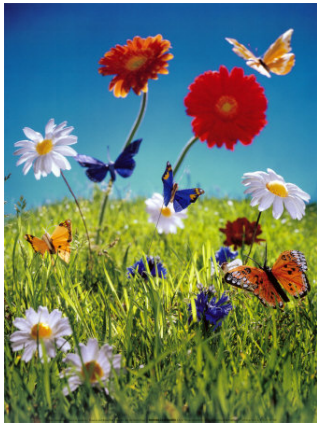
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Evenings in the Garden 2010



**Michigan State University Extension
Oakland County**
in cooperation with the
Tollgate Garden Volunteers

Presents:

**Educational Workshops at
MSU Tollgate Education Center
28115 Meadowbrook Road
Novi, Michigan 48377**

Container Herb Gardens

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Instructor: Paula Kraus

Paula Kraus, long-time gardener and herb specialist will help us explore the world of container herb gardening. This will be a hands-on class and each student will leave with a table top container garden with herbs that will make all of your culinary creations burst with flavor. Come prepared to learn about how to get the most out of your small gardening spaces and how to make your container grown plants flourish. Additional \$15 material fee.

Hydrangeas: Classic Beauty

Thursday, June 3, 2010

Instructor: Cheryl English

Since the recent introduction of 'Endless Summer,' Hydrangeas have become a staple of Michigan gardens. These garden classics are not limited to the traditional "Florists' Hydrangea." There are many more choices, including outstanding native North American species and their cultivars. Learn about flower form and color (including how to get that perfect pink or beautiful blue), planting, pruning and, most importantly, plant selection, to make the most of these superb performers in your garden.

Small Fruit Production

Thursday, June 10, 2010

Instructor: Bob Tritten

Ever wish you could grow your own strawberries, raspberries, grapes, blueberries or other small fruits? Join MSU Extension District Fruit Educator, Bob Tritten, as he helps explore all of the aspects of producing your

own delicious, healthy fruit. Bob will cover plant selection, matching the plant to your site, training and pest management. Everything you need to make your small fruit gardening a success! With Bob's expert guidance, you will be on your way to knowing just what went into that luscious strawberry sitting on your plate.

Butterfly Gardens

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Instructor: Brenda Dziezic



Join Brenda as she introduces us to the world of butterflies and butterfly gardening. Brenda is a co-founder and president of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association, member of the Michigan Entomological Society and the Lepidopterists' Society. She is also an Advanced Master Gardener and received the "Master Gardener of the Year" award for Wayne County in 2007. She will help you make your garden a more welcoming place for these beautiful creatures. She will help you select plants and teach you what to look for while creating a backyard butterfly wonderland.

Dramatic Garden Lighting

Wednesday, July 14, 2010

Instructor: Sue Grubba

Why have your garden be attractive only during the daylight hours? Sue Grubba, long-time garden professional, will explain the ins and outs of obtaining dramatic garden lighting effects. Sue will explain lighting placement and selection. She will also discuss how to develop the wiring and power systems to support your new after sundown environment. The growing season is too short to enjoy just the daylight half. Learn how to get the most out of your garden all night long too!

Native Plants for Wet and Dry
Tuesday, July 27, 2010
Instructor: Ruth Vrbensky

Thinking about trying a garden that is a bit out of the ordinary? Want to know which plants are tough enough to thrive in unusual water conditions? Perhaps you see a Rain Garden or Xeriscape in your future? Spend an evening with Ruth Vrbensky, Advanced Master Gardener, Conservation Steward and owner of Oakland Wildflower Farm as she shares with you how to use native plants to get either of these gardens going. The class will include exploring some plantings around Tollgate. As an added bonus, Ruth will be offering selections from her nursery before, during and after the lecture.



Ornamental Grasses
Wednesday, August 11, 2010
Instructor: Kim Roth

Join Kim of Christensen's Plant Center as she leads us through the wonderful world of ornamental grasses. Grasses can be the perfect complement or centerpiece of every garden. Kim will help us explore the wide world of grasses in all of their many forms, from large varieties that make a bold statement to individuals small enough to provide just the right accent. Come learn from Kim how to make these plants a valuable addition to your landscape. Take advantage of all of Kim's extensive knowledge of the plant world to make your backyard oasis all that it can be.

What's Wrong with My Tree?
Tuesday, August 24, 2010
Instructor: Mike Barger

Mike Barger, long-time tree professional and owner of Mike's Tree Surgeons in Troy, Michigan will help you unravel the mystery of caring for your trees. From fertilization, insect and disease identification and control, pruning, cabling and many other services, Mike will explain just what a professional arborist can do for your trees. Now is your chance to "ask the arborist" and learn just what is going on in the branches above you.



Putting Your Garden to Bed the Right Way!
Tuesday, August 31, 2010
Instructor: Gail Morrell

Gail Morrell will share her passion for garden maintenance. She will discuss those important chores that can make your fall clean up easier. A professional gardener for nineteen years, Gail is the President of the Association of Professional Gardeners and the landscape manager for a gated community. Gail's garden has been featured on the Troy Garden Walk and the SOCCRA healthy garden tour. Want to give your plants four star treatment? Come learn from the best!

Registration Information

- Location for all classes:
MSU Tollgate Education Center
28115 Meadowbrook Rd.
Novi, Michigan 48377
- Class times: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- Registration fee is \$20.00 per class

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- We do not accept credit/debit cards.
- Phone registrations will not be accepted.
- Classes will close when registration reaches capacity (40 students). Walk in space may not be available.
- Confirmation with class details and a map will be emailed upon receipt of registration and check.
- No refunds will be issued. Substitute participants will be accepted.

Questions? Contact: Linda at 248-858-0887 or smithlin@oakgov.com

Each session qualifies for 2 hours of continuing education for Master Gardener Volunteers.

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Registration Form

Please complete one registration form per person:

- Container Herb Gardens May 25
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- Hydrangeas June 3
- Small Fruit June 10
- Butterfly Gardens June 24
- Garden Lighting July 14
- Native Plants for Wet & Dry July 27
- Ornamental Grasses August 11
- What's Wrong with my Tree? August 24
- Putting Your Garden to Bed August 31

Total: \$ _____ (\$20 each)

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