



Ready...Set...Grow...



Presented by the Lee, Ogle, & Whiteside Master Gardeners



Gardening Workshop

Saturday, March 9, 2013

9 am- 3 pm

Sauk Valley Community College

Dixon, IL



WORKSHOP FACTS

- 15 different workshops
- Mark Dwyer, Keynote Speaker
- Visit local vendors
- Continental Breakfast & Lunch
- Registration due by March 1
- Registration fee \$40
- Online registration at

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Keynote Speaker

Ornamental Edible Gardening

Mark Dwyer, Director of Horticulture
 Rotary Botanical Gardens, Janesville, Wisconsin

While growing our own food is not a novel concept, the approach of incorporating “ornamental edibles” throughout our landscapes is an innovative and beautiful approach. Ornamental edibles are plants that provide significant beauty but are also dual-purpose in that they provide food, flavoring or other attributes that make them “kitchen-worthy”. Learn how to incorporate a wide range of ornamental edibles in your garden borders, containers and any open nook and cranny.





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8:30-9:00 Registration & Refreshment



9:00-9:10 Welcome & Overview

9:15-10:15 Sessions

10:30-11:30 Sessions

01. Succulent Container Gardens

Succulents are booming in popularity for two simple reasons: they are beautiful and nearly indestructible. Candice will help you create your own beautiful succulent container garden to take and enjoy at home. Class size is limited and supplies are included.

Additional Cost: \$20

**Candice Miller, Horticulture Educator
University of Illinois Extension**

02. Composting Essentials

Learn the basics of backyard composting. Composting allows decomposed materials to be reused as a nutrition supplement for your garden, lawn, and houseplants. Vermicomposting will also be covered. With the help of red wigglers, you can compost indoors all winter long.

**Ellen Phillips, Local Foods & Small Farms Educator
University of Illinois Extension**

03. This Organic Soil

"Feed the soil" is the mantra of an organic farmer or gardener. This lecture takes a close look at the soil and how creating healthy soil leads to healthy plants, and insect and disease resistance. Topics include soil structure, fertility, cover crops, weed control, and the use of compost.

Rich Tobiasz, McHenry County Master Gardener

04. Starting a Community Garden

A community garden is a place for growing food, friends, flowers, and community. Find out how to contribute to the economic, social, and environmental vitality of your area by starting a community garden. In this workshop, we will cover: identifying community needs, organizing your group, setting goals, funding, overcoming challenges, and fostering community involvement.

Jeff White, Winnebago County Master Gardener

05. Sustainable Landscapes: Using Low-Maintenance Native Plants

Learn why the use of native plants in the landscape is important and how to implement them successfully in this highly graphic presentation. Andy is a LEED professional with over a decade of experience in designing and installing native landscapes.

Andy Stahr, Registered Landscape Architect, Leland

06. Magical Miniature Gardens

Miniature plantcapes known as fairy gardens enchant Midwest gardeners. Join Jim as he helps you create your own miniature fantasyland. Class size is limited and supplies are included. **Additional Cost: \$35**

Jim Brown, Distinctive Gardens, Dixon

07. Beneficial Insects & Pollinators

Kelly Allsup, a former greenhouse grower will give instructions on how to attract beneficial insects and pollinators to your garden. She will demonstrate which beneficial insects prey on which garden pests, how to release some beneficial insects, give information on where to order them and tips on making them thrive.

**Kelly Allsup, Horticulture Educator
University of Illinois Extension**

08. Seed Starting at Home

End your seed-starting frustration! Starting seeds indoors can give you a jump start on the growing season and it is a fantastic, inexpensive way of getting the exact plant varieties you want to grow. We will discuss the elements necessary to have seed-starting success! B.J. is responsible for designing, planting, growing, and maintaining the 25,000 annuals displayed each year on the college campus.

**BJ Miller, Greenhouse & Gardens Technician
Kishwaukee College, Malta**

09. Growing Vegetables

Good looking vegetables can be grown organically, though many gardeners prefer conventional methods. From asparagus to zucchini, join Rich as he looks at how to get the best vegetables from your garden.

Rich Tobiasz, McHenry County Master Gardener

10. Waterscaping your Landscape

Tim will present basic options for water garden creations. He will provide examples and show you how to create soft edging ponds and streams naturally blending into the landscape. He will demonstrate how to make your water feature look like it has always been a part of the landscape using aquatic plants, rock, boulders, perennials, and plantings.

Tim Siegner, Natural Water Gardens, Freeport

Luncheon

Served from 11:30-12:30 PM

12:30-1:30 Sessions

11. Vertical Gardening

All of our gardens offer conditions or situations where growing plants vertically can be a functional and beautiful asset. Proper selection of plants along with the use of various structures can maximize the beauty in your garden while minimizing the "footprint" of these plants in those narrow or limited spaces. We'll discuss some vertical gardening ideas that use up no traditional growing space and are perfect for the steps, deck, patio, balcony or general tight spot.

Mark Dwyer, Director of Horticulture
Rotary Botanical Gardens, Janesville, WI

12. New for 2013: Latest in Annuals & Perennials

Bud will introduce us to some exciting plants and flowers that have arrived on the market as well as trendy and whimsical ways to display them. Find out what plants would be best suited to your landscape and lifestyle.

Bud LeFevre, Distinctive Gardens, Dixon

13. Common Garden Pests in the Vegetable Garden

Learn to identify some of the most notorious garden pests and how to treat them. Early identification of insect pests can help prevent pest outbreaks and crop failure. Proper identification of garden pests can help you better determine an integrated pest management program for your garden.

Kelly Allsup, Horticulture Educator
University of Illinois Extension

14. Rain Barrels

Learn the benefits of and requirements for collecting rain water for use in your garden, followed by a hands-on workshop where you can make your own rain barrel to take home! Class size is limited and supplies are included.

Additional Cost: \$30

Candice Miller, Horticulture Educator
University of Illinois Extension

15. Wonderful World of Beekeeping

So you want to be a beekeeper? We will talk about bees and what it takes to get started in Beekeeping. This will be a fun and informative presentation by one of the most entertaining beekeepers in northern Illinois.

Phillip Raines, Raines Honey Farm, Davis

1:50-2:50 pm –Keynote

2:50-3:00 pm– Evaluation

Registration Form

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Pre-registration due **March 1, 2013.**

Mail to Ogle County Extension, 421 W Pines Rd
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Questions. Phone: 815-732-2191

Cost of workshop is **\$40**

Register online at:

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Using session numbers, please sign up for your first and second choice in each time slot. Sessions filled on first come, first served basis.

9:15-10:15 am (sessions 1-5)

First Choice: _____

Second Choice: _____

10:30-11:30 am (sessions 6-10)

First Choice: _____

Second Choice: _____

12:30-1:30 pm (sessions 11-15)

First Choice: _____

Second Choice: _____

1:50-2:50 pm –Keynote Session (all attend)

2:50-3:00 pm– Evaluation & Door Prizes

Registration Fee Enclosed \$40 _____

Additional Fee (s) Enclosed: _____

Total Fee Enclosed: _____



After lunch stop and visit vendor booths...featuring garden art, crafts, and much more. Have a gardening question, stop by and visit our Master Gardeners. Thanks for attending Ready, Set, Grow.

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