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



Saturday, March 12, 2016

8 am - 3 pm

Presented by the Carroll, Lee, Ogle, & Whiteside Master Gardeners
In Cooperation with Sauk Valley Community College



Martha Smith Keynote Address: A Tale of Two Gardens



Journey through the seasons in two Illinois gardens. From Southern Illinois to the Northern suburbs of Chicago, this program shows how these gardens change through the seasons. Learn to keep a watchful eye on your own garden to discover visual interest spring, summer, fall & winter. Martha Smith, Horticulture Educator, University of Illinois Extension will take you through the seasons in these two gardens. Martha has been with University of Illinois Extension since 1994. Prior to this she was a horticulture agent for Cornell Cooperative Extension in New York. She earned a bachelor's degree from University of Illinois in Ornamental Horticulture and a master's degree in adult education from Western Illinois University. Prior to Extension, Martha worked as a perennial grower, horticulture broker and landscape designer.

During your scheduled breaks make sure to visit the East Mall

- Demonstrations on Intriguing World of Air Plants, Upkeep and Sharpening Your Tools and Vermicomposting Bins
- Vendors with unique gardening items for purchase
- Master Gardener Question and Answer Help Desk

Listing of demonstrations located in East Mall

The Intriguing World of Air Plants by Candice Miller, University of Illinois Extension

9:30 - 10:00 am

Join Candice as she demonstrates how to care for tillandsias, also known as air plants. View the different varieties and watch as she creates a number of different air plant projects and plantings, including wreaths, terrariums and ornaments.

Upkeep and Sharpening Your Tools by Phil Bratta, Ogle County Master Gardener

11:45 - 12:15 pm

Join Ogle County Master Gardener, Phil Bratta as he discusses the care and upkeep of common gardening tools and demonstrates how to properly and safely sharpen these tools.

Vermicomposting Bins by Bruce Black, University of Illinois Extension

1:15 - 1:45 pm

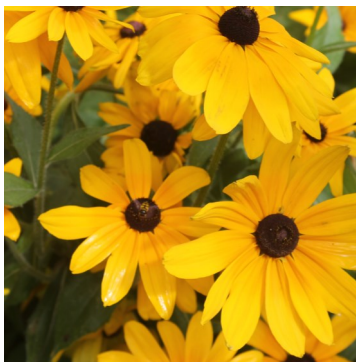
Vermicomposting bins are an easy indoor way to recycle organic wastes from your kitchen and your home to be used later to enrich the soil for plants. Vermicomposting incorporates worms to enhance and speed up the composting process. Bruce will demonstrate how to set up a bin from start to finish.



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173 IL Route 2, Dixon, IL



Keynote Address: A Tale of Two Gardens by Martha Smith

Schedule

8:00-8:30 Registration & Continental Breakfast

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by Martha Smith

9:30-10:00 Visit Vendors and Demonstration
The Intriguing World of Air Plants

10:00-11:00 Session I

01. Natural Fairy Gardens

A brief history of fairy gardens and the plants suitable for fairy gardens will be discussed. Using only materials found in nature, the rest of the class will be spent making your own fairy garden furniture.

Additional Cost of \$10/ Limit 15 participants
Nancy Gmitro, Carroll County Master Gardener

02. Ages and Stages of Gardening

Gardens and gardeners change over the years. For many, we had our cutting garden era and our daylily years, followed by the hosta craze and so on. As we age we have to listen to our bodies and realize what we used to manage is becoming unmanageable. This program walks you through the stages of gardening and talks to you about how to garden smarter. We all have to adjust to what we have in our landscapes and learn to manage it as we and our gardens mature.

Martha Smith, University of Illinois Extension
Horticulture Educator

03. Native Illinois Plants in the Home Landscape

Do you have a passion for wildflowers? Home gardeners will learn how and when to plant and how to maintain the long term health and appeal of native plants. This session will equip every gardener to make the most of the beauty and hardiness of native plantings.

Chris Enroth, University of Illinois Extension
Horticulture Educator

04. Introduction to Permaculture

Permaculture is more than permanent agriculture. The theories and methods provide Homo sapiens a means for living in harmony with the planet earth. In this introductory class, Rich will take a look at ecosystems and how your garden can be designed along ecologically sound principles.

Rich Tobiaz, McHenry County Master Gardener

05. Titanic Terrariums

Learn how to create a garden paradise in miniature under glass. This session will cover terrarium plants, types, unusual containers and décor. A demonstration will be presented.

Jim Brown, Woodlawn Landscapes and Design

11:00-12:15 Buffet Lunch
Visit Vendors and Demonstration
Upkeep and Sharpening Your Tools

12:15-1:15 Session II

06. Hydroponics for Home Food Production

Hydroponics, a method of growing plants in water instead of soil, is becoming increasingly popular for growing food indoors. In the dead of winter, you can easily be growing lettuce, herbs, or other vegetables in your own home. This program will demonstrate how easy making an at home hydroponic system can be. Candice will discuss the basics of how hydroponics works, the material needed to build a system, and the maintenance required. Participants can make their own system to take home.

Additional Cost of \$15 / Limit 20 participants
Candice Miller, University of Illinois Extension
Horticulture Educator

07. Vermicomposting: Recycling with Worms

An overview of the basics of composting and vermicomposting. Vermicomposting uses worms to help turn waste into compost. During this workshop, you will learn to create and manage your own garden compost pile, vermicomposter, or both.

Bruce Black, University of Illinois Extension
Horticulture Educator

08. Getting Your Feet Wet with Rain Gardens

Learn how to reduce your impact downstream by building a rain garden. Chris will introduce participants to the concepts and construction techniques of a successful rain garden. Chris will also discuss what plants work best in rain gardens.

Chris Enroth, University of Illinois Extension
Horticulture Educator

9. Lessons Learned From the Founding
Father's Gardens

The Founding Fathers (Washington, Adams, Jefferson, and Madison) were more than revolutionaries; they were gardeners. Much of what they did in the late 18th and early 19th century in their gardens, is the basis for some of today's gardening techniques. Join Rich as he explores these revolutionary gardens and their impact on us today.

Rich Tobiaz, McHenry County Master Gardener

10. Succulents: The Plants That Need No Care

Observe how to make a living wreath using succulents and topiaries. Bud will bring a collection of plants to show and talk about.

Bud LeFevre, Distinctive Gardens Inc.

1:15-1:45 Visit Vendors and Demonstration
Vermicomposting Bins

1:45-2:45 Session III

11. Kokedama String Gardening

String gardening is a term that has become attached to a style of Japanese bonsai known as Kokedama, which literally means "moss ball" in English. To create these "moss balls," a plant is taken out of its pot, most of its soil removed, and is inserted into a ball of soil held together with moss and string. They are then hung from decorative string. Learn from Candice the history of these interesting plantings, the exact process of making a string garden, and the specific care instructions. You'll have the opportunity to make your own moss ball in this hands-on session.

Additional Cost of \$15 / Limit 20 participants
Candice Miller, University of Illinois Extension
Horticulture Educator

12. How to Plan and Manage a Community Garden

Community gardens are amazing ways to help your communities through beautification or growing food for those who might not have it. The keys to having a successful garden are planning and management. Learn what questions you need to ask yourself and think about, in order to have a successful community garden.

Bruce Black, University of Illinois Extension
Horticulture Educator

13. Gardening As Therapy

The therapeutic benefits of gardening are numerous and many Master Gardeners across the country have taken to bringing those therapeutic benefits to those who cannot get out and garden. Join Ogle County Master Gardeners as they discuss the successful gardening as therapy programs they have implemented across Ogle County. They will illustrate several horticulture activities that can be modified to fit into various settings like nursing homes, retirement villages, and more.

Ogle County Master Gardeners

14. Birds of Prey

The program will cover some of the Sauk Valley's common Birds of Prey. Identification, life history, and habitat will be addressed.

Greg Hunter, Dixon Park District

15. Creative Ways to Use Succulents and Sedums

These hard to kill gems can turn any container into a one of a kind garden. Bud will show you wreaths, topiaries, and other creative containers using sedums and succulents.

Bud LeFevre, Distinctive Gardens Inc.

2:45-3:00 Evaluation & Door Prizes

Registration Form

Ready...Set...Grow... March 12, 2016

Please register by **March 7, 2016.**

Mail to Ogle County Extension,
421 W. Pines Rd., Suite 10, Oregon, IL 61061

Check payable to U of I Extension

Phone: 815-732-2191

The base cost of this workshop is **\$40.**

Register online: <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/bdo>

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

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

Session I (sessions 1-5)

First Choice: _____

Second Choice: _____

Session II (sessions 6-10)

First Choice: _____

Second Choice: _____

Session III (sessions 11-15)

First Choice: _____

Second Choice: _____

Registration Fee Enclosed - \$40: _____

Additional Fee(s) Enclosed: _____

Total Fee Enclosed: _____

Vegetarian Lunch Needed: Circle Yes or No

For more information, contact your local office.

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