

Master Gardeners of Lehigh and Northampton Counties

Master Gardeners are community volunteers trained by county Extension Educators. Once they complete their training, Master Gardeners begin volunteer service. They cooperate with service agencies and community groups on a wide range of gardening projects. They often provide hands-on training through demonstrations to home gardeners, clubs and other organizations. Their talents and energy are directed toward providing a link between their community and Penn State Cooperative Extension.

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Directions to Bethlehem Township Community Center, 2900 Farmersville Road, Bethlehem, PA 18020

Directions from the Allentown area: Head east on Route 22 until the last Bethlehem exit, Route 191. At the end of the ramp, turn left heading south. Continue to the third traffic light and turn left (east) onto Oakland Road. Follow Oakland Road to stop light and turn left onto Easton Avenue. Make a right hand turn at the first traffic light onto Farmersville Road. Bethlehem Township Community Center is located approximately one mile on the left hand side.

From the North: Follow Route 33 south to the William Penn Highway exit. At the end of the ramp, turn right heading west. Continue to the third traffic light and make a left hand turn onto Farmersville Road. Bethlehem Township Community Center is located approximately one mile on the left hand side.

NOTE: The Bethlehem Township Community Center is handicapped accessible.

Directions to the Lehigh County Agricultural Center, 4184 Dorney Park Road, Allentown, PA:

From Route 22, take Route 309 South to Hamilton Boulevard/Route 222 exit. From exit ramp, make a left turn at the traffic light onto Hamilton Boulevard. Go to next traffic light and turn left onto Lincoln Avenue. Go to bottom of hill and turn left onto Dorney Park Road. Go 2/10 of a mile and the Lehigh County Agricultural Center is on your left.

From downtown Allentown, take Hamilton Boulevard South (toward Wescosville) to Lincoln Avenue (exit for Dorney Park). At the ramp stop sign, turn right and go down to bottom of the hill and turn left onto Dorney Park Road. Go 2/10 of a mile and the Lehigh County Agricultural Center is on your left.

NOTE: The Agricultural Center is located on the C bus route near Cedarbrook Nursing Home and is handicapped accessible.

Dear Home Gardener,

Lehigh and Northampton County Master Gardeners want you to have a healthy garden and landscape!

Penn State Master Gardeners of Lehigh and Northampton Counties have scheduled a series of classes designed especially for the beginning gardener. Our Master Gardeners are community volunteers with a passion for gardening, who are trained by county Extension Educators.

Sign up soon, as classes fill up quickly.

Questions? Call 610-391-9840.

Emelie Swackhamer

Emelie Swackhamer,
Extension Educator

Indicate on the registration form the classes you plan to attend:

- Send in the registration form as soon as possible, as space is limited.
- Plan to arrive a few minutes early to sign in.
- Be sure to note in which county each class will be held.

Our receipt of your check will confirm your registration. If problems arise due to enrollment limits, we will contact you. Feel free to duplicate the registration form to share with friends.

Spring Garden Series



grow
Healthy Gardens and
Landscapes

January - March 2011

Classes taught by Master Gardeners

CLASSES IN TWO LOCATIONS

Saturday mornings in Lehigh County at
Lehigh County Agricultural Center
4184 Dorney Park Road, Room 108
Allentown

or

Monday evenings in
Northampton County at
Bethlehem Township Community Center
2900 Farmersville Road
Bethlehem

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2011 SPRING GARDEN SERIES REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Daytime Phone (____) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

All classes are open to residents of both counties. Please register me for the following (check the appropriate blanks):

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

- ____ January 17th, 6:00 p.m., Cottage Gardening
- ____ January 17th, 7:00 p.m., Pollinators
- ____ January 24th, 6:00 p.m., Community Gardens
- ____ January 31st, 6:00 p.m., Composting
- ____ January 31st, 7:00 p.m., Heirloom Tomatoes
- ____ February 7th, 6:00 p.m., Green Roofs
- ____ February 21st, 6:00 p.m., Flowering Trees
- ____ February 21st, 7:00 p.m., Pruning Landscape Trees
- ____ February 28th, 6:00 p.m., Backyard Fruit Production
- ____ February 28th, 7:00 p.m., Colonial Herb Growing

LEHIGH COUNTY

- ____ February 12th, 9:00 a.m., Heirloom Tomatoes
- ____ February 12th, 10:00 a.m., Composting
- ____ February 12th, 11:00 a.m., Pollinators
- ____ February 26th, 9:00 a.m., Community Gardens
- ____ February 26th 10:30 a.m., Green Roofs
- ____ March 5th, 9:00 a.m., Backyard Fruit Production
- ____ March 5th, 10:00 a.m., Flowering Trees
- ____ March 5th, 11:00 a.m., Pruning Landscape Trees

Cost: \$7 for EACH program, handouts and refreshments. No refunds will be given for cancellations made less than five days in advance.

Mail this form to: Lehigh County Cooperative Extension, Lehigh County Agricultural Center, 4184 Dorney Park Road, Room 104, Allentown, PA 18104-5798.

Make check payable to: Lehigh County Extension Special Account

Enrollment limited to 40 participants per class, on a first come, first-served basis.

IN NORTHAMPTON COUNTY:

Monday, January 17, 2011

6:00 p.m. - **“Cottage Gardening”** Cottage gardening continues to be popular. What is it? How do you grow a cottage garden? We will explore the history, learn the best places, soil conditions, and flowers for a cottage garden.

7:00 p.m. - **“Pollinators”** What do pollinators do for us? How do we plant for year-round support of them?

Monday, January 24, 2011

6:00 p.m. - **“Community Gardens in Urban Settings”** Learn about the history of community gardens and the great possibilities happening today!

Monday, January 31, 2011

6:00 p.m. - **“Composting”** Learn how you can turn garden and kitchen waste into black gold. Save landfill space by recycling grass, branches, leaves and more. Take home information on how to build an inexpensive bin.

7:00 p.m. - **“Heirloom Tomatoes”** Ahhhh, fresh tomatoes! Review the basics of tomato growing and all about heirlooms.

Monday, February 7, 2011

6:00 p.m. - **“Green Roofs”** Green roofs can help improve water quality, increase wildlife habitat, reduce heating and cooling costs, help to reduce our carbon footprint and they are pretty too! We will take you on a photographic tour of some of the green roofs in the Lehigh Valley, talk about how they are being used and how small-scale green roofs are built on garden sheds.

Monday, February 21, 2011

6:00 p.m. - **“Flowering Trees: The Good, the Bad and the Scabby** Some common flowering trees are good, some have problems and there are a host of lesser-known flowering trees that could be used more often. Visuals of common disease and insect problems.

7:00 p.m. - **“Pruning Landscape Trees and Shrubs”** Learn the right techniques for pruning and shaping trees and shrubs. We’ll discuss various tools and learn when you can do it yourself and when a job needs to be turned over to professionals.

Monday, February 28, 2011

6:00 p.m. - **“Backyard Fruit Production from Apples to Zinfandels”** Backyard fruit-growing can be quite challenging, but fun and fulfilling. Nothing beats the flavor of fruit that is picked at the peak of ripeness. Creating a backyard orchard is the perfect way to produce delicious, healthy fruits that surpass anything you can find at the supermarket. For the adventurous gardener, it’s an opportunity to grow unusual varieties that are not commercially available. Join us as we explore fruit-producing possibilities for all size gardens. We’ll review site requirements, types of fruiting plants and methods to increase or extend your harvest.

7:00 p.m. - **“Colonial Herb Growing With Mistress Rebecca”** Travel back to the early days of our country to discover how herbs were used in everyday life.

IN LEHIGH COUNTY:

Saturday, February 12, 2011

9:00 a.m. - **“Heirloom Tomatoes”** Ahhhh, fresh tomatoes! Review the basics of tomato growing and all about heirlooms.

10:00 a.m. - **“Composting”** Learn how you can turn garden and kitchen waste into black gold. Save landfill space by recycling grass, branches, leaves and more. Take home information on how to build an inexpensive bin.

11:00 a.m. - **“Pollinators”** What do pollinators do for us? How do we plant for year-round support of them?

Saturday, February 26, 2011

9:00 a.m. - **“Community Gardens in Urban Settings”** Learn about the history of community gardens and the great possibilities happening today!

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