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, Extension Educator

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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.

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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.

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.
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.

Monday, January 24, 2011
7:00 p.m. - “Pollinators” What do pollinators do for us? How do we plant for year-round support of them?

Monday, January 31, 2011
6:00 p.m. - “Community Gardens in Urban Settings” Learn about the history of community gardens and the great possibilities happening today!

Monday, February 7, 2011
7:00 p.m. - “Heirloom Tomatoes” Ahhh, fresh tomatoes! Review the basics of tomato growing and all about heirlooms.

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.

Monday, February 28, 2011
6:00 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.

Saturday, March 5, 2011
10:00 a.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.

IN LEHIGH COUNTY:

Saturday, February 12, 2011
9:00 a.m. - “Heirloom Tomatoes” Ahhh, 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!

10:30 a.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.

Saturday, March 5, 2011
9:00 a.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.