

Rutgers University  
Z-Continuing Studies Admin  
Home Gardeners School  
03/21/2020 - 03/21/2020  
Loree Building  
Workshop Schedule

March 21, 2020

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**9:00 AM**

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01 NEW! The Basics of Butterfly Gardening

Hurwitz, Jane

Learn how to choose and cultivate plants that will attract a range of butterflies to your garden and help sustain all the stages of their life cycles. Many creative ideas on how to make your yard and garden an oasis for butterflies and other creatures will be covered.

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02 An Overview of Hydroponic Basics for the Homeowner

Specca, David

The basics of hydroponic plant growth will be covered at a beginner level. Topics including types of hydroponics, common crops, and basic fertilizer requirements will be explored. We will also discuss homemade hydroponic systems and kits that are commercially available for the home gardener.

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03 Easy Drip Irrigation for Your Garden

Dobson, Robert

Drip irrigation is the most efficient way to water a garden and easy to install. Learn the basics to grow a bumper crop and conserve water at the same time.

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04 NEW! Starting a Small Farm, One Step at a Time

Hlubik, William

Participants will learn the basics of transitioning their passion for gardening into a productive small scale micro-farm operation, one step at a time.

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05 NEW! A Look at the Wonderful World of Bulbs

Neary, Bruce

Bulbs can begin flowering as early as February and last until October. We will discuss the various types and use of spring, summer and fall flowering bulbs. Topics include implementing bulbs into existing landscapes, and when and how to plant them.

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06 NEW! Small and Large Trees for Your Garden

Crawford, Bruce

Most people reduce their list of small trees to Dogwoods and shade trees to Maples without giving the topic any further thought. Fortunately, the palette of trees or even large shrubs that can be 'limbed-up' to serve as a tree is immense. Bruce will discuss the various plant options available within this palette that will extend your garden's season of interest well beyond spring, as well as some fun thoughts on how to design and incorporate these plants in your garden!

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07 Composting and Good Soils: A Gardener's Best Tools

Lamb, Virginia

When gardeners pay attention to the health of their soil, gardening becomes much easier! Learn the soil health basics, as well as composting tips and how to's, that will help you create your best garden soil and your best garden with the least effort.

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08 Introduction to Plant Identification

Szczawinski, Ted

This class will focus on the techniques used to identify woody plants, trees, and shrubs. Ted will teach you how to unlock clues found in the bark, the fruit, the leaves, the flowers, and more.

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09 NEW! Walkways, Pathways, and Stairways: Our Portals into the Garden

Dover, Derron

In this workshop, we will discuss different types of entries into the garden and home. We will also discuss proper construction and methods for making each one unique in its own right.

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10 Introduction to Honey Bees and Beekeeping

Haberland, Michael

Learn the basic knowledge and techniques used in beekeeping today! The biology of the honey bee and the craft of beekeeping will be examined by exploring honey bee anatomy, physiology, colony social structure and language, and products of the hive. Students will be introduced to the basic tools and knowledge to keep bees responsibly and productively. Management and current topics in beekeeping will be discussed.

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11 Pondless Water Features

Belleck, Robert

This class will cover pondless water features and water accents for your landscape, as well as installation do's and don'ts.

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12 NEW! What Makes a Landscape Beautiful?

Soriano, Kirsten

There are many factors that go into creating a successful landscape. Environment, location, and wildlife, to name a few. In this workshop, we will critique a variety of beautiful landscapes in the Jersey Shore area. We will discuss choosing the right plant material, plant combinations, maintenance, and seasonal flowers. This class will be a fun visual garden tour guaranteed to inspire your landscape creativity.

10:30 AM - 11:45 AM

13 NEW! Planting for Honey Bees-Seasonal Planting

Zingis, John

Seasonal planting for pollinators is a key element in providing a source of food for pollinators year round. Understanding the planting landscape and selection of indigenous plant species is an important element of successful gardens. Learn the basics and receive reference guides to have your own year round pollinator garden.

10:30 AM - 11:45 AM

14 NEW! Growing the Perfect NJ Tomatoes and Peppers Organically

Hlubik, William

Participants will learn how to grow the very best tasting organic tomatoes and peppers in their garden by improving soils, selecting top performing varieties, and utilizing sound horticultural techniques.

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15 NEW! Jam'in Basics

Minch, Daryl

Sweet or savory, jams taste yummy! Learn the basics of making jam, jelly, and other spreads for shelf storage (canned) or the freezer. We'll discuss ingredients, equipment, and techniques and learn about low sugar options.

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16 NEW! Garden Accessories, Alias Garden Bling

Crawford, Bruce

Gardens are always fun and enjoyable, but like clothing, they can look a little better with accessories – some garden bling so to speak! These accessories can be simple, such as a container, or as complicated as artwork or fountains. Also, just as with clothing, too much garden accessorizing is not a good idea. This program will go through some thoughts on the many different types of garden accessories and how they can be tastefully incorporated into the garden.

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17 Tips for Early and Late Season Vegetable Gardening

Lamb, Virginia

Learn how to take advantage of the benefits of spring and fall gardening. Topics include site selection, bed preparation, plant selection, season extenders, crop rotation, soil health, and cover cropping.

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18 Best Management Practices for Pruning

Szczawinski, Ted

Believe it or not, proper pruning techniques will keep your plants healthier and happier as well as extend their life cycle. A healthier plant is better equipped to resist disease and stress damage. This is one workshop that you don't want to 'cut!'

10:30 AM - 11:45 AM

19 Revised! Landscaping for Winter Interest

Dover, Derron

This fun and informative workshop touches on some cool plants that can bring excitement to an otherwise dreary winter. We will discuss foliage, bark, fruit, and flowers. Yes, flowers in the winter!

10:30 AM - 11:45 AM

20 NEW! Vegetables That Take Root

Monaghan, Angela

Learn best practices for growing underground vegetable crops such as potatoes, carrots, beets, sweet potatoes, ginger, and more!

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21 NEW! Hands-On: Potted Plant Creations

O'Connor, Jenny

You will compose and create your own potted plant arrangement in this newly offered hands-on workshop. Jenny will provide you with tips for choosing the proper containers, types of soil, and plant combinations. She will show you how to construct an arrangement that is both visually appealing and long lasting. (Additional fee of \$45 - 25 person limit)

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22 Easy Breezy Succulents

Soriano, Kirsten

Looking for something new and fun to add to your gardening palette? Succulents make great landscaping features, container gardens, and house plants. Topics will include indoor and outdoor plant care, design ideas, and a how-to on propagating new plants in your home!

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23 NEW! Assessing Your Garden for PH and Nutrient Needs

Zingis, John

This workshop will provide an overview for soil sampling techniques, using soil testing kits, and introduce Rutgers Soil Testing Laboratory.

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24 NEW! Designing the Yard of Your Dreams

Welsh, Jim

This workshop will provide an overview of the yard design process, starting from the analysis of your property and the identification of how your yard can best serve your wants and needs. It then introduces basic design elements and principles and provides a review of some landscape styles to inspire you in the creation of your own landscape plan.

1:15 PM - 2:30 PM

25 NEW! Trellises in the Edible Garden

Cook, Amy (Program Coordinator)

Do your tomatoes consistently outgrow or knock over your tomato cages? Are your raspberry canes falling into your garden path? Want to grow cucumbers but don't have enough space? If you answered yes to any of these questions, this workshop is for you. We will learn about various methods for expertly installing and managing trellises for a variety of edible crops.

1:15 PM - 2:30 PM

26 NEW! Garden Photo Tips

Heffner, Joel

Learn how to take better pictures with the camera you always have with you...your smartphone! Techniques will be demonstrated live as well as shown on slides. In addition, you'll learn about apps that can be used to enhance your photos and techniques to preserve your garden memories.

1:15 PM - 2:30 PM

27 NEW! A Rose Parade: Slendor in the Garden

Wolek, Greg

This workshop will take a comprehensive look at the planting, pruning, and care of roses in the landscape. Rose varieties and the uses of roses in your garden will be discussed, as well as a demonstration on proper pruning.

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28 All About Hydrageas

Kristoph, Steven

Big leaf hydrangeas provide a gorgeous show of pink and blue mopheads during the summer. Their popularity has increased in recent years since the introduction of the Endless Summer series and others. This fascinating genus also contains eye catching white snowball trees, as well as lace caps and oak leaves...there is even one that climbs! This presentation will describe the differences among the major types of hydrangeas, care and culture, and their use in the home landscape.

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29 NEW! The Cook's Herb Garden

White, Caren

Fresh is always best when it comes to herbs. Learn how to plan, care for, and harvest a culinary herb garden for any cuisine.

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30 NEW! Native Pollinators and the Native Plants That Feed Them

Eierman, Kim

Our native pollinators include many different species of bees, beetles, butterflies, moths, birds, flies, and even wasps. These different species of pollinators are attracted to and can utilize different native plants. A successful pollinator garden must feed all of them. Explore our native pollinators and the native plants that feed them.

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31 HANDS-ON: Fresh Flower Arranging

Baradhi, Anthony

Learn how to make flower arrangements and decorate your home with fresh flowers. Basic techniques for flower arranging will be demonstrated. You will take home the beautiful arrangement that you make in class. Please bring floral clippers (and gloves if you prefer) to class with you. (Add'l fee, \$45pp - 25 person limit.)

2:45 PM - 4:00 PM

32 Revised! The Grass is Always Greener

Perdomo, Pedro

This class is a must for turfgrass (lawn care) enthusiasts. Learn the basic management practices used to prepare and maintain a healthy lawn all spring and summer long. Topics to be covered will include fertilization, dethatching, seed selection, and more.

2:45 PM - 4:00 PM

33 NEW! Fertilizer and Pesticide Calibration Demystified

Clark, Joseph

This talk will cover label interpretation and simplified math formulas so applicators can do safe and effective applications. During the label section, we will discuss signal words, PPE selection, REI (reentry interval), application rates, and how to implement the information. The math part of the talk will cover the basic math formulas needed to calibrate sprayers and spreaders so that applications can be completed according to the label. There will be outdoor demonstrations on equipment calibration techniques (weather permitting).

2:45 PM - 4:00 PM

34 NEW! Deer Control Methods and Deer Resistant Plants of the Past and Present

Markham, Chris

As the local deer population has exploded over the past 30 years, gardeners have continued to battle to keep their landscapes and gardens protected from these hungry herbivores. As their numbers have grown, some of the old methods to protect the plantings have become ineffective, and many of the once known "deer resistant plants" have become much more palatable to the deer. This presentation will focus on some of the plants that are still currently deer resistant, as well as some of the modern methods used to protect the plants.

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35 NEW! Raised Bed Vegetable Gardens: Where, Why, and How

Cook, Amy (Program Coordinator)

This workshop will walk you through the pros and cons of raised bed gardens; how to lay them out and construct them; gardening techniques specific to raised beds; and management tips for keeping them in top condition.

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36 Revised! Designing With Native Plants

Crawford, Bruce

Most people think about adding native plants to the garden, but few think about how to compose an attractive garden using predominantly natives. Taking into consideration the concepts of creating outdoor spaces and the use of color and texture, Bruce will look at methods for developing attractive gardens that also support our native pollinators!

2:45 PM - 4:00 PM

37 NEW! A Change of Scenery on the Way to Your Front Door

Wolek, Greg

Leaving behind the dull and boring as you walk through the "looking glass," this workshop will teach you ways to enhance the entrance to your home. Texture, form, and how to integrate color with annuals and perennials will be explored.

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38 Berrymania

Kristoph, Steven

Want to have delicious and nutritious fruit right from your own yard, but don't have the room for an apple, peach, or cherry tree? Why not consider the "berries?" Blueberries, strawberries, and the brambles (like blackberries and raspberries) are easy to establish, can be grown organically, and provide you with fresh fruit throughout the growing season. Most types can be successfully container grown if space is at a minimum. All aspects of culture and care will be covered in this presentation.

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39 NEW! Organic Gardening: Beneficial Soil Organisms

Lauersen, Kristin

This workshop will discuss how to cultivate beneficial soil organisms to improve soil health and grow strong, healthy plants.

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40 NEW! Top 10 Garden Apps

Karamichael, Kenneth

Learn about the latest gardening apps available for your computer and smartphone. From identifying plants, designing your gardens and containers, and sharing your experiences to a helpful digital care calendar, reminder alerts, or even troubleshooting in the garden – this innovative session will demonstrate the latest tech tools for the home gardener.