‘Hands On’ Fruit Care Workshop Series

Program Instructor, Jim Quinn, University of Missouri Regional Horticulture Specialist

Fruit tree pruning - Friday, March 6th at 4 pm
Details: The following fully developed fruit trees will be featured ½ side fully pruned, the other side not pruned - apple (1), plum (2), and pear (2). Pruning of a 4 year old peach, 7 year old peach and a 9 year old apple tree will also be reviewed. Application of dormant oil will be discussed and other pest control tactics in the dormant season. Site selection, propagation material and planting preparation will be reviewed. At least one new tree will be planted (persimmon? Apricot?). Bring a hand pruner to try pruning yourself & dress accordingly.

Berries and organic fruit gardening - Friday, March 20th at 4pm to 6:30 pm
Details: Pruning of raspberries, grapes, & gooseberries. Winter mulch removal of a strawberry planting. Uncovering of fig from winter protection. Site selection of paw paw trees and a zone 6 persimmon tree. Site selection and planting of several berries (blue, black, wolf, & honey). Will receive some plants by mail order, that will be removed from shipping container and planted.

Disease and insect pest control of fruit plantings - Friday, April 10th at 4 pm
Details: Several sprayer models will be discussed and demonstrated. Fungicide and bactericide products will be reviewed, with emphasis on their varying effectiveness on the different diseases. The insecticides available to homeowners and the critical time for applying will be covered. Emphasis will be on fruit trees and grapes. Organic pesticides will not be addressed, as they will be reviewed in the berry session. Fruit thinning of peaches and apples will be demonstrated (if possible) or discussed. Dress accordingly.

Free Bonus Class - A Mid Summer Fruit Review - Friday June 5th at 4 pm
Details: A walk around the garden will feature fruit development or success with crop (e.g. strawberries), disease symptoms and insect damage, control (or lack of) of diseases and insect pests, grape shoot positioning, strawberry renovation, etc. There will be NO snacks or refreshments provided for this class….but we hope to eat some fruit (e.g. Strawberries).

Registration Form - Class size is limited to 25 and preregistration with payment is required

All classes are 2 hrs (unless otherwise noted) - Location: Jim Quinn residence - 719 West Broadway (NE corner of West Broadway & Anderson Street, Columbia. Anderson only goes to the north of Broadway and is about ½ mile west of the library, or 3 blocks east of West Blvd. A notable landmark on this corner is the Columbia Montessori School. Park on Anderson.

Complimentary snack & beverage

Cost: $25 per class. Check payable to: University of MO Extension Council. Mailing address: 1012 North Hwy UU, Columbia, Mo 65203. Handouts that include some MU Publications will be provided. If you register for the 3 class series a complimentary copy of the booklet ’Midwest Home Fruit Production Guide’ (a $20 value) will be included.

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