

# 'Hands On' Fruit Care Workshop Series



**Program Instructor, Jim Quinn, University of Missouri Horticulture Specialist for the Central Missouri Region**

## **Fruit tree pruning - Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2 year old apricot, 4 year old peach and a 6 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. Two new trees will be planted (cherry and peach). Bring a hand pruners to try pruning yourself & dress accordingly.

## **Berries and organic fruit gardening - Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 4 to 6:30 pm**

**Details:** Pruning of raspberries, blueberries, blackberries & grapes. Discussion about fall planted strawberries, using the annual plasticulture approach. Uncovering of fig from winter protection. Site selection of paw paw trees and a zone 7 persimmon tree; minor pruning of persimmon and grafting on the paw paw will be demonstrated. Site selection and planting of more gooseberries, received by mail order, which will be removed from its shipping container and planted. Pest control will be reviewed with a discussion of how to cultivate these organically. Bring a hand pruners to try pruning yourself & dress accordingly or like a leprechaun.

## **Disease and insect pest control of fruit plantings - Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 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 - Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> 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 skirt pruning, strawberry renovation, etc. There will be **NO** snacks or refreshments provided for this class.....but we hope to eat some fruit (e.g. raspberries).

**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.

**Check Classes Attending:**

**Amount Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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