

Spring Gardening Seminar
February 25, 2012
Descriptions of Presentations

Morning Classes

9-9:50 a.m.

Cool Season Veggies, Ray Evans

Owner of "Evans Funny Farm", Ray is a gardener with over 35 years of experience providing vegetables and flowers to local grocery stores and florists, as well as a 15-year veteran Master Gardener. Ray shares information to help you establish, maintain and harvest those tasty cool-season vegetables. Topics include: soil preparation, fertilizers, planting dates and varieties of plants.

Orchids, Jake Siefert

Jake, Central Missouri Master Gardeners' chairperson, shows you how to successfully grow orchids in Missouri. It is easy! Jake shares ideas from a home grower's perspective and touches on the commercial operations, too. Participants will learn three basic things: Orchids are EASY to grow, EASY to maintain, and EASY to flower.

Plants in the Shade Garden, Cindy Crecelius

Cindy, landscaper and nursery owner, knows shade plants that are the tried-and-true survivors of Missouri's climate. Cindy's knowledge will help you choose plants that continue to flourish even when you are unable to give optimum care. Gardening is fun! See how Cindy will help you!

10-10:50 a.m.

Building a Stone Wall, Jim Jecmen

Jim, a retired dentist and present Master Gardener, has a passion for stone. Jim will help you prepare your site (including what to put as your base and how to have proper drainage), select correct type of stone, cutting stone to fit, and other tips and tricks. You will get to see actual results from Jim's own handiwork in his garden.

Tomatoes, Don Schnieders

Learn the fundamentals of growing tomatoes from a very experienced tomato grower! Master Gardener Don shares how to propagate from seeds and the proper maintenance to increase tomato production. With Don's help, you will be growing a variety of tomatoes this summer that will taste better than any store-bought variety!

Wildlife Control, Robert Pierce

A statewide leader for MU Extension and MU professor, Robert helps you plan ways to prevent or get rid of pesky wildlife problems in your yard and around the house. Come find out what the experts say about these age old pest problems.

11-11:50 a.m.

Water Gardening, Chris Hurlbut

Want to learn how to create a successful water garden? Chris has managed the Green Horizons Nursery for over 12 years and has had a passion for water gardening longer than that! Chris shares a lot of information for on-site preparation, materials, and the intricacies of building a successful water garden.

Natives in the Home Landscape, Mervin Wallace

It's time to actually incorporate natives in your home landscape instead of just talking about it! Mervin Wallace, owner of Missouri Wildflowers Nursery, helps you continue the livelihood of native species and how to successfully plant them in your landscape.

Raised Beds, Chris Starbuck

Associate Professor at MU and longtime instructor of Master Gardener classes, Chris' personal experiences will present ideas on how to establish and use a raised bed for intensive production of vegetables.

Afternoon Classes

1-1:50 p.m.

New Plants for 2012, Alice Longfellow

Owner of Longfellow's Garden Center for 25 years, Alice will give you a sneak peak of the new annuals, perennials, and shrubs available for this spring. This list will include a few noteworthy introductions from years past! You won't want to miss this special session!

Starting Seeds, Scott Marion

A repeat performance from last year! Master Gardener Scott's entertaining session helps you see how easy it is to start flowers, vegetables, and herbs from seed. Get ready for greater variety, healthier plants, and less cost!!

Mole Control, Brad Fresenburg

Brad, a professor at MU, has been involved with the Turfgrass Research Facility in Columbia for many years. Brad will teach you about the mole's habitat and activity so you can use the best tools to eradicate this pest! Get a jump start by having the knowledge and tools ready before the moles come out of hibernation!

2-2:50 a.m.

Perennial Design, Brenda Draeger

Brenda, longtime plant enthusiast and graduate of the MO Landscapers and Nursery Assoc., can just "envision" how a blank landscape should be planted. She will share her knowledge and experience in designing gardens with all season interest. Learn how to extend the bloom time of perennials to get the most from your garden.

Garden Art, Jane Davis

Jane is a garden art enthusiast and an Advanced Master Gardener. Come take a delightful journey with Jane as she shows you how the addition of garden art can turn any space into something special. If time allows, Jane will provide a brief demonstration of how you can create garden art. You will want to see some of her masterpieces, too!

Organic Control of Vegetable. Insects and Diseases, James Quinn

James, Central Region Horticultural Specialist, focuses on the most difficult diseases and insects encountered when growing vegetables (and how to counteract them!). You will learn about insect pests (cucumber beetles, squash bugs, squash vine borer), diseases (bacterial wilt and foliar blights), and preventing/controlling common tomato blight and disorders (blossom end rot and cracking). Have problems with caterpillars, damping off, spider mites, and stink bugs? We will address these as time allows. Come with questions or your successful ideas!

3-3:50 a.m.

Diatomaceous Earth (DE), Steve Stacey

Steve, past chairman of Central Missouri Master Gardeners, will share information on a friend for gardeners, farmers, and animals! Learn about DE and the many ways it is used—organic pest barrier, pool filter, feed additive...what else? You will be amazed at the uses that Steve will demonstrate!

Gardening Secrets, Alice Longfellow

Baking soda to control diseases? Bananas to attract butterflies? Chili powder to repel squirrels? Want to learn more little secrets that lead to successful gardening? Alice, owner of Longfellow's Garden Center, will bring her popular radio show to the Spring Gardening Seminar and share gardening tips, hints, and secrets. Audience participation appreciated.

Cacti and Succulents, Jenelle Schwieterman

Jenelle is a Master Gardener and a longtime grower of cacti and succulents. Jenelle shows you how to create a dish garden to compliment all decors and to enjoy all year long. Learn how cacti and succulents can accent your garden design indoors and out!