

University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener Education Update Courses Spring 2014

The Chicago Botanic Garden will offer the following educational update opportunities for University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners.

The number italicized in parentheses denotes the number of hours applicable toward your required 10 hours of education credit.

Register either by phone (847) 835-8261 or at the Registrar's office.

New! Plant Families 7 & 8

Time to double up again on Plant Families. Once again we'll skip the introductory material and get right into the families (so take a minute to review the basics you already learned). This time we will cover the Betulaceae, Hammamelidaceae, Sapindaceae, Ulmaceae, Scrophulariaceae, Apocynaceae, and Boraginaceae families.

Prerequisite: Introduction to Plant Families or have taken a previous Plant Families class with Sharon. (The Intro class will be offered again soon.)

Please Note: Feel free to bring a snack or lunch to munch on during class!

Sharon Yiesla, Horticulture Educator

Sat., Mar. 15, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Linnaeus Room

Fee: \$15 (3 hrs)

Using Native Trees to Diversify the Landscape

Using a diverse group of trees can make a landscape visually more interesting and healthier! We'll explore why concept and look at some under-utilized native trees. (Great suggestions for replanting new trees after EAB.)

Sharon Yiesla, Horticulture Educator

Sat., March 29, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. rescheduled due to snowstorm!

Annex 2

Fee: \$10 (2 hrs)

Moths As Pollinators

Moths, the lesser loved Lepidoptera, play an important role in our environment as pollinators and as a food source. Attracting moths to your yard with the right plant selection and yard décor can be a benefit to you as a horticulturalist, entomologist, and ornithologist. An added bonus is that moths have a subtle, yet stunning beauty full of

intricate patterns, soft color palettes, and fuzzy bodies. Moths are also *much* easier to approach, and therefore identify, than their fast-flying cousins, butterflies. Join us to learn how to attract, identify, and appreciate moths in our local area. After class we will be viewing a brand new exhibit in Joutras gallery entitled, “The Hidden Beauty of Moths. “

Courtney Quigley, Horticulturist & Exhibition Manager, Chicago Botanic Garden

Tues., Apr. 29, 1- 2:30 p.m.

Linnaeus Room

Fee: \$8 (1.5 hrs)

If you have any general questions, please contact Jill Selinger: (847) 835-6849 or jselinger@chicagobotanic.org

Save the Date!!
Master Gardener Recognition Event
Tuesday, April 22, Noon – 2:30
Burnstein Hallo
Invitation to follow soon!

Reminder!
Annual Master Gardener Volunteer Agreement

Each year Master Gardeners must submit the University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener Annual Agreement form. If you have not already done so, please fill out and submit your form at:
<http://www.chicagobotanic.org/school/mastergardener/waiver>.

For a hard copy or if you need help filling out the form online, contact **Jill Selinger** at (847) 835-6849.