

University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener Education Update Courses Summer 2016

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.

Buehler Enabling Garden – Walk & Talk

Join us as we learn about Therapeutic Horticulture and its application in the beautiful Buehler Enabling Garden. Participants will explore the benefits of nature and gardens on human functioning and well-being while touring the Enabling Garden. A sample Therapeutic Horticulture experience will be provided.

Alicia Green, coordinator, Buehler Enabling Garden, Chicago Botanic Garden

Tuesday, June 14, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Meet at Buehler Enabling Garden

Fee: \$8 (1.5 hrs)

Beneficial Organisms

Who are these good guys that come and help control the pests in our gardens? We'll look at general categories of beneficials as well as a number of specific helpers. It is important to be able to recognize our friends!! We'll talk about ways to conserve the ones already present in the garden and how to add more.

Sharon Yiesla, horticulturist, owner, Sharon Yiesla Horticultural Services

Saturday, July 30, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Linnaeus Room

Fee: \$8 (1.5 hrs)

Plant Disease Update

As hard as we try to keep them healthy, plants will get disease issues that either makes them look bad or may even kill them. Recognizing what to look for and how to deal with plant diseases will be the focus of this discussion. Plants will include a selection of annuals, perennials, vegetables, trees, and shrubs.

Greg Stack, horticulture educator

Saturday, August 27, 10 a.m. – noon

Seminar Room, Plant Science Center

Fee: \$10 (2 hrs)

Hydrangeas are Hot

It used to be that if you wanted garden hydrangeas you could get any color you wanted so long as it was white. How things have changed. Breeders are bringing a whole different look to garden hydrangeas. We will look at some of the many new varieties available, how to select the right one, and how to care for them in the garden.

Greg Stack, horticulture educator
Saturday, August 27, 1 – 3 p.m.
Seminar Room, Plant Science Center
Fee: \$10 (2 hrs)

If you have any general questions, please contact Jill Selinger: (847) 835-6849 or
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