

**University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener
Education Update Courses
Autumn 2009**

The Chicago Botanic Garden will offer the following educational update opportunities for Chicago Botanic Garden University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners. **Register (at least *one week* prior to class date) either by phone (847) 835-8261, fax (847) 835-6874 or at the Registrar's office in the Regenstein Center.** If you have any general questions, please contact Jill Selinger at (847) 835-6849 or jselinger@chicagobotanic.org

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

2009 Illinois Master Gardener Conference

When: Thurs., Sept. 10 – 12, 2009

Where: Thelma Keller Convention Center

Register by: Tuesday, August 25, 2009

Friday sessions = 6 education hours (if you attend all 4 educational sessions)
Saturday sessions = 4.5 education hours (if you attend all 3 educational sessions)
Thursday tours: 1 contact hour = 1 education hour (minus breaks, lunch & travel)

All registrations for the conference must be completed online.

See <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/mg/events/mgconference2009.cfm> for details and to register!

Tour of Edens Wall and Berm Garden

Ever wonder what the Edens Wall and Berm Garden looks like when you are NOT going 70 mph? Here's your chance! See the sweeping vistas of native plants, roses, and grasses! Marvel at the views! You may even see the deer & coyotes! You'll also take home great ideas for plants that will thrive in harsh conditions and design ideas for challenging sites.

Walking (for select portions of the tour) will be on sloped, uneven, wet terrain. Spiders, flies, & mosquitoes included! No bathroom facilities are available. No fresh water is available. So, come prepared and dress for the weather and terrain.

Dave Cantwell, Horticulturist, Chicago Botanic Garden

Mon., Sept. 14, 10 a.m.- noon

Meet at Visitor Center

MGT0013 Fee: \$10 (2 hrs)

From Planning to Planting

When creating a garden or even just filling in a hole in your garden, there are some guidelines and techniques that you can follow to help ensure the health of your plants. Tim Johnson will lead you through the process of doing a site analysis, developing a design, selecting healthy plants at the nursery, preparing your site, preparing the planting holes, and installing and maintaining the planting.

Tim Johnson, Director of Horticulture, Chicago Botanic Garden

Tues., Sept. 29, 1 – 3 p.m.

Annex 2

MGT0023 Fee: \$10 (2 hrs)

Integrated Pest Management Basics

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is a holistic approach to managing plant health care. Using this approach you can grow everything from trees to turf, without excessive maintenance or plant loss and minimal pesticide use. Join Tom Tiddens, Plant Health Care Supervisor at the Chicago Botanic Garden, to learn about the basic components of an integrated pest management program, how the garden's Plant Health Care department manages the Garden's grounds based on these principles, and how you can use IPM in your home garden.

Tom Tiddens, Plant Health Care Supervisor
and Certified Arborist, Chicago Botanic
Garden

Wed., Oct. 21, 9 – 11 a.m.

Linnaeus Room

MGT0033 Fee: \$10 (2 hrs)

Diseases of the Rose Family

The rose family is the host of a wide range of plant diseases. Jim Schuster will share information about some of the more common diseases of the rose family. In particular he will discuss disease symptoms, timing of each disease, optimal conditions for each disease and cultural recommendations for some common rose family diseases. In addition, he will also discuss problems caused by nature, genetics and humans.

Jim Schuster, Extension Specialist PSEP

Friday, Nov. 13, 10 a.m. - noon

Annex 2

MGT0043 Fee: \$10 (2 hrs)

Beginner Internet Search Techniques For Master Gardeners

Are your computer skills a little rusty or not quite staying afloat while trying to surf? This class will walk you through some fundamentals of online-searching, Googling and web-surfing. Learn the difference between a browser, a search engine, and a wiki. If you don't know a pdf from an FDR, this class is for you.

Requirements: *Basic typing*

Stacy Stoldt, MLS, Reference Librarian,
Lenhardt Library, Chicago Botanic Garden
Tues., Dec. 15, 9 – 11 a.m.

Design Studio

MGT0053 Fee: \$10 (2 hrs)