

Chicago Botanic Garden
University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener
Education Update Courses
Summer 2012

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

Rose Garden Walk & Talk

Enjoy a morning walk with Tom Soulsby, horticulturist of the Rose Garden, for an informative tour, highlighting the many different cultivars and types of roses in our collection, as well as basic care and maintenance techniques. Insect and disease problems will also be discussed. Please dress for the weather.

Tom Soulsby, Horticulturist,
Chicago Botanic Garden
Wed, May 30, 10 – 11 a.m.
Meet at Visitor Center
Fee: \$5 (1 hr)

Timing for Good Garden Maintenance

Gardeners often find themselves wondering what gardening activities are best done this time of year. During this lecture, Heather will discuss things to do now and what to put off for a couple of months. Topics she will cover include the how-tos and timing of planting, pruning, fertilizing, watering, mulching and dividing plants. Please dress for the weather as a garden walk is included.

Heather Sherwood, Senior Horticulturist
Chicago Botanic Garden
Tues., June 26, 1 – 3 p.m.
Annex 2
Fee: \$10 (2 hrs)

Reminder! You can complete all 10 education hours and more by attending the Illinois State Master Gardener Conference!

When? September 6 - 8, 2012
Where? Crystal Lake Holiday Inn
Registration opens May 1
Go to: www.extension.uiuc.edu/mg/ for details soon!

Introduction to Plant Families

We hear a lot about plant families, but are they important? Yes they are. Knowing something about plant families can help us with plant identification. Plants that belong to the same family share some of the same characteristics, especially floral characteristics. Knowing families can also help us diagnose disease problems, since the same disease may strike several members of the same family. Join Sharon Yiesla and learn about some basic botany and terminology needed for plant identification. We will then take a Garden walk to illustrate what to look for when trying to sort out the families. Please dress for the weather.

Please Note: This class is designed for MGs who have not taken any of Sharon's plant families classes as yet. If you have, this class info will be a repeat; however, would be a good review!

Sharon Yiesla, Horticulture Educator
Sat., July 28, 10 a.m. – noon
Plant Science Lab, Regenstein Center
Fee: \$10 (2 hrs)

Plant Families 3 and 4

Time to double up on our plant families! For those of you who have taken plant family classes before, we'll skip the basic introductory material this time and jump right into the families. We'll be covering *Pinaceae* (the pine family), *Asteraceae* (aster or daisy family), *Liliaceae* (lily family), *Papaveraceae* (poppy family), *Iridaceae* (iris family) and *Malvaceae* (mallow family).

Prerequisite: Introduction to Plant Families, or have taken a previous Plant Families course with Sharon.
Please Note: Feel free to bring a snack or lunch to munch on during class!

Sharon Yiesla, Horticulture Educator
Sat., Aug. 18, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Linnaeus Room
Fee: \$15 (3 hrs)