

University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener Education Update Courses Winter/Spring 2010

The Chicago Botanic Garden will offer the following educational update opportunities for University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners. **Register (at least *one week* prior to class date) 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

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

Tour of the Plant Science Center

Take a behind scenes look at the science going on in the labs of the much acclaimed Plant Conservation Science Center. Join Kay Havens as she highlights the sustainable features of the building itself and the important work that is being done by staff scientists and volunteers.

Kayri Havens, Ph.D.
Medard and Elizabeth Welch Director
Division of Plant Science and Conservation
Senior Scientist
Chicago Botanic Garden

Thurs., Jan. 21, 10-11:30 a.m.

Meet at Plant Science Center
MGT0011 Fee: \$8 (*1.5 hrs*)

Bonsai Basics

Have you bought a bonsai and had it go from healthy to crispy in a few months? Ivan Watters, curator of the Chicago Botanic Garden bonsai collections, will not only discuss the horticulture of bonsai, but also the art and philosophy behind this complex concept. You will discover what bonsai is and the history, fundamental aesthetic elements and basic styles of this art. From a horticultural point of view, Ivan will also touch on tools, wiring, soils, fertilizers and year-round care.

Ivan Watters, Bonsai Artist and Curator,
Chicago Botanic Garden Bonsai Collection
Wed., Feb. 24, 1 – 3 p.m.
Design Studio
MGT0021 Fee: \$10 (*2 hrs.*)

In order to maintain your certification, you must report at least 30 hours of volunteer service and 10 hours of education updates each year. Send reports to **Jill Selinger** via inter-office mail or post to **Jill** c/o the Garden. While 30 volunteer hours are required for certification, please report all hours. You may pick up an education log sheet at the
Plant Information office,
online at
www.chicagobotanic.org/school/mastergardener/log
or contact **Jill** via e-mail at
jselinger@chicagobotanic.org

Annual Master Gardener Volunteer Agreement

2010 has arrived and it is time to sign the University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener Annual Agreement. Please fill out and submit your form at
www.chicagobotanic.org/school/waiver.

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

**Please Report Master Gardener Certification
Volunteer & Education Hours **TODAY!****

Felco Pruner Care



Do you recognize this object? Do you know what to do with it? If not, join fellow Master Gardener Sam Darin and learn how to disassemble, clean, lubricate, reassemble, properly adjust (using your adjustment key, like the one above) and sharpen your Felco pruner. Please bring the following items to class:

- Felco hand pruner
- Felco adjustment key (came in the package with pruner)
- Lubricating oil (3-in-1 oil)
- Waterproof grease (plumbers grease or Lubriplate)
- Brass or stainless steel brush or 3M pad
- Several cloths for cleaning
- Magic marker (Red is best, any color will do)
- Set of 3 Eze-Lap Diamond Files (1 each: fine, medium & course)
- And/or 6" Knife file w/ handle
- *Eze-Lap Diamond files, 6" Knife files and Felco pruners will be available for sale during class.*

Sam Darin, Master Gardener
Sat., Mar. 20, 10 a.m. - noon
Annex 1
MGT0031 Fee: \$10 (2 hrs)

Plant Families Part III:

Asteraceae, Liliaceae and Pinaceae

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. Then, she will discuss three more plant families: *Asteraceae, Liliaceae, and Pinaceae*.

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

Sharon Yiesla, Unit Educator, U of I Extension
Wed., Apr. 28, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Linnaeus Room
MGT0041 Fee: \$15 (3 hrs)

SAVE THE DATE!

All current CBG Master Gardeners
are invited to attend the

Master Gardener Volunteer Recognition Potluck

Tuesday, April 6, 2010
Regenstein Center
Burnstein Hall
Noon-2:30 pm

A formal invitation will follow soon.