

University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener Education Update Courses Winter 2020

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) 835-6801 or at the Registrar's office.

Behind the Scenes: Production Greenhouses

Join Terese Hajduk for a behind the scenes tour of the production greenhouses. We will discuss greenhouse equipment and basic crop care, while having the opportunity to see production methods used by Garden staff on a daily basis.

Terese Hadjuk, Chicago Botanic Garden

Thursday, January 23, 12:30 – 2 p.m.

Meet at the Production Greenhouses

Fee: \$10 (1.5 hrs)

Gardens | Plants | People

Why do we feel such inspiration and joy when we are in the midst of a garden? Join Jill for a look at a selection of notable gardens and plants, and the people who create, maintain and share their gardens and their passion.

Jill Selinger, Chicago Botanic Garden

Tuesday, February 11, 1:30 – 3 p.m.

Classroom 4, Learning Center

Fee: \$10 (1.5 hrs)

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 work on an in-class exercise to practice using ID skills.

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, horticulturist, owner, Sharon Yiesla Horticultural Services

Saturday, March 7, 9 – 10:30 a.m.

Classroom 1, Learning Center

Fee: \$12 (1.5 hrs)

Tree Secrets and Why We Want to Know Them

Learn some interesting facts about trees that you might not really know.... like mycorrhizae, root development, trunk taper and what affects it, included bark, excurrent and decurrent tree forms, wound healing and more.

Sharon Yiesla, horticulturist, owner, Sharon Yiesla Horticultural Services

Saturday, March 7, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Classroom 1, Learning Center

Fee: \$16 (2 hrs)

**Please Report Master Gardener Certification
Volunteer & Education Hours by **January 10****

In order to maintain your certification, you must report at least 30 hours of volunteer service and 10 hours of education updates each year.

Please report your hours via the U of I Extension online tracking system.

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/mg/>

While only 30 volunteer hours are required for certification, please report all Master Gardener applicable hours above and beyond 30.

Contact **Jill** if you have any questions. jselinger@chicagobotanic.org