

Class Listing & Description for 2008
Growing, The Green Way

Carolina Yards - Karen Neill

Feb. 12 Extension 6:30-7:30pm

Feb. 14 Bur-Mil 6:30-7:30pm

Feb. 17 Arboretum 4:00-5:00pm

Learn how to design, install and maintain a Carolina Yard – a yard that works with North Carolina's environment rather than against it. Teaching points will be: design principles, proper site selection, soils and bed preparation and pest control.

Botany Buffet – Veggies (Children welcome) - Karen & Morgan

March 11 Extension 6:30-7:30pm

March 13 Bur-Mil 6:30-7:30pm

March 16 Arboretum 4:00-5:00pm

The world of plants can reveal a world of options when it comes to foods you can eat and enjoy. From squash to tomatoes, to soybeans to pine nuts, plants in the home garden can provide us with both a valuable food source and a great opportunity to teach our children about gardening and the environment.

Creepy Crawly Vines – Brooks

March 18 Extension 6:30-7:30pm

March 20 Arboretum 12:00-1:00pm

March 25 Bur-Mil 6:30-7:30pm

Some vines captivate us with their beautiful blooms, such as the enormous white blooms on the Henryii clematis. Others for the graceful way they cover a fence or arbor. Come join us to learn the other values of growing vines as well as which vines to avoid and why.

The Annual Garden – Karen

April 10 Arboretum 12:00-1:00pm

April 15 Extension 6:30-7:30pm

April 17 Bur-Mil 6:30-7:30pm

Plants classed as annuals are those which complete their life cycle within the space of one year. In this group we find some of our most useful garden flowers. Annuals have many uses. They are indispensable in the cutting garden. They are of value in the herbaceous border, and if a garden is to be temporary, they can be enjoyed for a single season. Annuals may also be used for window and porch boxes and for potted plants on the terrace.

Creative Containers (bring your own container) - Kevin & Darryl

April 20 Arboretum 4:00-5:00pm

April 22 Extension 6:30-7:30pm

April 24 Bur-Mil 6:30 -7:30pm

Even the smallest patio or porch can boast a crop of vegetables or a garden of flowers in containers. Planter boxes, wooden barrels, hanging baskets and large flowerpots are just some of the containers that can be used. The container gardener is limited only by their imagination. Come learn how to combine plant textures, foliages and color for that eye catching display!

Summertime Safety in Garden – (Children welcome) - Karen & Morgan

May 13 Extension 6:30-7:30pm

May 15 Bur-Mil 6:30-7:30pm

May 18 Arboretum 4:00-5:00pm

Black Widow Spiders, Copperheads, Yellow Jackets, Fire Ants, Poison Ivy, Poison Nettles, Rabid Foxes, GDB's(Generally Disgruntled Birds): All are summertime safety hazards associated with wildlife in your own backyard. Even the sun with its powerful UV rays and scorching heat or the onslaught of a sudden afternoon thunderstorm can put us in danger. Learn the perils of summertime activity and the best ways to cope with and prepare yourself for the inevitable.

Historical Gardens – Darryl & Brooks

May 28, June 3 and June 5 at 6:30 pm at Tannenbaum Historical Park

Interested in historical and heirloom plants? Do you know the common plants found during the Victorian (c.1850-1900) New England gardens? Join us as we explore the grounds of Tannenbaum and discover the rich heritage of the past.

Invasive Plants – Brooks

Sept. 9 Extension 6:30-7:30pm
Sept. 11 Bur-Mil 6:30 -7:30pm
Sept. 17 Arboretum 12:00-1:00pm

What is the meaning of invasive plants? How does it affect us and our environment and what do we need to know in order to deal with invasive plants? This sometimes controversial topic will be explored and participants will learn which plants can be invasive and which alternative plants can be used in their place.

Shade Gardening – Karen

Sept. 16 Extension 6:30-7:30pm
Sept. 18 Bur-Mil 6:30-7:30pm
Sept. 21 Arboretum 4:00-5:00pm

An abundance of large trees and shady areas in your yard can be a challenge to the creative gardener, rather than an obstacle to good gardening. Gardening in the shade doesn't have to be frustrating. You can choose from a vast array of flowering annuals, perennials, bulbs and woodland plants to brighten and add color to that shady yard. Join us to learn about the many wonders of gardening in the shade!

Composting (Families welcome) – Karen

Oct. 7 Extension 6:30-7:30pm
Oct. 9 Bur-Mil 6:30-7:30pm
Oct. 19 Arboretum 4:00-5:00pm

Composting is the way to turn those leaves, grass clippings, garden refuse, straw and table scraps (that we all accumulate and just throw away) into a product that benefits any landscape. During this program you will learn tips on how to construct and maintain both a compost pile and a vermicompost pile (worm composting). You will delight in learning how you can use the final product so that your plants will thrive.

Halloween Harvest (Children welcome) – Morgan

Oct. 21 Extension 6:30-7:30pm
Oct. 22 Arboretum 12:00-1:00pm
Oct. 23 Bur-Mil 6:30-7:30pm

Autumn brings out the kid in all of us: Halloween costumes, Trick or treating, Foliage viewing, Pumpkin carving, etc. But autumn is also a time of harvest and a time to prepare for the coming winter. Join us for a class focused on the traditional harvests of the Halloween/autumn season, and learn about the origins of some of our time-honored fall traditions. Bring a pumpkin and we'll teach you several creative ways to carve or decorate it!

Winter Interest Plants - Karen & Darryl

Nov. 6 Extension 6:30-7:30pm

Nov. 13 Bur-Mil 6:30-7:30pm

Nov. 16 Arboretum 4:00-5:00pm

Some consider winter to be a “down” time for the garden, but actually some plants are at their best! This talk will help you assess the structure of your garden for cold-season enjoyment.

Learn the many plants that continue their beauty and interest throughout winter as well as very early blooming species that appear to welcome in the New Year.

Winterizing Tools – Darryl

Nov. 18 Extension 6:30-7:30pm

Nov. 19 Arboretum 12:00-1:00pm

Nov. 20 Bur-Mil 12:00-1:00pm

Join us young and old to learn what you need to know about winterizing your tools to get the most life out of them. A little preventative maintenance now can prevent frustration and expensive repair in the spring. Besides, who wants to be repairing a mower when you have a garden to sow and flowers to plant?