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Odds and ends

- 2009 Master Gardener Directories are available for pick up in the Master Gardener Office
- 2009 Garden Walk tickets were mailed out last week. Additional tickets are available at the Extension Office.

Master Gardener Programs & Announcements

May 2009

Calendar of Events

May

12, Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. - Building a Basic Water Garden Telenet. Register online at web.extension.uiuc.edu/champaign.

Fee \$5

14, Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Building a Basic Water Garden Telenet, repeat.

16, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. Idea Garden Plant Movement I. Y'all come! (We will be moving plants from the greenhouse to the Idea Garden.)

18, Monday, 1:00-2:00 p.m. Community Garden Shopping at Illini FS Farmtown

19, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Garden Photography with Larry Kanfer at the Extension Office. Open to the public.

21, Thursday, 11:00 a.m.- Idea Garden Committee Meeting at the Extension Office

22, Friday, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.-Community Garden Shopping at Danville Gardens Too (Prospect Ave)

23, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.- Idea Garden Plant Movement II. It's better than Bach!

June

2, Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. - Garden Walk Meeting, Extension Office Conference Room

2, Tuesday, 4:00 p.m. - Kenwood Elementary Garden Project Tidy Up Tuesday.

3, Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.- Insect Workshop with Mike Jeffords and Susan Post, Room 1005, INHS Building.

Call the office to sign-up!

4, Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - Advisory Committee Meeting, Extension Office Conference Room

4, Thursday, 10:30 a.m. - Program Committee Meeting

6, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.- Plastic Pot Recycling at Illini FS Farmtown, Volunteers needed!

16, Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. - Turf Disease Telenet. Register online at web.extension.uiuc.edu/champaign.

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18, Thursday, 11:00 a.m. Idea Garden Meeting, Extension Office Conference Room

18, Thursday, 7:00 p.m. - Turf Disease Telenet, repeat.

26, Friday, Garden Walk Preview, time to be announced

27, Saturday, Garden Walk 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Rain or Shine...we'll plan on Shine!

30, Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. - Abiotic Disorders Telenet. Register online at web.extension.uiuc.edu/champaign. Fee \$5

Garden Photography with Larry Kanfer

Plan on joining us Tuesday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium at the Extension Office.

Very soon you will be able to see the photographs he has taken on the net at www.kanfer.com/mastergardener/

Larry Kanfer will share tips for photographing our gardens. He will be using photographs he has taken in the gardens of four of our Master Gardeners: Sarah Redd, Sandee Van DeWyngaerde, Bette Hughes and Mary Shroer.

After his presentation he will be taking questions from the audience. He will welcome questions and/or photographs with questions from the audience, as time allows. This meeting counts toward continuing education hours.

Please invite your friends and neighbors, as this program is open to the public.

Prosperity Garden Mentors-Volunteers needed!

If you haven't already noticed the Champaign County push for Prosperity Gardens...where have you been?! It is with pleasure we announce that the Champaign County Extension Unit has been selected to receive a grant from the Community Foundation of East Central Illinois' Marajen Stevick Foundation.

My Mini Victory Garden is one branch of the "Prosperity Garden Program Initiative-21st century victory gardens enhancing our health, expanding our budgets, and growing our communities."

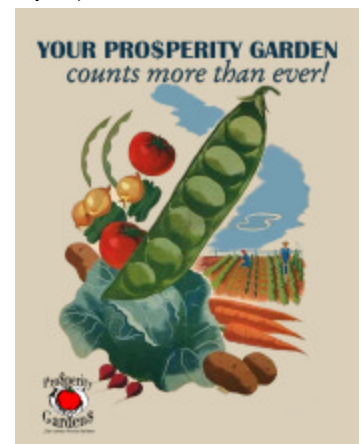
During this project, senior gardeners will partner with Master Gardener mentors. Seniors will use specially designed containers to grow vegetables to provide nutritious fresh produce, supplement their food budget, exercise their bodies and minds, connect with nature and bond with a gardening community.

In our program fifty low income seniors will receive a portable EarthBox garden along with vegetable plants or seeds, soil, fertilizer, garden journal, gardening fact

sheets, victory garden banner and watering can. EarthBoxes are containers designed for maximum success with minimal effort and input.

Master Gardeners are needed to serve as mentors for the participants in this project. MGs are welcome to pair up for this project. Mentor duties would include:

- Assisting with container set-up and planting.
- Making contact with the participants at least twice a month.
- Assisting with end-of-season evaluations of the project.



Plastic Pot Recycling-Volunteers needed!

Volunteers are needed to help with a one day plastic garden pot recycling event! The Extension Office is working with Illini FS to host a pot recycling day **Saturday, June 6 from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at Illini FS Farmtown** in Urbana. Volunteers are needed to help sort the pots and trays as community members drop by.

Go ahead and clean out your garden shed and garage and tell your neighbors!

Please call the office to sign-up to volunteer. (Two hour shifts requested but feel free to stay all day!)

Only garden plastics 2,5,6 will be accepted, no food or beverage containers.



Insect Workshop

Are you looking to brush up on your insect identifying abilities? Mark your calendar for this **Insect Workshop, Wednesday, June 3** from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.!

The class will focus on the techniques used to ID insects and arthropods, both in the field and in the hand. There will be hands-on activities as well as lecture and lab time.

The workshop will be held at the Illinois Natural History Survey Building, Room

1005, 1816 South Oak Street, Champaign. Bring a brown bag lunch. **Call the Extension Office 333.7672 to sign-up.** The class counts as continuing education hours.



Calling all Artists

The program committee is seeking talented Master Gardener artisans to display their works at the October Monthly Meeting.

Who can apply? MG's who create original art items in any medium.

What? Master Gardener Monthly Meeting with Art and wine or micro-brew tasting (arrangements are still being made) and lecture.

Where is it? Farm Credit Services, 1100 Farm Credit Drive, Mahomet (Bloomington Rd, Rt. 150).

When is it? Tuesday, October 20, from 7 to 9 pm. We have lots of wonderful space at the facility and would like to hear from MG's who would be willing to participate in the near future.

How much does it cost? No entry fee for the artists. There would be a charge for the tasting.

How do I respond? Please contact Rita Weisiger at rita@squadfitters.com or call 202-0003 for more information.

Please respond by Friday, May 22.