

Growing the Green Way Class Series

Spring 2016

Class Locations:

- Cooperative Extension Office, 3309 Burlington Road, G'boro, NC 27405
- Bur-Mil Park (Wildlife Education Center), 5834 Bur-Mil Club Road, G'boro 27410
- Greensboro Arboretum (Ed Center), 401 Ashland Drive, G'boro 27403
- Kathleen Clay Edwards Library, 1420 Price Park Road, G'boro, NC 27410

** Programs are designed to be approximately one hour long, but may run slightly over depending on questions and discussion - which are encouraged!*

CLASSES ARE FREE

Pre-Registration Is Requested

Call or email Pam Marshall at 641-2400 or pamela_marshall@ncsu.edu and sign up for your choice of workshop and location.

PLANNING THE 3-SEASON VEGETABLE GARDEN

Vegetable gardening is especially productive in the Piedmont because we can grow food at least 10 months of the year! The key is good planning and succession planting. January is the perfect time to start getting ready; let's talk about the many ways to get the most out of your personal planting space.

Thursday, Jan. 14 th	6:30 pm	Bur-Mil Wildlife Education Center
Sunday, Jan. 17 th	4:00 pm	Greensboro Arboretum
Wednesday, Jan. 20 th	6:30 pm	Kathleen Clay Edwards Library
Tuesday, Jan. 26 th	6:30 pm	Cooperative Extension

PROPER PRUNING PREVENTS POOR PLANT PERFORMANCE

The art of pruning is not the same thing as using electric shears to turn shrubs into green meatballs (yikes!). This class will discuss the tools, techniques and timing for pruning small ornamental trees and shrubs, and how doing it right is the easy way to have healthier, prettier, and longer-lived plants.

Wednesday, Jan. 27 th	6:30 pm	Kathleen Clay Edwards Library
Thursday, Jan. 28 th	6:30 pm	Bur-Mil Wildlife Education Center
Sunday, Jan. 31 st	4:00 pm	Greensboro Arboretum
Tuesday, Feb. 2 nd	6:30 pm	Cooperative Extension

LOW MAINTENANCE LANDSCAPING

Everyone wants to save time and money on their landscape – you can do this while still creating a beautiful yard by making smart and environmentally-friendly choices. Class discussions focus on those choices, and selecting and growing plants that tolerate and even thrive in our Piedmont conditions.

Monday, Feb. 8 th	6:30 pm	Kathleen Clay Edwards Library
Tuesday, Feb. 9 th	6:30 pm	Cooperative Extension
Thursday, Feb. 11 th	6:30 pm	Bur-Mil Wildlife Education Center
Sunday, Feb. 14 th	4:00 pm	Greensboro Arboretum

TOTALLY TOMATOES – ALL ABOUT OUR FAVORITE FRUIT

Time to start planning, it's the key to enjoying the taste of your own home-grown tomatoes. That's all we'll be talking about in this session – proven tips and techniques for successfully growing America's most popular garden vegetable (or is it a fruit?). Get ready for tomato sandwiches all summer long.

Wednesday, Feb. 17 th	6:30 pm	Kathleen Clay Edwards Library
Sunday, Feb. 21 st	4:00 pm	Greensboro Arboretum
Thursday, Feb. 25 th	6:30 pm	Bur-Mil Wildlife Education Center
Tuesday, March 1 st	6:30 pm	Cooperative Extension

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BENEFICIAL INSECTS: IT'S A BUG-EAT-BUG WORLD

Did you know that less than 1% of insects are considered pests? Let's learn about some of the beneficial insects who are natural pest enemies (predators and parasites), and how to recognize these "good guys" at various life stages. We'll also discuss how to protect and encourage their populations in our gardens.

Monday, Feb. 22 nd	6:30 pm	Kathleen Clay Edwards Library
Thursday, March 3 rd	6:30 pm	Bur-Mil Wildlife Education Center
Sunday, March 6 th	4:00 pm	Greensboro Arboretum
Tuesday, March 8 th	6:30 pm	Cooperative Extension

GROW YOUR BEST VEGETABLE GARDEN

Learn about best practices for best results in your Piedmont vegetable garden, including: how to prepare soil, the selection and timing of vegetable varieties, and using integrated pest management techniques to control insects and diseases organically. Growing your own food can be economical and enjoyable!

Sunday, March 13 th	4:00 pm	Greensboro Arboretum
Monday, March 14 th	6:30 pm	Kathleen Clay Edwards Library
Thursday, March 17 th	6:30 pm	Bur-Mil Wildlife Education Center
Tuesday, March 22 nd	6:30 pm	Cooperative Extension

EASY TO GROW CULINARY HERBS

Some of us already grow basil, oregano, and thyme – but what about stevia, sage, or lemon grass? By knowing the characteristics of the plants, you can have lots of fresh herbs to use year round. Come join us to talk about being successful at growing the herbs you want to use in your kitchen.

Sunday, March 20 th	4:00 pm	Greensboro Arboretum
Monday, March 28 th	6:30 pm	Kathleen Clay Edwards Library
Tuesday, March 29 th	6:30 pm	Cooperative Extension
Thursday, March 31 st	6:30 pm	Bur-Mil Wildlife Education Center

EDIBLE LANDSCAPES

One of the hottest trends today is adding to your quality of life, and the enjoyment of your gardening space, by including plants that are both ornamental and edible in the landscape. Spring is a natural time to get started, so please join us for some ideas and inspiration on creating your own 'paradise garden'.

Sunday, April 3 rd	4:00 pm	Greensboro Arboretum
Thursday, April 7 th	6:30 pm	Bur-Mil Wildlife Education Center
Monday, April 11 th	6:30 pm	Kathleen Clay Edwards Library
Tuesday, April 12 th	6:30 pm	Cooperative Extension

BACKYARD HABITAT: GARDENING WITH (AND IN SPITE OF) WILDLIFE

One of the great benefits gardeners enjoy is observing and supporting nature since birds, butterflies, and other creatures find habitat in our yards – this program is about how to make them welcome. We'll also talk a little bit about ways to discourage any uninvited guests who may sometimes come to the party.

Sunday, April 17 th	4:00 pm	Greensboro Arboretum
Thursday, April 21 st	6:30 pm	Bur-Mil Wildlife Education Center
Monday, April 25 th	6:30 pm	Kathleen Clay Edwards Library
Tuesday, April 26 th	6:30 pm	Cooperative Extension

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