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 University of Illinois Extension, Madison-Monroe-St. Clair Unit, P.O. Box 117, Waterloo, IL 62298
Registration deadline - February 28, 2020. Registration includes lunch & downloadable files via email.
There is an additional \$5 fee for a USB drive with handouts for all classes or \$15 fee for a printed program book.
Please indicate if you would like a USB drive _____ (\$5) and/or a printed program book _____ (\$15).
Dietary restrictions _____ Please explain _____

(Speakers are asked to share handouts by February 21. We cannot guarantee that all handouts will be included in the program book).
 Register on-line at: web.extension.illinois.edu/mms

Space is limited in certain classes.
REGISTER early!

Name _____ Phone _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Email: _____

Please indicate your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice of class per time slot:

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| SESSION 1—9:00 AM | SESSION 2—10:15 AM | SESSION 3—12:15 PM | SESSION 4—1:30 PM |
| ___ A. Fantastic Foliage | ___ E. Designing Containers | ___ I. Chocolate! | ___ M. The Life and Times of the (Monarch) Butterfly |
| ___ B. Pruning | ___ F. Essential Tea Education | ___ J. Irises: More Than Swords | ___ N. Unusual Fruit Bearing Plants |
| ___ C. Tomato Troubleshooting | ___ G. Woodland Wildflowers | ___ K. Cover Crops | ___ O. Beneficial Insects |
| ___ D. Vertical Gardening | ___ H. Plants That Changed History | ___ L. Conservation@Home | ___ P. Hydroponics |



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Weekend Gardener
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Directions: Take Highway 255 to Exit 17A
 (Route 15) to Demazenod Avenue. Follow
 signs to restaurant.



**For participating
 in our Weekend
 Gardener Program!**

Please contact the Extension Office for more info.
618-939-3434 or 618-344-4230

Are you interested in becoming a Master Gardener or a Master Naturalist?
Master Gardeners are adult members of the local community who are interested in lawns, trees, shrubs, flowers, gardens, and the environment. Training materials included. Classroom training offered from January to March on Tuesdays from 9 am to 4 pm. Cost is \$250. On-line training sessions begin in January, June and, September. Cost is \$350.
The Master Naturalist program provides opportunities for adult volunteers to learn about Illinois's natural history, environment, and conservation issues. Master Naturalist programs promote nature-based community service by citizen volunteers and provide continuing education opportunities. Training takes place from August to early November. Cost of the program is \$250.

VENDORS for 2020!
 The following vendors will be present at Weekend Gardener this year:
 ◇ Effinger Garden Center
 ◇ Sandy's Back Porch
 ◇ Reference Books
 ◇ And a few more!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR WEEKEND GARDENER COMMITTEE:
Bill, Kay, Mary Kay, Melissa, Ned, Sarah & Susan
Thank You

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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
Weekend Gardener
March 7, 2020
 Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows
 442 South Demazenod Drive, Belleville, IL



16 Classes: You choose one to attend per session.

Lunch served 11:15 A.M.- 12:00 P.M.

REGISTRATION 8:30 - 9:00 A.M.

SESSION 1 - 9:00 AM

A. Fantastic Foliage—Nature’s Plant Palette

Lisa Dean, U of I Master Gardener

It’s not always about the flowers! There is a greater variety of color, texture and size based on the leaves and stems of plants. Come and explore the plant world below the flower stalk.

B. Pruning

Ken Wheat, U of I Master Naturalist

Discover the purpose of pruning, pruning tools and their proper use, and all the basic steps in pruning (includes best practices and pruning ‘No, No’s’).

C. Tomato Troubleshooting

Elizabeth Wahle, U of I Extension Educator

Tomatoes are a common summer vegetable grown in our gardens, but there are many diseases and pests that can harm your crop. Learn how to overcome these challenges and discover some new varieties.

D. Vertical Gardening

Terry Milne, St. Louis Master Gardener

Explore the use of the overlooked “vertical plane” and envision how walls, trellises and other upright features can add charm and character to your garden’s vertical space. Explore how adding vines and climbing plants can enhance your garden’s personality.



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University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment.
If you need reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact the Extension Office, 939-3434, by February 22, 2019. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your access needs.

SESSION 2 - 10:15 AM

E. Designing Containers with Tropicals and Annuals

Sandy Richter, Sandy’s Back Porch

MIX IT UP! It’s not just for cocktails! Infuse your container gardens with a taste of the tropics for combos that will splash up your landscape.

F. Essential Tea Education and The Many Benefits

Ellen Leaf-Moore, Fezziwig’s Marketplace

Tea is the second most consumed beverage in the world, just behind water! Today you will learn the history behind the tea leaf, how they create the 5 different types of tea, their many health benefits, how to properly steep your tea. You’ll get to sample a couple of the teas you’ll explore today while you enjoy learning.

G. Woodland Wildflowers from Winter to Mid-May

Ann Early & Bob Siemer, Wild Ones-St. Louis Chapter

This presentation is about recognizing and appreciating early spring wildflowers of the St. Louis area in their natural habitats. Identification and interesting facts about these spring bloomers will be covered.

H. Plants That Changed History

Carol Gravens, St. Louis Master Gardener

Have you ever stopped to consider that life on Earth would not be possible without plants? Not only do they absorb carbon dioxide and supply oxygen, but they provide us with fuel, food, shelter, clothing and medicine. Taken from the book, “Fifty Plants That Changed the Course of History”, by Bill Laws, this talk explores a subset of those plants that have most impacted human civilization.

SESSION 3 - 12:15 PM

I. Chocolate!

Betsy Alexander, St. Louis Master Gardener

For literally thousands of years, people have been fascinated with the strange and wonderful fruit, chocolate. Learn the alluring history of this gift from the rain forest, taste samples and then explore the “chocolate” perennials, bulbs, shrubs and annuals that you can incorporate into your garden. This interesting talk will give “recipes” to help you enjoy these special “chocolate” plants in your garden.

J. Irises: More Than Swords

Elizabeth Wahle, U of I Extension Educator

Iris leaves can add a bold straight-line element to the garden, but in large numbers can lead to a monotonous sea of swords after the blooms have faded. Instead of curtailing your passion for collecting iris, learn about complementary plants which can add season-long appeal to this old garden favorite. And because this is an iris talk, some outstanding cultivars will be shown as well.

K. Cover Crops

Nathan Johanning, U of I Extension Educator

Incorporating cover crops into the home yard and garden can be a great way to build your soil and do your part to protect the environment. In the home landscape, cover crops can also add color to your yard especially in the winter and early spring when much of the landscape is bare.

L. Conservation@Home

Sarah Vogt, HeartLands Conservancy

Through the Conservation@Home program, HeartLands Conservancy staff work with residents to educate, support, and recognize homeowners who incorporate environmentally friendly practices into their yard. Homeowners using native plants and eco-friendly lawn care in their home landscaping may achieve certification and receive a yard sign for their accomplishments.

SESSION 4 - 1:30 PM

M. The Life and Times of the (Monarch) Butterfly

Ned Siegel, U of I Master Naturalist

The monarch has become somewhat of a poster child for conservation biology. This talk will focus on how monarch biology has contributed to its decline in numbers as well as what you can do as a home gardener to help in recovery efforts—not only for the monarch but also for other of its Lepidopteran ‘brethren’.

N. Unusual Fruit Bearing Plants

Elizabeth Wahle, U of I Extension Educator

If you enjoy experiencing new flavors yourself or want to provide additional food sources for wildlife, come learn about some of the lesser known fruits suitable for growing in the Midwest.

O. Beneficial Insects

Bob Smejkal, U of I Master Naturalist

Not all insects are there to harm your garden. Learn who is a friend and what you can do to promote the insects who will provide a natural defense for your plants and aid in pollination in and around your home garden.

P. Hydroponics

Caleb Bauer, Bauer Falls

Homeowners and growers are exploring new ways to efficiently grow plants. Learn more about the science of hydroponics and the benefits of the system including faster growing plants and higher yields.

