



Ready...Set...Grow...

Saturday, March 21, 2020

8:00 am - 2:15 pm

Presented by the Carroll, Lee, Ogle, & Whiteside Master Gardeners
In Cooperation with Sauk Valley Community College



Richard Hentschel

Keynote Address:

Apples, Getting to the Core of things!

Having a strong understanding about pollination (it is more than just birds and bees) will ensure a good crop of apples. Planting your fruit trees properly for existing soil conditions and the sun and shade pattern in the home landscape will maximize vegetative growth and fruit production. By combining proper pruning techniques gives us an apple tree that is easy to care for. Mr. Richard Hentschel has been with Extension for more than 20 years. Early on working with commercial horticulture, involved with nurseries, vegetable growers, Park Districts, Forest Preserves and sod production a part of that time also involved orchard growers. More recently he teaches several areas of the Volunteer Master Garden program including large and small fruits.

During your scheduled breaks make sure to visit the Dillon Mall

- *Vendors with unique gardening items for purchase*
- *Book Nook with plenty of gardening materials to take home and enjoy*
- *Master Gardener Question and Answer Help Desk*

Interested In Becoming a Master Gardener?

If you are interested in becoming a Master Gardener in 2020 please contact your local Extension office and we will help you find a training close to your home or online. Master Gardeners are adults of all ages who love gardening and have a passion (or interest) for plants. You can become a Master Gardener if you are 18 years or older, willing to learn about horticulture, share this knowledge with others, and volunteer your time back to educational programming coordinated through your local Extension office.

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Schedule

- 8:00-8:25 Registration & Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30-9:30 Keynote: Richard Hentschel**
Apples, Getting to the Core of things!
- 9:30-9:45 Break—Visit Vendors**
- 9:45-10:45 Session I**

01. Hardy Perennial Vegetable Crops For The Midwest Asparagus, Rhubarb

Join Phil Bratta, retired educator and Master Gardener for springs most luxurious vegetables, Asparagus and Rhubarb. Learn to grow and harvest your own crops and how to prepare several nutritional dishes.

Phil Bratta, Retired Educator, Master Gardener, Master Naturalist

02. Eastern Bluebirds: Little Blue Gem in Your Garden

Eastern bluebird populations fell dramatically in the early 20th century thanks to the human introduction of invasive species. Today, with the help of human efforts, and the bluebird's tenacity, we can enjoy this garden visitor and take full advantage of the ecological service they provide.

Peggy Doty, University of Illinois Extension Energy & Environmental Stewardship Educator

03. Hydrangeas Demystified

This class will break down the different types of hydrangeas and give you some tips for success, so you can confidently select the right hydrangeas for your garden and enjoy the beautiful summer blooms for years to come.

Monica Putnam, Hidden Timber Gardens

04. Contained Compositions (Hands-On)

Create a spring-themed, nature-inspired scene under glass to give as a gift or to keep for yourself. The perfect harbinger of Spring! An additional fee of \$35.00 cost includes container, base, miniatures, and miscellaneous materials. Limited to 12 participants.

Jim Brown, Woodlawn Landscapes and Design

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10:45-11:00 Break—Visit Vendors

11:00– 12:00 Session II

05. Pollinators in the Landscape

Would you like to attract more pollinators to your landscape? Pollinator friendly landscaping is becoming increasingly popular. This presentation will discuss what types of flowers different insects are attracted to, ways to make your landscape more attractive to pollinators, as well as resources for creating pollinator gardens.

Ken Johnson, University of Illinois Extension Horticulture Educator

06. Daylily Hybridizing

We will covert the basics of Daylilies and Daylily Hybridizing. Participants will get a peek at some of Ellison Daylilies newest varieties.

Michelle Rogers, Ellison Daylilies

07. The Cook's Garden

Broccoli rabe, amaranth, 'Cheddar' cauliflower, Okinawan sweet potato, and spelt are just some of the "newer" vegetables and grains showing up as food trends in the last couple of years. This class will look at what you can grow (and can't grow) in your summer garden with a focus on produce that will be eaten fresh, made into sauces, and/or is center stage in your cooking. Grains, unique vegetable varieties, microgreens, herbs, and flavor focused produce will be covered in this session in helping you identify what to grow this upcoming season.

Grant McCarty, University of Illinois Extension Local Foods and Small Farms Educator

08. Vermicomposting 101 (Hands-On)

Learn about 'Black Gold' and how it benefits growth and overall performance of both vegetables and flowering plants. There will be a 'make it - take it' opportunity for each participant to make a composting bin (including live red wigglers) to experience vermicomposting at home or in your classroom. An additional fee of \$15.00. Limited to 18 participants. **Nancy Wadsworth, Master Gardener, Master Naturalist, Master Composter**

12:00-1:00 Buffet Lunch—Visit Vendors

1:00-2:00 Session III

09. Fun with Fermentation

Fermentation is growing in popularity as a way to create foods and drinks with probiotic properties and as a method of home food preservation. In this session, you will learn the fundamentals and benefits of fermentation, explore the endless possibilities of fermented foods, taste fermented foods and beverages, and go home with recipes, resources and the knowledge to get started!

**Kristin Bogdonas, University of Illinois Extension
Nutrition and Wellness Educator**

10. Incorporating Natives In Your Landscape

Learn the benefits of adding natives to your yard, along with the keys to successfully incorporating them in your preexisting landscape design. This course will provide information on the best native trees, shrubs, and perennials to use that will look fantastic in your yard and help you create your own personal habitat.

Monica Putnam, Hidden Timber Gardens

11. “Are My Trees and Plants in Trouble? New Invaders Update

New and emerging pests can be troublesome to trees and plants, join this presentation to learn how to identify, report and manage new and potentially threatening insects and diseases like European pepper moth, boxwood blight, Sudden Oak Death, *Ramorum* Blight, spotted lanternfly and other pests of concern.

**Tricia Bethke, Forest Pest Outreach Coordinator,
The Morton Arboretum**

12. Succulent Wreath (Hands-On)

Bright and textured succulent wreaths are living plant wreaths for any occasion. Succulents are desert plants adapted as houseplants. Learn more about what succulents are, their biology and care, how to build your own wreath. Once you learn the technique, you can customize a succulent wreath for any occasion. An additional fee of \$15.00. Limited to 20 participants.

**Bruce Black, University of Illinois Extension
Horticulture Educator**

2:00-2:15 Evaluation & Door Prizes

Registration Form

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Please register by **March 13, 2020**

Mail to Ogle County Extension,
421 W. Pines Rd., Suite 10, Oregon, IL 61061

Check payable to U of I Extension
Phone: 815-732-2191

Register online: go.illinois.edu/ReadySetGrow
The base cost of this workshop is **\$45**.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

**Using session numbers, please sign up for your first
and second choice in each time slot.
Sessions filled on first come, first served basis.**

Session I (sessions 01-04)

First Choice: _____

Second Choice: _____

Session II (sessions 05-08)

First Choice: _____

Second Choice: _____

Session III (sessions 09-12)

First Choice: _____

Second Choice: _____

Registration Fee Enclosed - **\$45:** _____

Additional Fee(s) Enclosed: _____

Total Fee Enclosed: _____

Special Dietary Request: _____

For more information, contact your local office.

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Choose three sessions to attend.
Sessions include following topics:

**Hydrangeas, Native Grasses,
Invasives, Pollinators, Daylilies,
Vermicomposting, Terrariums,
Fermenting and more.**

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