The Curious Gardener

Fall 2012 CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

An Evening at the Herbal Spa
September 24th 6-8 PM  $30 member $35 non-member
As our garden winds down for the summer, it is time to devote some time to taking care of the gardener. There is no better way to use our herbal bounty than to create some herbal spa products to pamper ourselves. We will be creating our own herbal spa products to get us through the winter months. Recipes and samples will be provided. Grab your girlfriends and come and enjoy an herbal spa retreat. Presented by Jessica Wright, Education Coordinator Michigan 4-H Children’s Garden.

Cultivating the Indoor Garden
October 25th 6-8 PM  $25 member $30 non-member
Even when it’s cold outside, you can grow many wonderful plants indoors! You can grow anything from succulents and cacti to tropical plants depending on your available lighting and how you set your thermostat. No matter how bright or how cold, we can find a cool plant that will grow in your home. You will learn why some plants thrive while others suffer under specific environments! We will cover some basic houseplants, but will also include some exciting new succulents and even learn a few herbs to start from seeds indoors. You will go home with a smile and a few cool plants. Presented by Dr. Art Cameron, Director of the MSU Horticulture Gardens. With his wife Marlene, he maintains a rather extensive collection of indoor houseplants.

Putting your Tools to Bed
November 6th 6-8 PM  $15 member $20 non-member
Gardening can be hard work and having the right hand tools can help make tasks easier. This class will show you how to choose the best tools for different jobs and how to care for them and protect your investment. Fall is a great time to clean, oil and sharpen your shovels, loppers and pruners so that they are ready when spring arrives. Bring your pruners and we will sharpen them together. Presented by Renata Reblitz, Perennial Gardens Manager.

Three-Season Holiday Wreaths
December 5th 6-8 PM  $35 member $40 non-member
Create an inviting entrance to your home by attending our Three-Season Holiday Wreath workshop. After this workshop, you will be filled with the holiday spirit and have a festive wreath you can use for three holidays: Christmas, New Year’s Eve/Day, and Valentine’s Day. You will learn how to assemble a wreath made with evergreens, and will be provided ribbons and other accessories that you can change with the winter holidays. Presented by Katie McCarver, MSU Trial Gardens Manager.

Download the registration form by following this link. If you have any questions, contact Jessica Wright at garden4h@msu.edu
2012 Summer in the Garden – To see more photos – go to
http://www.hrt.msu.edu/what-s-been-bloomin-in-the-gardens/
Recycling Horticultural Plastic Pots

For those of you that live near or come to visit the Lansing area, you can recycle all plastic pots and containers at the MSU Recycling Center on campus. They accept all plastic from #1 to #7. For more information on recycling at MSU, visit http://recycle.msu.edu/

Consider Sponsoring a Brick or a Bench in the Garden

A $250 donation to the Gardens will sponsor a 4” by 8” brick, a $1,000 donation to the Gardens will sponsor a 8” by 8” brick, and a $10,000 donation to the Gardens will sponsor a garden bench. The inscription can honor special persons or occasions in your life. Benches can be placed in many locations throughout the gardens. Other sponsorships including fountains, student internships, and garden features are available. Contact Art Cameron (cameron@msu.edu) or Amy Britton (517/353-4749 or mobile 517/898-1044).