

Event shows how to put trees in their place

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Many people are aware of the benefit of using trees in our landscapes, and it is important to make the right selection when we plant one on our property.

By learning the requirements of the tree we are considering, whether it is a native or a new cultivar, we can better assure our success.

With this in mind, our Ohio neighbors in Columbus will conduct a one-day tree symposium that should be of great interest to many Ohio State University's Chadwick Arboretum and the

American Horticultural Society will host the second annual Great American Garden Lecture Series 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 15, at the OSU Fawcett Center, 2400 Olentangy River Road. "Trees are Terrific: Putting Them in Their Place" will focus on selection, design, maintenance and survival of trees in urban landscapes.

A \$60 registration fee includes a box lunch if pre-registered. Members of the American Horticultural Society can register for \$45. For information, call the Chadwick Arboretum at (614) 292-4678 or (614) 688-3479, or the AHS at

(703) 768-5700.

"Participants will discover the diversity and beauty of new and native trees that are used to create contemplative wooded retreats in a small-scale garden," said Janet Oberliesen, program coordinator and development officer at the OSU Chadwick Arboretum. "The speakers will absolutely capture your imagination and give you a new appreciation of trees!"

Topics and speakers are: "Designing Their Space," landscape architect Warren Byrd Jr. of the University of Virginia; "Rediscovering Our Native Trees," plantsman Jim Wilson of "Victory Garden"; "Engineering Our Future Trees," Frank Santamour of the U.S. National Arboretum; "Maintaining

Healthy Trees," horticulturist Nina Bassuk of Cornell University; and "I Look at Trees from Both Sides Now," associate professor Jim Chatfield of OSU Extension. A tour of the OSU Tree Research Program is included.

Proceeds from this symposium will benefit the educational programming of the OSU Chadwick Arboretum and the AHS.

The arboretum is on the OSU campus in Columbus. Its primary goal is to maintain a collection of plants for education, research and public appreciation. The AHS is a non-profit organization dedicated to recognizing and promoting excellence in American horticulture.

Lawn care workshops scheduled

Two free healthy lawn care workshops have been scheduled just in time for fall fertilization.

They will take place 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4, at Novi City Hall, and 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12, at the Southfield Library Marcotte Room.

Pre-registration is required. Call the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County (RRRASOC) at (810) 208-2270 for a workshop agenda and other information.

Participants will have the opportunity to take part in a yearlong demonstration lawn project highlighted by healthy lawn care practices and feedback from lawn care experts.

Topics include selecting and applying fertilizers, mowing and watering, soil nutrient testing, lawn renovation and trouble-shooting, and natural methods for minimizing weeds.

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