

Classes at gardening school range from weeds to seeds

There is still time to register for April classes at the Michigan School of Gardening. Classes are held in Detroit, Livonia, and Pontiac.

Class locations are:
Livonia: 28420 Six Mile Road, just west of Middlebelt Road on the south side of Six Mile, across from Jimmy's Rustics in the Mile Shopping Plaza (248-4-GARDEN)

Detroit: The Historic Detroit Garden Center (Moross House) 1460 E. Jefferson Avenue, 1/2 mile east of the Renaissance Center (across from the Greening of Detroit park)

Pontiac: Goldenrod Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Road, just south of M-58, north of Square Lake Road and east of Telegraph Road.

To register for classes, complete a registration form and mail it in along with a check for the registration fee. Download a registration form and a copy of

the class schedule at www.michigangardening.com, or call 248-4-GARDEN (442-7339) for a class schedule and registration form.

Upcoming classes and descriptions are:

FOCUS ON DESIGN

Instructor Janet Macunovich
An in-depth look at the elements of garden and landscape design -- site analysis, making a base plan, texture, color, shape, line, focal point, harmony, contrast and repetition. How gardeners can use these elements to improve existing plantings and evaluate proposed designs.

Pre-requisite: None
Registration fee: \$124
Pontiac nights 4 Thursdays 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. 4/18, 4/25, 5/2, 5/9

RENOVATING A GARDEN

Instructor Gail Dudzinski

Most gardeners inherit at least one previously-planted area. This class teaches how to make changes there to express yourself while maintaining unity between new and old. What to keep, how to visualize changes, designing around existing features, transplanting and soil improvement techniques, tips toward phasing in the changes, and suggested plants are all covered.

Pre-requisite: None
Registration fee: \$62
Pontiac, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday 4/20 (bring your lunch and dress to garden)

CHOOSING & USING ANNUALS & PERENNIALS

Instructor Sue Grubba
Identification, use, and culture of 50 annual and perennial species for residential landscapes. Practice identifying and researching

additional species.

Pre-requisite: "Ins and Outs of Plants" or equivalent experience
Registration fee: \$162
Pontiac, 4 Tuesdays 6:30-9:30 p.m. 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, and 1 Saturday 9 a.m. to noon, 5/11

APRIL CLASSES IN BIRMINGHAM

The Michigan School of Gardening also offers specialty and just-for-fun classes at The Community House, 380 South Bates Street, in Birmingham. To register for these classes or for more information, please contact the Birmingham Community House at (248) 644-5832

ORNAMENTAL GRASSES

Instructor Sue Grubba
Ornamental grasses are fast becoming favorite additions to the home garden. Not only are they easy to grow and maintain, but they beautiful and versatile

as well. Learn how to transform your landscape with ornamental grasses.

10 a.m. to noon, Saturday April 27

The Michigan School of Gardening is dedicated to providing high quality learning opportunities in gardening, design and horticulture for the adult learner. The school, which holds classes throughout the year, offers more than 100 courses. These classes combine practical hands-on experience and classroom learning to provide techniques and information that can be used in your own garden or by professional and volunteer gardeners in creating and maintaining someone else's garden.

The classes range from the most basic to the very specialized and are useful to beginning gardeners, home gardeners, Master Gardeners and Advanced Master Gardeners, as

well as professional gardeners and landscapers. The School's highly-regarded professional team serves as instructors for many of the courses and regional and national experts are invited to teach specialty classes and serve as guest experts.

Learners can register for classes at any time (new classes start weekly) and progress at their own pace. Courses can be taken individually or a combination of classes can be taken to progress from basic levels to the most advanced classes. Learners also have the opportunity to follow a comprehensive coordinated curriculum, which includes an apprenticeship, earning a Certificate in Gardening Fine Arts. Learners also have the opportunity to follow a comprehensive coordinated curriculum, which includes an independent project, to earn a Certificate of Landscape and Garden Design.

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Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority and Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority.

The program ends Sunday, April 21. Cost is \$12 per sample. Registration fee: \$124
Locations are: Damman Hardware, metropolitan locations; English Gardens, all metropolitan locations; Four Seasons Garden Center, Oak Park; MacKell True Value Hardware, Birmingham; Tolly's Greenhouse and Garden Center, Troy; and Uncle Luke's Feed Store, Troy.

For more information, call (248) 855-8090, or call the store directly.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (734) 953-2017 on a touch-tone phone. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.

GARDENING CALENDAR

Send items for Gardening Calendar to "Gardening Calendar," Observer & Eccentric, Newspaper, 305 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, or fax (248) 644-1314.

IRIS CLUB OF MICHIGAN

The Iris Club of Michigan will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 18, at the Royal Oak Senior Community Center, 3500 Maris, Royal Oak, three blocks east of Crooks Road and three blocks north of 13 Mile Road. The topic: Gardening Hints and Ideas. Share your energy, money, and timesaving gardening ideas, hints, or products with fellow gardeners in this fun round robin of garden inspiration. Moderator is Lynn Hux. The meeting is free and open to public. For information call Ann at (248) 280-0848. Other upcoming events: 12:20-4 p.m. Saturday, June 1: Iris show, Royal Oak Senior Community

Center, June 29, all day bus tour, Ensatia Gardens, Galeburg, and Japanese Iris Show, Kalamazoo. Reservations needed.

MICHIGAN ORCHID SOCIETY Meets 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 21, at the First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willets Road, Birmingham. The meeting is free and open to the public. You'll be able to learn more about orchids. There will also be plants for raffle. At this meeting, the society presents Dana Harrison from Orchids by Hausmann out of Illinois, who will speak on "How to Have Orchids in Bloom Twelve Months a Year." He'll also have plants available for sale.

SUGARHILL NURSERY AND GARDENS Sugarhill Nursery and Gardens, 470 West Five Mile Road, Whitmore Lake, offers a series of free lectures and garden walks on Sunday afternoons at the nursery. They begin at 1 p.m., last about an hour, and include a 10 percent discount on any

plant discussed in the lectures. Lectures are given by various garden experts, no reservations are necessary.

On April 21, Mike Appel, Native Plant Nursery, will discuss "Native Plants in the Home Landscape." On April 28, Richard Tuttle, Sagamore Nursery & Gardens owner, takes a "Spring Ephemeral Wildflowers," garden walk.

LANDSCAPE DESIGN WORKSHOP Sponsored by the Hardy Plant Society, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 20 in Troy. Dr. Robert Schuttki, an associate professor at Michigan State University, will discuss plant selection and installation. To participate, make check for \$20, payable to the Hardy Plant Society, and send to 323 E. Lovell Drive, Troy, 48065. For more information e-mail rdshuttki@msu.edu or call (248) 879-2310.

CLARENCEVILLE

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

"Fun in the Flower Garden" will be 7-10 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, in Room 106 at Clarenceville High School. Taught by Margie McCormack, advanced master gardener, \$16 tuition. Learn what and when to plant instant color annuals or long term effect perennials. Registration details, (248) 473-8933.

AFRICAN VIOLET SHOW Michigan's only African Violet Club will hold its first Flower Display and Sale from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 27, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at Oxford Public Library, 530 Pontiac Road, Oxford. Healthy African violets in bloom and other Gesneriad plants will be accepted for entry in a special guest class from 3-5 p.m. Friday, April 26, and 10-11 a.m. Saturday, April 27. For information, call Chris Leppard, (248) 693-2416.

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