



WINTER/SPRING LECTURE SERIES 2012

Increase your gardening knowledge in 2012 by attending our Winter/Spring Lecture Series. We offer informative interactive classes taught by our knowledgeable staff and guest lecturers. All classes run approximately 1 hour. Space is limited and registration is required. There is a \$10 fee per class due at time of registration. (**Unless otherwise noted & exempt from gift card.) You must pay in advance. A \$5 Primex Gift Card will be issued to each paid registrant that attends the lecture. Register in the store or by calling 215-887-7500.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14TH @ 1:00PM

SEED STARTING - Gloria Foran

Always a popular class! Our very own Gloria will show you starting plants (flowers & vegetables) from seed, which will include, selecting seed, propagation & setting out in the garden.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21ST

10:00 am

BACKYARD BEEKEEPING - HOW TO GET STARTED - Suzanne Matlock

Suzanne is a member of the Philadelphia Beekeepers Guild. Let her show you how easy it is to start bee keeping right in your own back yard, and how important bees are to our environment.

1:00PM

PLANNING & PLANTING RAISED BEDS - Sally McCabe, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society

Sally is coming to us from PHS with her energetic personality and vast knowledge of all things horticultural. She will teach you how to get the most food, flowers and beauty out of your garden, using less space, time and effort.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28TH

10:00 am

COMPOSTING - Mia Mengucci, PCH

Mia is our resident "trash talker"! Anyone can make compost. Learn how to make black gold from the leaves and kitchen scraps you have. This is a simple "how-to" on getting started.

1:00 pm

STARTING SPRING TURF & RENOVATION - Mia Mengucci, PCH

Mia is back to help get your lawn started and/or renovated for the upcoming season. Learn what you will need to do for spring, summer & fall. Bring in a soil sample for pH testing (about a cup from 3" down-dried out).

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

10:00 am

BACKYARD CHICKENS - Jesse Howe

Ever thought of keeping chickens? Jesse will go over the how to's of starting a chicken coop in your very own back yard. Come with questions.

1:00 - 3:00 pm

CUT FLOWERS IN THE GARDEN: TRICKS TO ARRANGE IN A VASE - Cheryl Wilkes, [Flowers On Location](#)

Cheryl has been in the floral industry over 25 years. As a certified horticultural therapist, she teaches the art of floral design to ALL ages and abilities. With her energetic style and panache you will learn how to use cut flowers in many different ways in vases. You'll learn which flowers are best to plant and grow for a cutting garden. Design and take home your own vase arrangement! Everything is included ... Just bring yourself and have fun learning! Guaranteed smiles :)

WORKSHOP COST: \$32.00

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH

10:00 am

ATTRACTING BIRDS AND BACKYARD FEEDING - Marsha Pearson

Marsha created and runs the www.PhillyWildBird.com website. A former business owner of the Wild Bird Center in Willow Grove she comes to us today to share her knowledge and love of birding in the area. Learn what to feed our feathered friends and ways to make your backyard more attractive to them. Marsha will also go over how to become involved with the [Great Backyard Bird Count](#).

1:00 pm

INTRO TO ORCHIDS - Margie Robbins

Orchid enthusiast and fellow staff member, Margie will demystify the wonders of orchids including which types are easier to grow, how to encourage reblooming, fertilizing, repotting and some basic insect and disease controls.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18th

10:00 am

RAINWATER AS A RESOURCE: REDUCE RUNOFF & FLOODING - Dottie Baumgarten, [Sustainable Choices](#)

We are "water rich" here in the Delaware River Watershed and water can be a serious problem when it runs off of our land and floods homes and streets. Learn how the water moves through our land, and what we can each do with the rainwater that falls on our roofs, lawn, and gardens. Dottie is the owner of Sustainable Choices, aspires to support positive changes towards earth-friendly behaviors through knowledge.

1:00 pm

BACKYARD FRUITS - Anne Myers

A very popular class. Anne will be going over how to maintain your fruit trees to help yield a more bountiful crop, whether starting new or restoring older trees. Anne will also cover pruning, spraying, diseases and insects. Everything you wanted to know, but were afraid to ask! Pictures are welcome.

1:00 pm

RAIN BARRELS - Sally McCabe, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society

Sally is here to teach you about rain barrels and their use in water conservation for the garden. Sally will teach you how to build a rain barrel then how to use the rain barrel for your garden and home. This class is a follow up with the AM Class on Rainwater Conservation.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25th

10:00 am

STARTING TERRARIUMS - Elizabeth Leo

Liz is all about the Terrarium Revival! With her knowledgeable guidance you will create and take home your very own terrarium.

*****WORKSHOP COST: \$25.00**

1:00 pm

BERRIES, BRAMBLES, & GRAPES - Anne Myers

Learn how to grow your own and/or maintain your existing plants. Our very own Anne will once again give this popular class on the how, what & whys of growing edible delights in your backyard.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17th

10:00 am

ORGANIC GARDENING - Ron Kushner

Learn how to garden the organic way. Ron is returning to Primex and will guide you through the basics of soil amending and composting up to growing your crops, controlling insects and disease, and the practices that makes ones garden truly organic.

10:00 am

LIVING CENTERPIECES: HOW TO USE LIVE PLANTS & FLOWERS - Cheryl Wilkes, [Flowers On Location](#)

Cheryl is back to share her creativity and will be pumped after being a guest speaker at the Philadelphia Flower Show (her 22nd year)! Learn how to use live plants and foliage together in containers to create your own living centerpieces throughout the year. She will demonstrate various ideas that you can use at home, or give as gifts.

1:00 pm

COMPANION PLANTING - Ron Kushner

Ron's enthusiastic style will guide you through which plants work well when planted together to help your crops reach their full potential. This will cover plants that help repel insects, cross pollinate and increase the soil's fertility all through organic practices.