

2009 Horticultural Programs

Michigan State University Extension Jackson County

Ralph Heiden, Michigan State University Extension Horticulture Educator, will be the instructor for these programs. They are intended primarily for homeowners, Master Gardeners (educational credits) and hobbyists, although anyone with an interest in plants may attend. Enrollment will be limited so that everyone can hear the presenter and get a chance to ask questions. **Pre-registration is highly recommended.**

These informal programs provide both classroom and outdoor opportunities to learn more about horticulture and home gardening. We will explore the grounds and gardens of Hidden Lake Gardens and Michigan State University. We will also discuss anything and everything that we find along the way.

The concept of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) for insect, disease and environmental problems in the landscape will be featured. We will explore a wide range of alternatives for managing problems of trees, shrubs, flowers and lawns. These will include proper plant selection, biological controls, mechanical methods and cultural alternatives.

This brochure is also available on-line at the Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) - Jackson County website. The entire program listing and a printable registration form may be found at: <http://www.msue.msu.edu/jackson>. Just click on the Gardening Programs button.

NOTE: The MSUE Office is located at 1715 Lansing Ave in Jackson

Is registration necessary?

Yes! Yes! Yes! Some class sizes are limited, so register as soon as possible. For last minute registrations, call the MSU Extension - Jackson County office at (517) 788-4292 to see if space is still available on the day of the program. **Programs with fewer than 10 participants will be cancelled. So please register early!**

If you decide to attend a session at the "last minute," please call the MSUE office at 517-788-4292 to be sure that the program has not been cancelled. Then, complete this form and bring it along with your check to the program.

What about the weather and cancellations?

Outdoor activities will take place rain or shine unless severe weather warnings are active at the time of the event. Come prepared to be on your feet for the full time although the distances covered will generally not be extensive. Most areas used are covered by lawn and should be accessible for wheelchairs adapted to this type of terrain. Please let us know if you have special needs so that we can accommodate them.

In case of severe weather, call the MSU Extension - Jackson County office (517) 788-4292 after 4:00 p.m. on the day of **evening outdoor** programs for cancellation information.

What is the cost?

There is a fee of \$5.00 per person per session for the basic programs. The fee for multiple week Series Programs is listed on the registration form.

Further information:

Questions should be directed to Ralph Heiden, Michigan State University Extension - Jackson County Horticulture Educator at (517) 788-4292 or E-mail at heiden@msu.edu.

NOTE: YOU WILL ONLY BE NOTIFIED IF A PROGRAM IS FULL OR CANCELLED.

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	Day	Date	Time	Topic	Location
1	Thursday	July 23	6:30 to 8:30 p.m.	Visit to Hidden Lake Gardens	Tipton, MI
2	Sunday	Aug 2	2:00 to 4:00 p.m.	Visit to MSU Hort Gardens	East Lansing
3	Thursdays (Series)	Sept 17 & 24, Oct 1	7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	Design and Construction of Beds and Borders	MSUE Office
4	Monday (Series)	Oct 19 & 26	7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	Bugs, Critters and Diseases in the Home Landscape	MSUE Office
5	Monday (Series)	Nov 30 & Dec 7	7:00 to 9:00 p.m.	Backyard Pools and Ponds	MSUE Office

No. 1 – Visit to Hidden Lake Gardens (Outdoors)

Thursday July 23 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Location: Hidden Lake Gardens

Hostas are the number one selling perennial in the U.S. We will explore Hosta Hillside at Hidden Lake Gardens located on M-50 between Brooklyn and Tecumseh. This is one of the best collections in the country and contains about 500 named cultivars of hostas. The second part of the program will be a visit to the Harper Collection of Rare and Dwarf Conifers. This is an outstanding display of these useful and low maintenance evergreens.

Note: Meet in the parking lot at Hidden Lake Gardens (allow 45 minutes from Jackson). There is a small admission fee of \$3.00 per person at the entrance gate.

Walk In The Garden No. 2 – MSU Horticulture Gardens (Outdoors)

Sunday August 2 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. MSU Campus in East Lansing

The Horticultural Display Gardens at Michigan State University consist of 4 different gardens on a 7.5 acre site. The Perennial Garden has developed into a magnificent display. The Rose Display Garden features the All-America selections for many years. The All-America Selections' Annual Flower Garden should be at its peak. One of the highlights will be the 4-H Children's Garden which features many "hands on" displays for children of all ages.

Note: Ralph will meet you at the parking lot south of the Plant and Soil Science Building on the campus of Michigan State University. This activity involves walking a couple of miles at a leisurely pace. If you need directions to the gardens, please call the MSUE office at (517) 788-4292 or email at heiden@msu.edu. **Please be sure to register so we know the numbers who will attend.**

No. 3 – Design and Construction of Beds and Borders (Classroom)

Thursday September 17 & 23 Oct 1 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Location: MSUE Office

This is a three part series covering the basics of designing, installing and maintaining landscape plantings on the typical home property. We will discuss design concepts for placing trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals, vines, bulbs and other plants in the landscape.

This will include the use of color, form, texture, line and mass in the garden for maximum impact. The use of paving stone paths, statuary, structures, containers and other hardscape to enhance your landscape will be explored. We will also discuss soil preparation, fertilization and plant maintenance.

Note: You must register for all 3 sessions for a single fee of \$50.00.

No. 4 – Bugs, Critters and Diseases in the Home Landscape (Outdoors and Classroom)

Mondays Oct 19 & 26 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Location: MSUE Office

“What’s wrong with my plant?” is a common question among gardeners. This class will take a look at the first step in answering this question...identifying the problem. We will explore the basics of distinguishing between damage from insects, diseases and environmental disorders. Part of the program will deal with exotic pests. A pest (animal, insect, disease or plant) is “Exotic” if it came here from somewhere else in the world. In this day of airplanes, ships and trucks moving items long distances in short amounts of time, more and more exotic pests such as the Emerald ash borer, Japanese beetle and garlic mustard are being introduced into our landscapes.

Note: You must register for both sessions for a single fee of \$25.00.

No. 5 – Backyard Pools and Ponds (Classroom)

Mondays November 30 & Dec 7 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Location: MSUE Office

Water in the garden adds a new dimension to your gardening enjoyment. The sound of water is soothing and watching fish glide in the water calms your nerves. This program will explode myths about a backyard pond which often prevent people from building one. We will look at the process from choosing the site to digging the holes to maintaining the pond.

Note: You must register for both sessions for a single fee of \$25.00.

Note: If you need another copy of the registration form, the entire program listing and a printable registration form may be found at:
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2009 Summer Program Registration Form

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

	Program	Date	Cost	No.	Total
1	Hidden Lake Gardens	July 23	5.00		
2	MSU Hort Gardens	Aug 2	5.00		
3	Beds and Borders	Sep 17 & 24 Oct 1	50.00		
4	Bugs, Critters & Diseases	Oct 19 & 26	25.00		
5	Backyard Ponds	Nov 30 & Dec 7	25.00		
			Total:		

Make Check Payable To: M.S.U. Extension - Jackson County

Return This Form and Check To: Horticulture Programs
M.S.U. Extension - Jackson County
1715 Lansing Ave
Jackson, MI 49202-2135

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