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Advanced Master Gardener Certification Requirements

Active Certified Master Gardeners may obtain Advanced Master Gardener certification by taking 20 classroom hours and providing 40 outreach hours over a three-year period. The time accumulates with the first AMG/Garden Master class taken after completing the Master Gardener certification requirements.

Garden Master Classes are offered through the University of Connecticut Extension Master Gardener Program. For Certified Master Gardeners they provide a continuation of their education as part of the Advanced Master Gardener certification process. Certified Master Gardeners may take these classes at the reduced, “Master Gardener” tuition rate.

These classes are also open to the general public, providing access to a variety of horticultural and related topics. Anyone with an interest in gardening and horticulture is welcome! If, after taking a class or two, you are interested in taking the UConn Extension Master Gardener certification program, feel free to contact your county or state coordinator (listed on the page prior to the registration form). The certification program is taught in five locations in the state each year, beginning in January. As part of this training, Master Gardeners commit time as volunteers working through their local Cooperative Extension Center or the Bartlett Arboretum to provide horticultural-related information and assistance to the community.

Maintaining Active Certified Master Gardener Status

To maintain your active certified Master Gardener status you must:

- Take the Hot Topics class offered each year. This class is held on multiple dates throughout the state each year.

- Complete twenty (20) hours of outreach per year. At least ten (10) of those hours must be completed mentoring in your Extension Center or the Bartlett Arboretum.

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The College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources is committed to the land grant mission – serving Connecticut and the global economy through research, education, and public engagement. CAHNR has four core values of learning, discovery, engagement and global citizenship.

UConn Extension programs are a critical link in fulfilling CAHNR’s learning and engagement missions. The partnership between UConn Extension and thousands of Connecticut citizens has been a time-honored and valued relationship for 100 years.
S16/25 Creating a POLLINATOR VICTORY GARDEN: Winning the War on Pollinator Decline

Wednesday January 13, 2016  10:30 AM – 2:00 PM (with break for lunch)
Bartlett Arboretum and Gardens
Instructor: Kim Eierman

FEE:  $70.00 Non-Master Gardener  
$60.00 Master Gardener  
DEADLINE: January 6, 2016

Many pollinator species have suffered serious declines in recent years. It’s a serious problem since pollinators are responsible for the pollination of approximately 80% of all flowering plants, and at least 30% of the food that we eat. Unfortunately, most of our landscapes offer little in the way of appropriate habitat and forage. With simple strategies, you can attract and support not just bees, but an array of pollinators that have different requirements. Learn how to create a Pollinator Victory Garden to help win the war on pollinator decline. Every landscape can make a difference.

Kim Eierman is an environmental horticulturist and founder of EcoBeneficial!, a horticulture consulting and communications company. Kim is a Certified Horticulturist through the American Society for Horticultural Science, an Accredited Organic Landcare Professional, a Certified Master Gardener, a Master Naturalist and a steering committee member of The Native Plant Center. She teaches at the New York Botanical Garden, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, the Native Plant Center and Rutgers Home Gardeners School.

S16/01 GRAFTING Workshop

Saturday, January 23, 2016  10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
(Snow date: January 30)
Auerfarm, Bloomfield, CT

Instructor: Kevin Wilcox

Fee:  $100.00 Non-Master Gardener  
$80.00 Master Gardener  
DEADLINE: January 15, 2016

Grafting is an ages-old method for asexually propagating plants. Mediterranean olive growers of 3,000 years ago used similar techniques as we use today for grafting apple trees for commercial and homeowner use. In this workshop, we will look at the different techniques used in grafting, such as side veneer and cleft grafting. Learn how to apply this propagation technique to your own plants with a lecture and hands-on demonstration. Plants and equipment will be provided.

Kevin Wilcox has worked in the nursery profession in many capacities for 30 years and also spent a requisite four years enrolled at SUNY Cobleskill, where he learned the science behind the why and how of plant culture. In 1991, he became a Connecticut Accredited Nursery Professional. For fun, he has been an auctioneer for the Connecticut Horticultural Society's spring and fall plant auctions.
**S16/24 Brighten up Those WINTER BLUES:**
**A Look at Great Plants for Winter Interest**

Tuesday, January 26  
10:00 - 11:30 AM  
Bartlett Arboretum and Gardens  
Instructor: Adam Wheeler

**FEE:**  
$40.00 Non-Master Gardener  
$30.00 Master Gardener  
**DEADLINE:** January 19, 2016

Who says the winter garden has to be filled with boring, drab colors? Join Adam Wheeler of Broken Arrow Nursery for this fun-filled lecture that explores the diversity of plants available for adding color and interest to the garden during winter.

*Adam Wheeler* is the propagation and plant development manager of Broken Arrow Nursery, located in Hamden, CT. He graduated from the University of Vermont where he completed his BS degree in urban forestry and landscape horticulture. Additionally, he is an adjunct instructor on plant propagation and woody plant identification at Naugatuck Valley Community College. At Broken Arrow Nursery, Adam manages plant propagation and the acquisition and development of new plants. In his spare time he enjoys collecting rare and unusual plants, rock climbing, and competitive giant pumpkin growing.

In addition to sending your registration to UConn for this class, please email the Bartlett coordinator to let her know you intend to attend. Use the email address: mastergardener@bartlettarboretum.org

**S16/07 DOGWOODS: Still Cornus to Us**

Saturday, January 30, 2016,  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
(Snow date, February 6)  
New Haven County Extension Center  
Instructor: Kevin Wilcox

**FEE:**  
$70.00 Non-Master Gardener  
$60.00 Master Gardener  
**DEADLINE:** January 22, 2016

The genus Cornus has recently been reclassified to provide greater understanding of the history of its development. But to gardeners, their cultural requirements and garden usefulness are still the same. Join us as we explore the different species in what once was Cornus. We will discuss their native environments, how well they adapt to gardens in CT and the sensational cultivars that may tickle our fancy. (You may wish to bring a brown bag lunch.)

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S16/08 The story of a 250-year-old CONNECTICUT FARM

Wednesday, February 10, 2016, 1:00 - 3:00 PM
(Snow date, February 17)
New Haven County Extension Center
Instructor: Lars Demander
Hours Earned: 2

FEE: $50.00 Non-Master Gardener
     $40.00 Master Gardener

Clover Nook Farm in Bethany has been in the same family for eight generations and has been honored as a Connecticut Century Farm. Get to know the family - local leaders in welcoming modern agricultural practices and in commitment to their community. Learn how the farm has adapted over the past 250 years and is now poised to meet the challenges of the future.

Having completed his undergraduate work at Cornell University and grad school at UConn, Lars Demander is now back home full-time; putting his academic knowledge, business acumen and physical labor to work on the farm.

S16/22 Managing your RAISED BEDS
Tips and Techniques from a Market Gardener

Monday, Feb. 15, 2016, 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Litchfield County Extension Center
Instructor: Ian Gibson
Hours Earned: 2

FEE: $50.00 Non-Master Gardener
     $40.00 Master Gardener

Why grow in raised beds and how do you manage crops in this system? Farmer, teacher and scientist Ian Gibson will answer these questions as well as present the best practices for raising crops in raised beds. He will present ideas for preparing and building raised beds, preventing small rodent damage, and controlling diseases, while emphasizing methods for bringing plants from seedlings to market.

Ian Gibson has managed Wellstone Farm/CSA in Higganum and served as agricultural advisor to the Higganum Farmers’ Market. He holds a bachelor’s degree in wildlife biology from the University of Rhode Island and a master’s degree in marine biology and coastal zone management from Nova Southeastern University. Ian is also an independent science educator.

Since classes are being added on an on-going basis, be sure to check the UConn Extension Master Gardener website often at http://mastergardener.uconn.edu/ for additional classes.
**S16/20 Garden Tool & Small Engine MAINTENANCE**

Wednesday, February 24, 2016  
10:00 AM - Noon  
UConn Plant Science Research Farm, Storrs  
Instructor: Stephen Olsen  
Hours Earned: 2  

FEE:  
$50.00 Non-Master Gardener  
$40.00 Master Gardener  
DEADLINE: February 17, 2016  

Get ready for the upcoming growing season! Participants in this class will learn how to keep your garden tools sharp and ready to use. Steve will also instruct us on how to maintain small engines such as you would find on lawn mowers so that they will start each spring and keep on working for you.

Stephen Olsen works at the PSLA Research Farm at UConn. In the Plant Science Department of the College of Agriculture, Health, and Natural Resources he is manager of the Research and Education Facility (the site of the MG Program’s semi-annual Farm Tour). Steve brings to this class a wealth of knowledge and experience of working with horticultural equipment from trowels to tractors. He is a graduate of UConn and holds a master’s degree from Penn State.

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**S16/05 REAL-TIME DESIGN – Isham-Terry House**

Thursday, February 18, 2016  
1:00 – 4:00 PM  
West Hartford Extension Center  
Instructor: Sarah Bailey  
Hours Earned: 3  

Fee:  
$75.00 Non-Master Gardener  
$60.00 Master Gardener  
DEADLINE: February 11, 2016  

Garden design doesn’t have to be complicated—with a few basic tools and skills, you can put together a plan in an afternoon. Come learn the basics and then apply them to a real-life situation. Class will consist of a design basics talk, followed by a group project designing a shade perennial bed at the historic Isham-Terry House in Hartford. See how the concepts learned are applied to an actual site - and how many different options one can come up with! The property is undergoing a landscape renovation in 2016, and the final design will be incorporated into the master plan.

Sarah Bailey is a Certified Advanced Master Gardener and a Connecticut Accredited Nursery Professional. She has worked in the horticultural industry for the last two decades as, variously, a retail nursery manager, a private gardener and garden designer and a consultant for several landscape firms. She is the Hartford County coordinator for the UConn Extension Master Gardener Program and the Extension youth gardening coordinator. She currently serves on the education committee of the CT Nursery and Landscape Association.
S16/13 SEED Starting/Exchange

Tuesday, March 1, 2016 1:00 – 3:00 PM
Tarrywile Mansion Greenhouse, Danbury
Instructor: Julia Cencebaugh Kloth
Hours Earned: 2

FEE: $50.00 Non-Master Gardener
$40.00 Master Gardener

DEADLINE: February 23rd, 2016

In collaboration with the team from the Fairfield County Demonstration Garden, learn how to start your own seeds and plan for your spring garden. The class will start with a community seed exchange; participants are encouraged to bring seeds collected from the past harvest; herbs, vegetables and flowers. The practical part of the workshop will focus on proper storage of seeds, seed starting and the care of seedlings. Topics include: planning the garden, choosing varieties, creating a seed plant, soils, pots and getting started; transplanting, hardening off and companion planting. Each participant will go home with a tray full of starts and a notebook full of planting tips.

Julia Cencebaugh is the UConn Master Gardener Coordinator at the Fairfield County Extension Center in Bethel. Her area of special interest includes garden design, habitat restoration, native plants, wildflowers and gardening to attract wild birds. She holds certification from the New York Botanical Garden in landscape design, is certified in arboriculture, a certified Connecticut Tree Warden and recently gained accreditation from CT NOFA. Julia has served as the project coordinator for Partners for Plants, a joint initiative between Garden Club of America, the US Department of Forestry, and the CT DEEP. She designs public and private gardens with an emphasis on environmental stewardship.

S16/16 Select and Install a HOME IRRIGATION SYSTEM

Wednesday, March 2, 2016 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Middlesex County Extension Center
Instructors: Jim Woodworth and Tom Kalal
Hours Earned: 2

FEE: $50.00 Non-Master Gardener
$40.00 Master Gardener

DEADLINE: February 24, 2016

Learn about the different possibilities of home irrigation systems and how to make a decision that suits your needs. General installation information will be discussed. The irrigation system in the Model Community Garden at the Middlesex County Extension Center will be shown as an example.

Jim and Tom are Advanced Master Gardeners who participate on the Haddam Model Community Garden. Tom retired from the garden center business where he selected and installed irrigation systems.
**S16/18 NATIVE PLANTS with a Twist:**
**Unexpected Excitement from our Native Flora**

Saturday, March 5, 2016  
10:00 AM – Noon  
Litchfield County Extension Center  
Instructor: Adam Wheeler

**FEE:**  
$50.00 Non-Master Gardener  
$40.00 Master Gardener  
DEADLINE: February 26, 2016

This is an informative and timely lecture that explores the world of some of our best native plants, and how they may be used to showcase their extraordinary potential and diversity. The program will open with a discussion of the origin of these treasures as well as a general design perspective on their integration into gardens. A selection of the amazing variety and the benefits of using natives in the landscape will follow. Ornamental qualities, growth features, and cultural details, will be highlighted through energetic discussion and vivid imagery.

*Adam Wheeler is the propagation and plant development manager at Broken Arrow Nursery in Hamden. He completed his BS in urban forestry and landscape horticulture at the University of Vermont. Adam has collected many rare specimens of unusual plants and specializes in recognizing, developing, and introducing unique plants to the public.*

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**S16/04 CONIFER Culture II**

Tuesday, March 8, 2016  
7:00 – 9:00 PM  
(Snow date: March 15)  
Hartford County Extension Center  
Instructor: Kevin Wilcox

**Fee:**  
$50.00 Non-Master Gardener  
$40.00 Master Gardener  
DEADLINE: March 1, 2016

There are more than 20 different genus of conifers hardy enough to be grown in CT. Each conifer genus has specific cultural requirements, such as soil type, wind and sun exposure, and microclimate preferences. This class will focus on each genus, starting with *Juniperus* and finishing wherever we get to in two hours! In between we will look at each species and their individual garden preferences. Along with the slide presentation there will be clippings of plants brought in for examination.

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S16/02 GROWING HOPS in Connecticut

Saturday, March 12, 2016                   10:00 AM - Noon
New London County Extension Center       Hours Earned: 2
Instructor: Dr. Katja Maurer

FEE:   $50.00 Non-Master Gardener       DEADLINE: March 4, 2016
$40.00 Master Gardener

Hop (Humulus lupulus) cultivation has a long tradition on the Northeast coast of the United States, but it disappeared for a century. Recently, however, hop production is on the rise again. The popularity of microbrew culture and local brewpubs as well as the growing demand for regional products has re-established interest in hop cultivation in New England.

Join this class and learn more about this fascinating, but also challenging, plant. The class is divided into two parts: (1) Learn everything about hop cultivation including setting up a hop yard, propagation, planting, trellising, harvesting, and drying; (2) The second part focuses on disease and pest management, which is the basis for successful hop cultivation. Here an emphasis will be put on diseases and pests that are common in the Northeast.

Dr. Katja Maurer is a plant microbiologist with an expertise in phytopathology, microbiology, and biological control. Currently, she is working at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES), Valley Laboratory in Windsor, CT. Her research focuses on boxwood blight and the evaluation of the applicability of hop cultivation in CT. Dr. Maurer did her doctorate in Molecular Bioscience and Biotechnology (2014) at the Technical University Graz, Austria in cooperation with the Bavarian State Research Center for Agriculture, Germany. She holds a master’s degree in Biotechnology and a bachelor’s degree in Chemistry from the Technical University Graz, Austria.

Additional AMG Credit Opportunities!

Certified Master Gardeners can receive two (2) AMG class credits for ONE of the following educational conferences in the 2016 year:

UConn Garden Conference — 03/18/16
CT Master Gardener Association Annual Symposium — 3/19/16

If you attend one of these conferences, be sure to sign up for AMG credits!
Available, Yet Still Underused SHRUBS

Wednesday, March 16, 2016
Tolland County Extension Center
Instructor: Kevin Wilcox

FEE:  $50.00 Non-Master Gardener
      $40.00 Master Gardener

DEADLINE: March 10, 2016

We all know Forsythia and Hydrangea, yet how well do you know Lespedeza or Calycanthus? This program will focus on the shrubs readily found in today’s garden centers yet often overlooked. From Callicarpa to Wikstromia to Exochorda, we will explore the cultural requirements and uses for each unusual plant.

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S16/27 COASTAL CERTIFICATE
Sound Gardening: Sustainable Landscaping for Clean Waters

Dates: Monday, March 21, 2016 6:00– 9:00 PM  Hours Earned: 6
   Wednesday, March 23, 2016 6:00– 9:00 PM
   Fieldtrip Sunday, April 3, 2016 (time TBD)
   Monday, April 4, 2016 6:00– 9:00 PM
   Wednesday, April 6, 2016 6:00– 9:00 PM

Location:  Connecticut College, New London
Instructor:  Judy Preston, Coordinator and multiple guest speakers

FEE:  $75.00 Non-Master Gardener
      $65.00 Master Gardener
DEADLINE: March 14, 2016

Class Limit: 35
This class is limited to 15 attendees. You must contact the coordinator, susan.munger@uconn.edu, before registering to assure there is room for you.

The Coastal Certificate program is offered to those who wish to familiarize themselves with current environmental issues unique to our coastal waters and Long Island Sound, while learning about ways to landscape more sustainably. In a time when climate change is taking on increasing significance for coastal communities, the Coastal Certificate Program will address how and why the transition to sustainable landscapes is not just a good idea, but also a global environmental imperative.

The Coastal Certificate is designed to generate ambassadors of alternatives to nutrient and chemically intensive landscaping practices for Connecticut coastal and watershed residents. The outreach component will be geared specifically to spreading the word about sustainable landscaping through projects, educational materials, and other creative ideas.

In addition to covering coastal environmental issues, the Coastal Certificate program will feature professionals that address exciting ways to reduce or rethink lawns, create plant habitats that attract birds and pollinating insects, design for sustainability using native coastal plants, and share tools and resources for effective outreach. The Sunday field trip will relate to class topics and be local to the workshop location.

Participants must attend all classes and complete 10 hours of approved outreach activities to receive the Coastal Certificate. Reading resources will be provided. Those enrolled will receive 6 AMG credits upon completion.

Judy Preston is the CT Outreach Coordinator for the Long Island Sound Study and works at the CT Sea Grant UConn office in Groton, CT. She has a master’s degree in applied ecology from the Field Naturalist Program at the University of Vermont, as well as in environmental management from The Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. Judy is also a Certified Master Gardener and Master Composter through UConn Extension and an Accredited Organic Land Care Professional through the Northeast Organic Farming Association. For more information about the Coastal Certificate program, contact Judy at 860-395-0465 or 860-405-9303, or email judy.preston@uconn.edu
S16/26 Benefits of CONTAINER GARDENING

Saturday, April 2, 2016
New London County Extension Center
Instructor: John Bodin

FEE: $50.00 Non-Master Gardener
     $40.00 Master Gardener

Container gardening is popular for a whole variety of reasons, including limited space, poor conditions for a successful garden, wanting plants close at hand, and more.

Come to this class and be amazed at the possibilities. Learn about containers, soil, fillers to use for the bottom of the container, fertilizing, and the location of the containers. Also discussed will be appropriate flowers and vegetables for container growing and maintenance and care of plants.

John Bodin is a retired physician and Master Gardener from the 2014 class.

S16/09 The CUTTING GARDEN or “Off with their Heads!”

Tuesday, April 5, 2016,
New Haven County Extension Center
Instructor: Michael Russo

FEE: $50.00 Non-Master Gardener
     $40.00 Master Gardener

Does the idea of having a garden full of fresh blossoms, vines and branches available to decorate your home - or a client's - throughout the year entice you? If so this class will provide you with the information necessary to plan, manage and create your own cutting garden. Michael will give his suggestions on favorite annuals, perennials, shrubs, bulbs and vines to plant in your own “workhorse” of a garden, intended to provide a continuous bounty of botanical material for your creative floral endeavors. Resources for obtaining seeds, bulbs and plants will also be provided in this class.

Michael A. Russo is the owner of Trout Lily Farm in North Guilford. On one acre of intensively cultivated soil, Russo grows herbs, vegetables, gourds and flowers organically for his floral design business. He is a 2012 graduate of the Master Gardener program and before embarking on his life as a “gentleman farmer” he had a career as an art educator for 33 years.
S16/21 This BUD’S for You!

Thursday, April 7, 2016                    10:00 AM - Noon
Windham County Extension Center            Hours Earned: 2
Instructor: Ralph Yulo

FEE:          $50.00 Non-Master Gardener
              $40.00 Master Gardener
              DEADLINE: March 31, 2016

How do you know what tree it is when all its leaves are gone? Dr. Ralph Yulo will lead us in a “winter”
tree identification class in which you’ll learn to use some of the easily recognized characteristics of
buds and twigs to identify many familiar trees. Bring your hand lens. We will start off the class in-
doors, learning bud and twig anatomy and terminology, use of keys and tree lore. In the latter part of
the class, you will have a chance to test out your tree ID skills along the forest trails surrounding the
Windham Extension Center.

Ralph Yulo is a professor of science education emeritus at Eastern Connecticut State University.

S16/23 Plants to DYE For

Wednesday, April 13, 2016                   12:00 -2:00 PM
Still River Mill, Eastford, CT              Hours Earned: 2
Instructor: Jude Hsiang

FEE:          $50.00 Non-Master Gardener
              $40.00 Master Gardener
              DEADLINE: April 6, 2016

Materials Fee: $10 (payable at the class)
Class limit: 15
This class is limited to 15 attendees. You must contact the coordinator, deborah.2.lee@uconn.edu,
before registering to assure there is room for you.

This will be a hands-on class about using natural plant materials to dye fibers. Jude will demonstrate
how plant pigments can be extracted and used to dye clothing as well as providing you with information
on the long history of dyeing. You will learn how to use local plants as pigment sources. Par-
ticipants will use plant pigments to tie-dye silk scarves to take home. There will be samples and dye
books to look at, and a handout with basic instructions, references and supply sources. The class will
take place on the premises of the Still River Mill, a fiber processing operation located in Connecticut’s
Quiet Corner.

Jude Hsiang is a Certified UConn Extension Advanced Master Gardener and the MG Coordinator for New
Haven County. She serves on the boards of the Connecticut Botanical Society and the Experiment Station
Associates. Jude teaches dyeing and printing with natural materials through Versicolor, LLC.
**S16/14 ENVIRONMENTAL Leadership**

Tuesday, April 19, 2016  
Fairfield County Extension Center  
Instructor: Robert M. Ricard, Ph.D., CF  

FEE: $50.00 Non-Master Gardener  
$40.00 Master Gardener  

Take your community engagement to the next level with this unique learning opportunity. Are you passionate about the environment? Are you ready to learn how to run campaigns to help save our natural resources? This class will broaden your knowledge and perspectives on environmental science, policy, management, leadership, team development, public policy processes, attitudes and behaviors, values and norms, social networks, social capital, program evaluation, and legislative affairs. Learn the power of organizing and understand the power of public support and know how to mobilize it.

Bob Ricard is senior extension educator with the Department of Extension and teaches in the Department of Natural Resources and the Environment. Bob is responsible for helping Connecticut cities and towns with better managing public trees and forests focusing mostly on community volunteers. He also assists educators and researchers conduct social science research design and methods. He conducts the Tree Warden School and assists the Tree Wardens' Association of Connecticut, Inc., which he formed in 1992. He is co-author, with Glenn Dreyer, of Greening Connecticut Cities and Towns: Managing Public Trees and Community Forests (2005) Bob holds a Ph.D. in public policy with other degrees in forest resources. He is a fellow of the Society of American Foresters.

**S16/12 Creating a SUSTAINABLE HOME LANDSCAPE**

Wednesday, April 20, 2016  
Tolland County Extension Center  
Instructor: Deborah Lee  

FEE: $50.00 Non-Master Gardener  
$40.00 Master Gardener  

This class will emphasize the use of native trees, shrubs and perennials to help you produce both an ecologically sound and an aesthetically pleasing landscape. Deborah will discuss what plant material would be appropriate to use in different garden situations: in sun or shade, for meadows or woodlands, for property borders, foundation planting, on slopes, or in potential rain garden areas.

Deborah Lee is co-owner of Woodland Trail Native Plant Nursery in Eastford, CT and the Windham County Master Gardener Coordinator. She holds a Ph.D. in ecology from the University of Connecticut.
S16/06 DINOSAUR PARK Walkabout

Saturday, April 23, 2016
Dinosaur State Park, Rocky Hill, CT
Instructor: Kevin Wilcox

 Fee: $50.00 Non-Master Gardener
      $40.00 Master Gardener

Dinosaur State Park in Rocky Hill contains not only prehistoric fossils, but also an arboretum with many representatives of plant families that grew in the Mesozoic era. There are more than 200 different kinds of conifers planted, along with many interesting deciduous trees. Kevin Wilcox will show us and discuss the highlights of the collection. If you choose, you can bring a picnic lunch and/or continue to explore the rest of the park after the tour. You will be responsible for admission to the park, which is $6. More information about the park is available at www.dinosaurstatepark.org

Kevin Wilcox has worked in the nursery profession in many capacities for 30 years and also spent a requisite four years enrolled at SUNY Cobleskill, where he learned the science behind the why and how of plant culture. In 1991, he became a Connecticut Accredited Nursery Professional. For fun, he has been an auctioneer for the Connecticut Horticultural Society’s spring and fall plant auctions.

S16/15 GROUNDCOVERS for Durable Landscapes

Monday, April 25, 2016
Middlesex County Extension Center
Instructor: Kathy Connolly

Fee: $50.00 Non-Master Gardener
      $40.00 Master Gardener

Lawns are the most widely-used groundcover of the past two centuries but there are many other ways to cover ground with durable, low-growing and low-maintenance plants that work just as well. (Sometimes, even better.) In this two-hour session, we’ll step back from conventional assumptions about how and why we cover yard and community spaces with grass and other cultivated plants. After suggesting some new ways of looking at the space beneath our feet, we’ll take a tour of ground-covering possibilities. Discussion will include some of the latest developments in low-mow lawns and native plants for groundcovers.

Books for sale, and maybe some plants, too. Cash or check only.

Kathleen Connolly is a landscape designer, garden writer and speaker from Old Saybrook. She is the editor for Lawns and Lawn Alternatives on Lawncare.About.com. She writes the Green and Growing column for The Day community papers throughout southeastern Connecticut.
S16/10 WOODLAND BEAUTIES: Epimedium and More

Tuesday, April 26, 2016, 6:00-8:00 PM
New Haven County Extension Center
Instructor: Andy Brand

FEE: $50.00 Non-Master Gardener
     $40.00 Master Gardener
DEADLINE: April 19, 2016

Andy Brand will discuss a selection of prized woodland plants illustrated with his fine photos. If you don’t have epimedium in your shady garden, you will wonder how you could have overlooked these wonders. Andy will bring some epimedium and other plants of the season for you to appreciate in person.

Andy Brand has been an employee of Broken Arrow Nursery for over two decades and manages the nursery. He has served as president of the American Rhododendron Society, the Connecticut Butterfly Association, and the Connecticut Nursery and Landscape Association (CNLA), and received the Young Nursery Professional Award from the New England Nursery Association. He is an amateur naturalist with a strong interest in native plants and attracting wildlife to yards.

S16/03 GENETICALLY MODIFYING Our Foods:
10,000 years of experience in altering our food's genome

Saturday, April 30, 2016, 10:00 AM - Noon
New London County Extension Center
Instructor: Paul Armond

FEE: $50.00 Non-Master Gardener
     $40.00 Master Gardener
DEADLINE: April 22, 2016

Since the time humans ceased to be hunter-gatherers, we have selected and altered the genetic constitution of both the plants and animals that we eat. This class will review the techniques used in the past and provide information of how genetically modified organisms (GMO) got their start in the 1980s and continue to cause great controversy to date. This talk will contain up-to-date information on the science, regulatory issues and politics on this topic.

Paul Armond is a retired senior director from Pfizer Inc. While at Pfizer, he was a member of the Department of Plant Genetics and did research to improve the agronomic properties of major crop plants such as corn, soybeans and sorghum. He also performed clinical research on herbal medicines. He received his bachelor degree in botany from Duke University and a Ph.D. in biology from the University of Illinois. He is also a UConn Master Gardener.
S16/19 POND Management, Part II

Thursday, May 19, 2016 6:00-8:00 PM
(Rain Date - May 26)
Litchfield County Extension Center
Instructor: Robert Gambino

Hours Earned: 2

FEE: $50.00 Non-Master Gardener
$40.00 Master Gardener

DEADLINE: May 13, 2016

This is a follow-up class from the first Pond Management class held in October. Nevertheless, it is also appropriate for those who are interested, but did not attend the previous class.

Ponds are complex, extraordinary, and ever changing. Wetland plants are a world unto themselves, yet an important and integral part of the environment, and not usually covered in Master Gardener Training.

This class will provide an on-site and hands-on experience for examining a local pond and its vegetation, including measuring the pond, water testing, checking inflow and outflow, and examining problems and solutions. Participants should wear waterproof foot wear, and may get wet!

Bob Gambino is a former extension agent, educator, and presenter for the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service, as well as the founder of Northeast Tree, Pond & Turf Service in New Milford.

S16/17 Wild GRASSES

Friday, May 20, 2016 9:00 – 11:00 AM
Middlesex County Extension Center
Instructor: Lauren Brown

Hours Earned: 2

FEE: $50.00 Non-Master Gardener
$40.00 Master Gardener

DEADLINE: May 13, 2016

Grasses are all around us but, due to their lack of showy flowers and supposed difficulty of identification, are often ignored. Yet they have a singular beauty and can be identified with relative ease once you know a few key characteristics. Lauren Brown, author of Grasses: an Identification Guide, will show you how to go about identifying them and then point out some common species in the field. The species covered will be spring grasses.

It will be helpful for you to have a copy of Lauren’s book, published by Houghton Mifflin, and a hand lens. The book is available online.

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To register, please complete the form on the next page. If you are registering for more than one person, please use separate forms for each. Registrations are processed upon receipt. Payment is by check or money order, made out to UConn. Mail your completed registration and payment to:

UConn Extension Master Gardener Program  
Attn: AMG/Master Classes  
1376 Storrs Road, Unit 4036  
Storrs, CT 06269-4036

Class information will be sent the week prior to the class, via email wherever possible. If you do not have email, please ensure that we have a telephone number where we can reach you. The lower course fee is offered to UConn Certified Master Gardeners. Students currently enrolled in the Master Gardener Program are also eligible for the lower course fees.

Questions  
Please direct inquiries about a specific class to the Extension center sponsoring that class (see list on previous page) or to the state coordinator (860) 486-6343. The “Classes by Date” listing in the front of the catalog notes which office is sponsoring each class.

Cancellation and Refunds  
If registration numbers are insufficient, we reserve the right to cancel a class, and a credit will be issued. Every attempt will be made to notify registrants of a cancelled class via telephone or email; therefore, it is important to include both your daytime and evening telephone numbers as well as relevant email addresses.

Last-minute withdrawals and no-shows cause significant problems for the effective administration of the Master Classes. In order to receive credit toward a future class due to a student-initiated withdrawal from a course, the county coordinator or the state coordinator must be notified by phone or email at least three (3) business days before the class (see list on previous page). No credits will be given without this prior notification. A $5.00 administrative fee will be deducted to process the credit. Credit vouchers will be sent by email whenever possible.

Weather Cancellations  
Class cancellations due to inclement weather are generally announced by email and recorded message. If you think that your class may have been cancelled, please check your email and/or call the Extension Master Gardener office sponsoring the class.

Using Class Credits  
To apply a class credit toward a new class, the user MUST submit a copy of the credit voucher with future registrations (or bring a copy with them if they register at the door for a class).
(Please print)

Name ___________________________ Day Phone ___________________________
Street Address ___________________________ Evening Phone ___________________________
City/Town State Zip Code ___________________________
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Payment - Make check or money order payable to “UConn.” Check # ______

Are you a Master Gardener? Yes/ No   If Yes, year certified: 19____ or 20_____ In which county? __________________________________________________________

☐ Please check this box if this is the first time you’ve enrolled for Garden Master Classes.

Please fill out below with the course number (S16/XX), title and cost. Mail your completed registration and payment to:

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