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2020 CLASSES

We are happy to offer you the following opportunities to learn more about gardening. Please remember that many of the classes are limited. Please register early to assure a spot in the classes you wish to attend.

Please note, class will start at 6:00 p.m.

Starting Transplants Indoors ~ Tuesday, January 28th at 6:00 p.m.: Growing your own transplants indoors is challenging but not impossible. Learn tips and techniques to help you successfully grow healthy plants indoors under lights. We will discuss different lighting options for your consideration. **Cost: \$5.00**

Jamie's Recommended Vegetable Varieties ~ Thursday, February 20th at 6:00 p.m.:

We will discuss the merits of numerous vegetable varieties that have proven easy to grow in central Kentucky. Many of these feature atypical colors or other things you may not have encountered. This is not a class about how to grow vegetables but a discussion of proven performers that are likely to end up on your list every year. We will send you home with several types of seed for your own garden. **Cost: \$20.00**

Easy Houseplants ~ Tuesday, February 25th at 6:00 p.m.: We all yearn for lush indoor plants yet often fail to keep them healthy. We will discuss which plants are easier to grow and maintain indoors and provide basic information about indoor plant care. At very least, I will try to convince you it is ok to kill houseplants occasionally. They last for months and are often cheaper than cut flowers. Everyone will take home a durable plant for their collection. **Cost: \$10.00**

Understanding Fertilizers ~ Thursday, February 27th at 6:00 p.m.: Feeding plants is not as complicated as it seems. The wide variety of options leave many gardeners confused. We will discuss the various forms of fertilizers, interpreting soil test results and how feeding your lawn covers the nutritional needs of most plants on the property. **Cost: Free, but must register in advance to reserve a seat.**

Pruning Trees and Shrubs ~ Thursday, March 5th at 6:00 p.m.: Proper pruning is an integral part of landscape management. Many homeowners are daunted by the task or plunge ahead hacking mercilessly. Join us to learn the basics of proper pruning including how to make proper cuts, appropriate timing, and even when to call a professional. **Cost: \$5.00**

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Disabilities
accommodated
with prior notification.

Vegetable Gardening for Beginners, The Basics & Early Spring Crops ~ Tuesday,

March 10th at 6:00 p.m.: -There are many great reasons to grow some of your own food. We will teach the very basic concepts of growing vegetables. This class will also focus on the early spring crops that can be planted and harvested before the main spring planting window. It is far easier than you might think. Participants will receive a copy of our vegetable growing guide and a packet of seeds. **Class will be held at Southern States Cooperative, 2570 Palumbo Drive. Cost is free, but please call the Fayette County Extension Office, (859) 257-5582, to reserve a seat.**

Local Plant Societies and Garden Clubs Fair ~ Tuesday, March 24th at 6:00 p.m.: We are hosting a meet and greet for as many garden clubs and plant groups as we can assemble. Come learn more about these organizations and ask these experts questions about your favorite plants. Mingle with other gardeners who share your interests. We will provide light refreshments and ongoing door prizes at this event. **Cost: Free, but must register in advance to reserve a seat.**

Achimenes & Other Gesneriads ~ Thursday April 2nd at 6:00 p.m.: The African violet is known for its ease of culture. Did you know there are many African violet relatives (Gesneriads) that have beautiful blooms and similar easy care? We will delve into this family of plants and discuss some of the best choices to try at home. We will provide a plant for you to try. **Cost \$10.00**

Asparagus ~ Thursday, April 9th at 6:00 p.m.: There are few vegetables that excite cooks to the degree asparagus does. Freshly harvested spears are certainly a delicacy after a long winter without fresh produce. It is not only nutritious and delicious, but also ridiculously easy to grow. The only difficult part is waiting for your planting to yield. Discussion will cover planting and growing this perennial vegetable. Participants will receive plants for their backyard planting. This class will fill quickly so register early. **Cost: \$20.00**

Straw Bale Gardening ~ Tuesday, April 28th at 6:00 p.m.: We receive many calls about gardening in challenging locations. Straw bales can be used to grow many crops without soil or containers. We will teach this method from start to finish, detailing how to pre-condition bales before planting. After a season's use, rotting straw can be used for compost. A much easier, though temporary, alternative to raised beds. **Cost: \$10.00**

Easy Cut Flowers from Seed ~ Tuesday, May 5th at 6:00 p.m.: We will discuss great cut flowers that can be seeded directly into the garden. There are several easily grown plants that can provide bouquets over a long season. Zinnias, larkspur, gloriosa daisies, cockscomb etc. If you can spare some garden space or have sunny spots in your landscape, you can grow flowers. Discussion will include management tips to insure your success. We will provide seeds of one variety for you to try! **Cost: \$10.00**

Vegetable Gardening for Beginners Part II, Maintenance and Summer Crops ~ Tuesday,

May 12th at 6:00 p.m.: This class will cover some of the most basic questions for any first time gardener when it comes to maintaining the new plot. Topics will include things like watering, pest/weed management, and fertilizing. We will also cover some of the warm season crops like tomatoes, peppers, beans, and squash. Participants will receive a copy of our vegetable growing guide, a packet of seeds. **Class will be held at Southern States Cooperative, 2570 Palumbo Drive. Cost is free, but please call the Fayette County Extension Office, (859) 257-5582, to reserve a seat.**

Dahlias ~ Thursday, May 14th at 6:00 p.m.: Many people shy away from tender bulbs because of the hassle associated with digging and winter storage. This is actually not a big deal and many are affordable enough to treat as annuals. Dahlias are spectacular in bloom, great cut flowers, and come in a wide variety of colors shapes and sizes. We will teach you to grow beautiful dahlias and send you home with an assortment for your garden. **Cost: \$15.00**

Succulents ~ Tuesday, May 26th at 6:00 p.m.: Plants that need little water and care are very popular at the moment and rightly so. Discover what a varied group of plants succulents comprise and how ridiculously easy many are to grow. These plants generate a tremendous amount of interest in the garden, be prepared for the oohs and aahs from visitors. We will provide a few small starter plants of winter hardy types. **Cost: \$15.00**

Managing Perennials through Pruning ~ Thursday, June 11th at 6:00 p.m.: Everyone is familiar with pinching mums to produce fuller, bushier plants that do not flop. Similar techniques can be utilized with many flowering perennials to control height, stagger flowering and delay bloom time. We will discuss benefits and the plants best suited to this technique. Learn the advantages of dead heading and time saving approaches. **Cost: Free, but must register in advance to reserve a seat.**

Sex on Six Legs ~ Tuesday, June 23rd at 6:00 p.m.: Insects are the most successful animals on earth with over a million species sharing our planet with us. One of the reasons for their success is the many ways in which they mate. In this class you won't hear much about love but you will learn about courtship, pheromones, bizarre genitalia, and all the ways bugs make more bugs! Presented by Dr. Jonathan Larson, UK Extension Entomologist. **Cost: Free, but must register in advance to reserve a seat.**

Managing Lawn Weeds ~ Thursday, July 9th at 6:00 p.m.: There are many types of weeds and controlling them begins with an understanding of their life cycle. We will cover annual and winter annual weeds and their management as well as their perennial cousins. Control strategies will include chemical and sustainable (very limited) approaches. You should leave with the knowledge to gain the upper hand in your weed battles (you still have to provide the effort and motivation). **Cost: Free, but must register in advance to reserve a seat.**

Water Plants ~ Tuesday, July 28th at 6:00 p.m.: How about a class about growing pond plants without a pond? Many of these lovely plants will grow well in just a tub of soil and water, or even a pot with no drainage. We will cover some of the more popular plants and discuss potting and seasonal care. No pond required. **Cost \$10.00**

Low Maintenance Lawn Care ~ Thursday, August 13th at 6:00 p.m.: We will cover the basics of caring for a lawn with an emphasis on lower inputs and sustainable methods. Learn why late summer is the best time to seed and why common fertilization practices are often not the best approach. We will also discuss alternatives to grass monocultures. This is always popular so sign up early. **Cost: Free, but must register in advance to reserve a seat.**

Dividing Perennials ~ Tuesday, August 25th at 6:00 p.m.: In this class we will cover the basics of dividing perennials. You will learn when to divide what, the best tools for the job, and some tips to make things go smoothly. Division breathes new life into old perennial clumps and will often increase bloom and flower size in subsequent years. **Cost: \$5.00**

Japanese Iris ~ Thursday, September 10th at 6:00 p.m.: We see fewer of these iris in gardens than the more common varieties. Known for their huge, flamboyant flowers, these bloom later than most iris, often just before daylily bloom. Most will grow well in a wet spot or rich garden soil with summer watering. We will provide a plant to grow in your own garden. **Cost: \$20.00**

Garden Worthy Kentucky Native Perennials ~ Tuesday, September 22nd at 6:00 p.m.: There is a lot of interest in native plants and eager gardeners often fail to do all their homework. Not every native plant behaves itself in garden settings and some are downright aggressive or seed heavily. We will discuss some of the better behaved choices for the perennial garden and help you make informed decisions. Take home a plant for your garden. **Cost: \$10.00**

Minor Bulbs ~ Thursday, October 8th at 6:00 p.m.: An introduction to wonderful bulbs far less common than the typical tulips, crocus and daffodils. Many of the smaller varieties are ideal for planting in natural areas or mixing into perennial borders. Participants will take home a sampler of several unique bulb varieties to plant at home. **Cost: \$20.00**

Stump the Hort. Agent ~ Tuesday, October 27th at 6:00 p.m.: Back by popular demand. Question and answer session - an opportunity for the audience to steer the conversation to whatever topics you desire. Put the agent in the hot seat and hopefully I will know the answers. Vegetables to perennials. **Cost: Free, but must register in advance to reserve a seat.**

Common Garden Mistakes ~ Thursday, November 12th at 6:00 p.m.: We encounter a number of fairly common garden practices that are simply not the best approach. We will discuss a number of these and explain why another approach may work better. **Cost: Free, but must register in advance to reserve a seat.**

Begonias ~ Thursday, November 19th at 6:00 p.m.: Have you ever wished for a beautifully exotic, yet durable specimen plant for a shady spot? Begonias can provide just that. The begonia family is one of the largest and most diverse in the plant kingdom. Here we will explore the genus with an emphasis on large specimen types. From the giant angel wings to the wildly varied rhizomatous types, begonias are easily grown and make great indoor guests in the winter. Per usual, everyone will take home a plant of a unique, but easily grown variety to add to your collection. **Cost \$10.00**

My Favorite Garden Tools ~ Thursday, December 10th at 6:00 p.m.: Various tools, equipment and accessories - Over the years all serious gardeners find tools and accessories that they consider indispensable. In this session I will discuss various implements that work very well in the landscape and vegetable garden. All shovels and hoes are not created equal. Some of our examples will be raffled as door prizes. **Cost: \$5.00**



Winter Weather Policy
When Fayette County Schools are closed,
call the Fayette County Extension Office,
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~ 2020 GARDENER'S TOOLBOX CLASSES ~

Keep this chart for your Records

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2020 GARDENER'S TOOLBOX - REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

TOTAL Amount Enclosed \$ _____

IMPORTANT REMINDERS!

- *Sign up early for classes to avoid being turned away because class is full.*
- *ALL classes, including the "Free" ones are "PRE-REGISTRATION" only.*
- *If you need to cancel, you must do so 2 weeks prior to the class time to receive a refund or credit for a different class.*
- *If handouts and/or plants are not picked up 3 days after class, items will be donated.*

Please make check payable to: *Fayette County Master Gardener Association*

Mail To: *Gardener's Toolbox ~ Fayette County Extension Office*

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