

## Perennial Festival Event Descriptions

**Garden Tool Sharpening** – Saturday, 7/11 from 9 – 11 a.m.

Bring in your pruners, shovel or other garden tools and Phil will sharpen them for you! Limit two per customer, please. Free.

**U of I Extension Master Gardeners Help Desk** – Saturday, 7/11 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners from DuPage County will be here to answer all your gardening questions. Bring plant samples for identification or diagnosis. Free.

**Planting Vegetables in Your Perennial Borders** – Saturday, 7/11 from 11 – 11:15 a.m.

Ellen will show you how easy it is to incorporate vegetables into your perennial beds. Some vegetables are quite ornamental – pretty **and** good to eat! Free.

**Top Ten Roses for the Midwest** – Saturday, 7/11 from 1 – 1:15 p.m.

Jo will share her picks for the best performing roses in our area. Free.

**Selecting the Right Hydrangea for your Landscape** – Saturday, 7/11 from 2 – 3 p.m.

Ever wondered why your hydrangeas don't bloom? Or when you should prune them? Stephanie will answer these questions and more. Class fee: \$10. Registration is required - call 630-293-1040 x 2.

**Adoptable pets come to The Planter's Palette!** – Sunday, 7/12 from 1 – 3 p.m.

DuPage County Animal Care & Control is bringing cute and cuddly pets available for adoption. Please consider opening your heart and home to a homeless pet. Free.

**Plants that Attract Hummingbirds** – Sunday, 7/12 from 1 – 1:15 p.m.

Hummingbirds bring color and movement into the garden. Learn which plants are sure to entice these intriguing winged creatures. Free.

**Stretching & Lifting for Pain-Free Gardening** – Sunday, 7/12 from 2 – 3 p.m.

April Oury of Dynamic Physical Therapy in West Chicago will be here to show you which stretching exercises you should do to ensure pain-free gardening and prevent injuries. We've all heard we're supposed to lift with our legs, but April will show you how it really feels! Free.

**Get Ready for Canning** – Monday, 7/13 from 1 – 1:15 p.m.

Fran will help you make sure you have everything you need to be ready for canning. Then, watch for her canning demonstration later this summer. Free.

**The Latest, Greatest Ideas for Summer Containers** – Monday, 7/13 from 2 – 3 p.m.

Tired of a spike, some geraniums, and ivy in your container? Container gardens have come such a long way. Pam will show you how to make your summer containers the envy of the neighborhood! Class fee: \$10. Registration is required – call 630-293-1040 x 2.

**Green Gardening – It Starts with Your Soil** – Tuesday, 7/14 from 1 – 1:15 p.m.

Diane will teach you about the importance of good soil, the soil-food web, and how to do a quick soil analysis in your garden. Free.

**Designing Your Garden (From Where to Start to How to Finish)** – Tuesday, 7/14 from 2 – 3 p.m.  
Debbie and Martha, two of our landscape designers, will share the basics of designing a garden and what's involved in the process of working with professional designers. Class fee: \$10. Register at 630-293-1040 x 2.

**Hostas and Other Shady Bedfellows** – Wednesday, 7/15 from 10 – 11 a.m.  
Ken will start by sharing some of his favorite hostas and shady plant combinations. Then, this hosta collector whose garden grows thousands of different varieties of hostas will answer all your hosta and shady plant questions. Class fee: \$10. Registration is required - call 630-293-1040 x 2.

**Behind the Scenes Tour of The Planter's Palette** – Wednesday, 7/15 from 11 – 11:30 a.m.  
Dave Tyznik, owner of The Planter's Palette, will lead you on a tour behind the scenes of The Planter's Palette to show you how we grow our own plants. Wear comfortable and close-toed shoes. Free.

**Growing Vegetables in Containers** – Wednesday, 7/15 from 1 – 1:15 p.m.  
If you don't have space to plant vegetables in the ground, you can grow them in containers. Ellen will tell you which types and varieties grow best. Free.

**Mother-Daughter Fairy Garden Tea Party** – Wednesday, 7/15 & Sunday, 7/19 from 2 – 3 p.m.  
Create a fairy garden and a memory with your daughter(s). Each mother-daughter(s) team will receive a hypertufa trough filled with soil and three small plants. Fairy garden décor can be purchased to create your own fairy garden. A fairy story will be read while you and your daughter enjoy lovely refreshments. Event fee: \$50. Space is limited. Register early at 630-293-1040 x 2.

**Containers for Small Spaces** – Thursday, 7/16 from 1 – 1:15 p.m.  
Even if your outdoor space is a tiny balcony, you have room for a fabulous container garden. Pam will show you which plants are perfect for tight quarters. Free.

**Have You Tried This? (Meritorious Plants that are Underused)** – Thursday, 7/16 from 2 – 3 p.m.  
Tony Tyznik, head of our landscape design office and past landscape architect at The Morton Arboretum for 40 years, will share great plants that are often overlooked. Class fee: \$10. Registration is required – call 693-1040 x 2.

**How to Prune Your Roses** – Friday, 7/17 from 1 – 1:15 p.m.  
Do I prune my roses before winter or should I wait until spring? How do I know where to cut? Doug will answer these and other questions you have about keeping your roses in good shape. Free.

**Children's Program: Butterflies – Flying Flowers in the Garden** – Friday, 7/17 from 2 – 3 p.m.  
Kids ages 5 – 10 are invited to learn all about butterflies and the plants they need. A scavenger hunt is also planned, and every child will receive a butterfly-loving annual they can take home to plant in their own garden. Class fee: \$10. Registration is required - call 630-293-1040 x 2.

**Making a Rain Garden** – Saturday, 7/18 from 1 – 1:15 p.m.  
Diane will share the features of a rain garden and the plants that love to grow in them. Free.

**Vegetable Gardening in Small Spaces** – Saturday, 7/18 from 2 – 3 p.m.

Even if your garden space is limited, you can grow vegetables! Ellen will teach you how to make the most of the space you have. Class fee: \$10. Registration is required – call 630-293-1040 x 2.

**Perennials that Take the Heat** – Sunday, 7/19 from 1 – 1:15 p.m.

Some perennials stand up to summer's hottest days better than others. Barb will share which perennials love the dog days of summer.