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2016 Nebraska Extension Master Gardener Connections

University of Nebraska—Lincoln Extension is offering several lawn and garden programs this spring that are open to the public and part of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension Master Gardener training program.

February 2 – Selection and Care of Evergreen Trees and Shrubs – Evergreens are an important feature of Nebraska landscapes. Learn how to correctly select, plant, and care for evergreens to help them thrive in the landscape.

- *Presented by Todd Faller, Faller Nursery and Landscaping*

February 9 – Putting Perennials to Work – Help maximize your landscape by choosing the right plant for the right location. Which plants work best in challenging locations, underutilized perennials to help increase plant diversity for positive impacts on beneficial arthropods, and more will be covered.

- *Presented by Scott Evans, Douglas-Sarpy Extension Horticulture Assistant*

February 16 – Basic Botany/Plant Identification - It is time to go back to basics! Learn key concepts to plant growth and development; and strategies to identify different types of plant material.

- *Presented by Stacy Adams – Professor of Practice, Department of Agronomy and Horticulture*

February 23 – Weed Identification and Control – Is that a weed? How do we know? Learn the correct process to use general and specific weed characteristics for correct identification. Once weeds are correctly identified, learn how to select and use best control methods for various weed species.

- *Presented by Natalia Bjorklund, Dodge County Extension Educator*

March 1 – Polarizing Yard and Garden Issues – Polarizing issues related to growing plant material, controlling pests, and our environment face the general public. Learn about issues (GMO's, invasive species, pest resistance, climate change, and biodiversity) and tips for tactfully communicating about these issues.

- *Presented by Kelly Feehan, Platte County Extension Educator, Tamra Jackson-Ziems, Extension Plant Pathology Specialist, and Nicole Stoner, Gage County Extension Educator*

March 8 – Efficient Landscape Irrigation – Irrigation is a key factor to the success of Nebraska landscapes. Learn how much water plants need and about plant management and irrigation strategies to help conserve water in the landscape but still have a flourishing landscape! - *Presented by John Fech, Douglas-Sarpy Extension Educator*

All programs will be held from 5:30-8:00 p.m. MST at University of Nebraska Extension Box Butte County, 415 Black Hills Alliance NE 69301. Fees include:

\$12.00 – each individual session, either Daytime-Advanced MG at PREC in Scottsbluff, or Nighttime Adobe Connect MG sessions in Alliance

\$35.00 –either Daytime-Advanced MG at PREC in Scottsbluff (all sessions), or the Nighttime Adobe Connect MG sessions in Alliance (all sessions)

\$50.00 - both Daytime-Advanced MG at PREC in Scottsbluff (all sessions) and Nighttime Adobe Connect MG sessions in Alliance (all sessions)

\$106 – All session admittance, t-shirt and Master Gardener manual

For cancellation information due to inclement weather, or for a registration brochure, please call the Box Butte County Extension at 308.762.5616. Pre-registration is requested, but participants are also welcome to register at the door.