

Yard and Garden - 01-24-2015 - Ted Griess / Extension Horticulture Assistant

You're in luck. I am pleased to announce that gardening classes will soon begin and you are invited. As in year's past, Buffalo County Extension is making available to the public, free of charge, a series of six evening gardening classes through the University



of Nebraska via the internet. These classes are designed primarily for those individuals working on certification to become official Nebraska Master Gardeners; however, the exciting news is these horticulture classes are also made available to anyone interested in improving his or her gardening knowledge and skills.

A complete list of class dates, topics and presenters include the following:

February 3 – Water-wise Landscapes and Residential Rain Gardens – Don't miss out on the opportunity to learn about water-wise landscape practices, about residential rain garden design, and about plant selection to conserve water, reduce nutrient runoff, and add plant diversity to landscapes.

- Presented by Kelly Feehan, Platte County Extension Educator

February 10 – Pruning Deciduous and Evergreen Trees and Shrubs – Learn about the correct pruning time and methods to enhance the health, function, and aesthetic beauty of deciduous and evergreen trees and shrubs.

- Presented by Kim Todd, Extension Horticulture Specialist

February 17 – Insects: Beneficials in the Garden and Landscape and Vegetable Insect Pests – Learn the identification, life cycles, and functions of beneficial and harmful insects found in landscapes and vegetable gardens.

-Presented by Natalia Bjorklund, Dodge County Extension Educator and Nicole Stoner, Gage County Extension Educator

February 24 – Wildlife Damage Management – What is damaging the landscape or the garden? Here is your opportunity to learn about different wildlife that can damage landscapes and gardens, along with their damage patterns and control options.

-Presented by Dennis Ferraro, Herpetologist & Natural Resources Online Educator

March 3 – Technology in the Garden and Landscape Photography for Beauty and Diagnostics – Move your tablet off the deck and into the garden. We will look at some of the latest trends just for the garden world. Capture the beauty of landscapes as well as the ability to identify plant material, insects, and plant damage found in landscapes and gardens through diagnostic photos.

- Presented by Terri James, Extension Assistant and Jim Kalisch, UNL Entomologist

March 10 – Preparing for Emerald Ash Borer: Identification, Management and Treatment Options and Tree Planting Selections Now and Post EAB – Here is your opportunity to learn more about Nebraska’s response plan to Emerald Ash Borer once it is found in Nebraska, how to prepare for EAB, and about tree planting selections. Learn how EAB is identified, treated, and tree species selections across Nebraska in regards to the spread of EAB.

-Presented by Laurie Stepanek, Forest Health Specialist and Amy Seiler, Community Forester, Nebraska Forest Service

All programs will be held from 6:30-9:00 PM on Tuesday evenings at the Buffalo County Extension Building, Room B, Kearney, Nebraska. Although participants are welcome to register at the door. Please pre-register. Class size is limited to fifty participants. You are still in luck. I encourage you to contact the Buffalo County Extension office at 308-236-1235 or email me at tgriess2@unl.edu to pre-register. Once the classes are full —your luck runs out.