

HOME IMPROVEMENT AND DECORATING

New!

BECOME YOUR OWN HOME DESIGNER FEE: \$99

Could certain areas of your home use a facelift? Join interior designer Helen Simon to explore your creative potential. This six-part course will cover the fundamentals of interior design. Topics will include color, space, furnishings, and organization. Students are asked to bring a notebook or drawing pad, pen, pencil, 10 colored markers or pastels, and photos of the interior spaces in need of transformation.

HEC B36-31, OC/SK, 6 Thu., 6/24, 7-8:30 pm, Simon CRN 50360

THE JEWEL BOX HOME: INTERIOR DECORATING ON A BUDGET FEE: \$50

In this class you will learn how to create a beautiful and practical living space without going over budget. Find out about quick fixes and design ideas that don't cost "an arm and a leg." Come to class with pictures of the targeted room that could use a new look.

ARC H01-31, ETHS, 1 Tue., 7/14, 7-8:30 pm CRN 50025

THE JEWEL BOX HOME: ENTERTAINING WITH STYLE FEE: \$50

Learn how to throw a cocktail party with style, and on a budget. Find out about staging and flow, planning the guest list, and the best food to serve. This class gives you all the party basics to make your next get-together a success.

ARC H01-32, ETHS, 1 Tue., 7/21, 7-8:30 pm CRN 50026

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FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH – ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES FEE: \$19

Join educator and professional appraiser Karl Gates to learn what attributes determine an item's value as an antique. A brief presentation on the history of antiques and collectibles also is included. Students are invited to bring one small item for appraisal.

REC S42-31, OC/SK, 1 Wed., 6/10, 7-8:30 pm, Gates CRN 50374

Home Gardening

GROWING WARM SEASON VEGETABLES IN A SMALL SPACE FEE: \$45

As summer approaches, why not consider growing your own vegetables? Many people believe they don't have enough space or time to grow vegetables, but you don't really need lots of either. Join Rick Belding, fruit and vegetable horticulturist at the Chicago Botanic Garden, to discover time-saving secrets to growing warm season vegetables. This class also will discuss which warm season vegetables are best for compact areas. Part of the class will be held outside, so please dress for the weather. Class meets in the Fruit and Vegetable Learning Center, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe.

BOT E66-31, GARD, 1 Sat., 5/2, 9-11 am, Belding CRN 50424

GORGEOUS CONTAINER GARDENS FEE: \$37

So, you've never planted a container? Then this class is for you! Beth Levy, landscape and container designer, will introduce you to basic design and maintenance techniques as you enter the world of container gardening. You will see examples of beautiful container plantings and learn how to use unusual plants to create interesting new combinations. Class meets in Annex 2, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe.

BOT E67-31, GARD, 1 Wed., 5/6, 10 am-12 pm, Levy CRN 50425

BOT E67-32, GARD, 1 Wed., 5/6, 7-9 pm, Levy CRN 50426

CRABAPPLES FEE: \$74

There is a crabapple for nearly every imaginable situation. Horticulture educator Mark Zampardo will focus on several different Malus species and numerous cultivars for the Chicago area, including proven performers and the newest introductions. In addition to characteristics such as size, form, flower color, and fruit set, topics will include cultural requirements, pests, diseases, and landscape use. Dress for an outdoor garden walk. Class meets in the Fairchild Room, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe.

BOT E69-31, GARD, 1 Sat., 5/9, 1-4 pm, Zampardo CRN 50427

PLANTING TECHNIQUES FEE: \$37

Proper planting entails much more than just putting a plant in the ground. Good techniques are vital for establishing a successful landscape. Horticulturist Emily Limburger will show you how to do a site analysis, prepare the site, select plants, and use specific planting techniques for trees, shrubs, perennials, and ground covers. Please dress for the weather. Class meets in Annex 2, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe.

BOT E68-31, GARD, 1 Sat., 5/9, 9-11 am, Limburger CRN 50428

THE TROPICAL PARADISE GARDEN**FEE: \$37**

Learn how to integrate spectacular summer bulb plants into your own relaxing, tropical garden getaway. With the aid of breathtaking slides, Brent Heath, owner of Brent and Becky's Bulbs, will explain how to mix summer bulbs with annuals, perennials, ground covers, trees, and shrubs to create your own ultimate patio planter, window box, living sculpture, or jungle. You also will gather ideas on how to build the ultimate evening garden, including luminescent, light-colored, and fragrant flowers. Class meets in the Garden View Room, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe.

BOT E70-31, GARD, 1 Sat., 5/9, 1:30-3:30 pm, Heath CRN 50429

SUCCESS WITH TREES AND SHRUBS**FEE: \$49**

Learn all you need to know about growing trees and shrubs. Experienced horticulturist and certified arborist Glenn Grosch offers this practical discussion about how to be consistently successful in growing all types of woody plants (both deciduous and evergreen). Topics include plant and site selection, planting practices, first-year maintenance, and long-term care. Learn some of the myths about traditional woody plant care as well as current trends. Valuable information for all skill levels, from beginner to professional. Class meets in the Linnaeus Room, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe.

BOT E71-31, GARD, 1 Sat., 5/16, 9:30 am-12 pm, Grosch CRN 50430

FUNDAMENTALS FOR SUSTAINABLE GARDENING**FEE: \$74**

Learn the ABCs of creating a garden using sustainable practices. Emphasis will be placed on improving your garden soil's tilth, biological activity, and nutrient levels through cultivation and tillage practices, cover crops and green manures, and the addition of plant and animal waste. The importance of emulating nature while minimizing external inputs will be covered in detail by horticulturist Rich Belding. Class meets in the Linnaeus Room, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe.

BOT E72-31, GARD, 1 Wed., 6/10, 6:30-8:30 pm, Belding CRN 50431

DIVIDE AND CONQUER YOUR PERENNIALS**FEE: \$62**

Perennials are the gift that keeps on giving. Join horticulturist Dave Cantwell to learn when, how, and where to divide these garden anchors to ensure their continued health and beauty. Expand your knowledge and stretch your garden dollar! Please dress for the weather and plan on getting dirty; most of this class will be spent outside, rain or shine. Class meets in Annex 2, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe.

BOT E74-31, GARD, 1 Sat., 6/13, 1-3 pm, Cantwell CRN 50433

MATH FOR GARDENERS**FEE: \$99**

Do you get dizzy trying to calculate how much topsoil is needed to fill a raised bed? Have you ever had too many or too few plants to fill a bed? This course is designed for gardeners who maintain or direct the maintenance of outdoor landscapes. Horticulturist Moshe Pinargote will provide basic methods of calculating areas, volumes, and conversions for the landscaping trade. Topics include fertilizer application rates; determining how many plants per bed to use; and how much soil amendment is needed. Students will need a calculator, ruler, protractor, and graph paper. Class size is limited. Class meets in the Linnaeus Room, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe.

BOT E73 -31, GARD, 2 Thu., 7/9, 6:30-8:30 pm, Pinargote CRN 50432

PRUNING: CORRECT, SHAPE AND DEADHEAD**FEE: \$62**

The pruning you do on your trees and shrubs today will define how they grow for years to come. Horticulturist Dave Cantwell will show you which cuts to avoid, which cuts are essential, and which cuts reflect personal style. You may even correct some counterproductive habits picked up in the past. Please dress for the weather, including work gloves, and be prepared get dirty; most of this class will be spent outside, rain or shine. Class will meet in Annex 2, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe.

BOT E75-31, GARD, 1 Sat., 7/18, 1-3 pm, Cantwell CRN 50434

GARDENING WITH WILDFLOWERS**FEE: \$25**

This class will introduce you to the basics of wildflower gardening as well as provide an overview of the gardens and greenhouse operations at Emily Oaks Nature Center. What qualifies as a wildflower? What soil and sunlight conditions do different species prefer? How should they be cared for and what are the different methods of propagation? We'll cover the answers to these questions as well as height and bloom descriptions, sources for native plants, and wildflower reference guides. Participants will receive several native seedlings to plant in their own wildflower gardens. Dress to spend time outdoors. (Note: Class meets at co-sponsor Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel, Skokie.)

BOT E76-31, EONC, 1 Wed., 5/13, 7-9:30 pm, Hansen CRN 50435

Living Green

ROOFTOP GARDENS**FEE: \$22**

Join Trish Burns, coordinator of adult programs at the Notebaert Nature Museum in Chicago's Lincoln Park neighborhood, to learn about the museum's rooftop garden, and how eco-friendly alternatives can save consumers money. This seminar will educate both homeowners and commercial building owners on "green" choices. See samples of currently available products and discuss various installation techniques and costs.

SCI E36-31, ETHS, 1 Tue., 7/21, 7-8:30 pm, Burns CRN 50379

GREENER LAWN CARE**FEE: \$15**

Would you like to move away from using synthetic chemicals in your yard? Learn about basic organic lawn care and solutions to common problems. Sound alternatives to commercial pesticides and synthetic fertilizers will be presented, as well as mowing and watering methods that help produce a healthy lawn. Discover how to maintain your landscaping using products and methods that are safer for you and the environment! *Note: Class meets at co-sponsor Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel, in Skokie.*

BOT E77-31, EONC, 1 Mon., 6/29, 7-8:30 pm CRN 50557

INTRODUCTION TO WIND POWER**FEE: \$49**

Alternative energy sources are on everyone's mind. Learn the basics of renewable wind energy in this brief introduction to the current wind power market. Is wind energy viable for your home, business, school, or community? Topics include the science behind producing wind power; site evaluation to determine whether wind energy is the right choice; and how to size a turbine for your needs. Bring your questions, and find out if the answers are indeed "blowing in the wind." (Note: A six-week course, Basic Wind Power, will be offered in fall 2009. Watch for details.)

SCI E32-31, OC/SK, 1 Tue., 5/19, 6:30-9:30 pm

CRN 50375

RECYCLING THE URBAN FOREST**FEE: \$19**

Keeping trees alive by giving them a "second life" is the best form of recycling. Join businessman Bruce Horigan to learn how he uses damaged trees to produce high quality hardwood lumber for environmentally-sensitive building projects.

SCI E33-31, OC/SK, 1 Wed., 6/17, 7-8:30 pm, Horigan

CRN 50376

CHICAGO AREA INSECTS AND SPIDERS**FEE: \$15**

Experience the amazing variety of Chicago area insects, spiders and other invertebrates through a slide show featuring these small and seemingly non-showy species. Photographer and Northwestern professor Lloyd Davidson will detail the natural history and evolutionary relationships of these exotic organisms as well as share a brief description of his photographic techniques and recount some of his adventures in capturing the images. Suggestions on growing plants that attract and sustain these creatures will also be provided. Increase your understanding and appreciation of the vitally important, yet largely unnoticed and ignored, insects and other arthropods with which we share the earth. *Note: Class meets at co-sponsor Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel, in Skokie.*

BOT E78-31, EONC, 1 Tue., 7/14, 7-9 pm, Davidson

CRN 50558