



Adult Special Interest

Nature/Gardening Programs at the Oak Park Conservatory

Workshops below are held at the Oak Park Conservatory in the Elvira Rubinstein classroom or the Operation area. Please register at least 5 days prior to class to facilitate the ordering of supplies. Classes will be cancelled if the minimum enrollment is not met 3 days prior to the starting date of the class.

NEW! The Use of Perennials and Bulbs in the Garden HY

Fall is a great time to divide, purchase and plant perennials and bulbs. This two-session class will cover site preparation, planting, care, maintenance and culture as well as layout. In addition, winter protection tips will be given.

Instructor: Michael Kolacewski, Landscape Consultant
Tu, Sep 23 & 30 \$26/\$39
7-9pm #441005-01
of weeks: 2 Min 8 /Max 20

Gardening in the Shade HY

Area residents often struggle with the shaded areas under mature trees in their gardens. Fall is a good time to plant many understory shrubs and perennials in these areas. Tips on site preparation and shade tolerant species of plants will be given as well as plant source lists. Individual concerns will also be addressed.

Instructor: Michael Kolacewski, Landscape Consultant
Tu, Oct 7 \$17/\$26
7-9pm #441015-01
Min 6/Max 25

NEW! Garden Design Workshop: Plan a Garden Area HY

Have you always wanted to do something with an area of your garden but didn't know where to begin? This class will help you explore the basic landscape design process, analyze the site chosen and give you information on plant placement and care. Please bring photos and a site plat if you have one. Pencils and white printing paper will be provided.

Instructor: Silvija Moess, Landscape Designer/Consultant
M, Oct 13 & 20 \$28/\$42
7-9pm #441070-04
of weeks: 2 Min 7/Max 15

NEW! Indoor Gardening HY

Keeping your house specimen plants and tender perennials alive and thriving through the long, dark winter months is a challenge. You will learn ways to enhance your indoor conditions so that both you and your plants thrive. This instructional talk will cover your plant selection, maintenance and care.

Instructor: Mel Zeloudek, Landscape Consultant
Tu, Oct 21 \$17/\$26
7-9pm #441124-01
Min 6/Max 20

Flower Arranging for Thanksgiving HY

Note: You MUST register one week in advance for class so materials may be purchased for all participants!

Design a centerpiece for your Thanksgiving table; each participant will create a round arrangement to take home. The instructor will demonstrate preparation and design techniques for other shaped arrangements. There will be a \$14 materials fee per person to be paid to the instructor on the day of the class.

Instructor: Susan Bal, AIFD certified floral designer
W, Nov 19 \$18/\$27
7-9pm #441050-01
Min 6/Max 15

Flower Arranging for the Holidays HY

Note: You MUST register one week in advance for class so materials may be purchased for all participants!

A holiday season centerpiece will be created by class participants using greens of the season and accent flowers. Instruction on preparation, design and care of these arrangements will be given as well as other seasonal floral design ideas. There will be a \$14 materials fee to be paid to the instructor on the day of the class.

Instructor: Susan Bal, AIFD certified floral designer
M, Dec 15 \$18/\$27
7-9pm #441050-02
Min 6/Max 15



FOPCON-Sponsored Garden Workshops

FOPCON, the Friends of the Oak Park Conservatory, hosts the workshops below. Registration is done for these workshops through FOPCON. For more information or to sign up, contact Jacquelyn Paine at FOPCON@earthlink.net or by phone at 725-2460.

Curb Appeal Makeover

A design workshop devoted to the home landscape visible from the street. We have assembled a team of landscape designers, and each will work intensively with a small group to find solutions to every participant's home design. Sign up early! Please pay when you register.

Sa, Sep 20 from 9:30am-12:30pm

Location: Oak Park Conservatory

Fee: \$52 (\$50 for FOPCON members)

Max enrollment of 22 people.

Register through FOPCON - see information above.

The Ins and Outs of Composting

A master gardener will conduct a demonstration of how to recycle your yard waste and food scraps. Under discussion will be several approaches including hot composting and indoor worm composting.

Sa, Oct 18 from 9:30-11:30am

Location: Oak Park Conservatory

Fee: \$10 (\$8 for FOPCON members)

Max enrollment of 40 people.

Register through FOPCON - see information above.

LOTTERY!

Lottery Deadline is Noon, Aug 14.
Please read lottery info on page 75.