



Adult Special Interest

Take Time FOR YOU

Nature/Gardening Programs & Workshops 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.

Nature/Gardening One-Day Workshops

Gardening with Native Plants **HY**

What are native plants and why should we use them in our gardens? Learn how to help your yard go native and then watch the hummingbirds and butterflies flock to your back yard! Information on placement and cultural needs will be given for native herbaceous perennials, trees, shrubs and vines.

Location: Oak Park Conservatory

Instructor: Michael Kolaczewski, Horticulture Consultant

W, Mar 18
7-9pm

\$20/\$30
#241005-01
Min 8 /Max 20

Spring Flower Arranging **HY**

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

Create a beautifully arranged basket full of spring flowers and bulbs just in time for the spring holidays. Each participant will arrange a basket to take home. The instructor will demonstrate preparation and design techniques for several kinds of arrangements. There will be a \$15 materials fee collected from each participant.

Instructor: Susan Bal, AIFD certified floral designer

Location: Oak Park Conservatory

Tu, Apr 7
7-9pm

\$20/\$29
#241050-02
Min 6 /Max 15

Animal Resistant Gardening **HY**

Are you tired of critters munching your back yard? Rabbits, deer and squirrels enjoy our gardens more than we do and they are constantly adapting to our defensive strategies. Learn to minimize your landscape losses through a combined approach of careful plant selection, physical barriers and repellents.

Location: Oak Park Conservatory

Instructor: Mel Zaloudek, Landscape Consultant

Sa, Apr 11
9-11am

\$20/\$30
#241080-02
Min 6 /Max 20

NEW! Waterfalls and Water Features Workshop **HY**

Do you want a waterfall or small pond in your garden? Do you need help to get started with purchasing and installing? This class will give an overview of what to consider and what to purchase for your very own water feature. See what the possibilities are and how easy it is to have the sound and look of water in your garden.

Location: Oak Park Conservatory

Instructor: Michael Kolaczewski, Horticulture Consultant

Tu, Apr 21
7-9pm

\$20/\$35
#241025-01
Min 6/Max 20

Butterfly Gardening **HY**

There is nothing more enjoyable than a garden alive with butterflies. Select the right annuals, perennials and shrubs to attract butterflies and hummingbirds and add a new dimension to your gardening experience. Fostering native species of insects serves to enhance the local ecology and makes a fabulous educational setting for children. Here's one idea that takes flight!

Location: Oak Park Conservatory

Instructor: Mel Zaloudek, Landscape Consultant

Sa, Apr 25
9-11am

\$20/\$30
#241060-01
Min 6 /Max 20

Container Workshop **HY**

Back by popular demand! Deborah Cullen, Container Nanny, will offer creative design and plant combinations to spark up your containers. You will receive planting, care and maintenance tips that will keep your containers beautiful all summer. Go home with a fully planted, square green planter for your balcony or patio. Plants will be available for full sun or partial shade. Materials cost is included in fee.

Location: Oak Park Conservatory

Instructor: Deborah Cullen, Master Gardener

Sa, May 16
10am-Noon

\$38/\$55
#641010-01
Min 6/Max 15

Hanging Basket Workshop **HY**

Create your own moss-lined, 14 inch, wire hanging basket using annuals and tender perennials grown at the conservatory. As you line and plant your basket, tips on watering, feeding, pinching and general care will be given as well as ideas on design and plant combinations. The materials cost is included in the fee.

Location: Oak Park Conservatory

Instructor: Deborah Cullen, Master Gardener

Sa, May 23
10am-Noon

\$38/\$55
#641055-01
Min 6/Max 15

LOTTERY!

Lottery Deadline is Noon, March 12.
Please read lottery info on page 81.



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All nature/gardening courses on pages 64-65 are approved for continuing education credit for University of Illinois Extension - Cook County Master Gardeners. Visit <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/cook/>

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Nature/Gardening Programs Continued

Flowers & Foliage

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Does your shade garden lack color or your sun garden have too many colors that fight against each other? Learn how to use foliage to provide color in shade and build on your house colors when designing sunny beds. Class will include slides, lecture and color exercises. Finish with a planting scheme designed just for your garden. You will go home with a plan for 150 square feet in any configuration. A list of needed materials will be provided at registration.

Location: Oak Park Conservatory Instructor: Andrea Green, Landscape Designer and Owner of Gardens by Design.

Th, 7-9pm \$60/\$75
Mar 12, 19, 26 #141124-03
of weeks: 3 Min 5/Max 15

NEW! Ikebana

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Uplift your spirit and your environment. Learn the basic steps in Ikebana (the ancient Japanese art of flower arranging). Our instructor will guide you step by step through two basic Ikebana designs. A \$15 materials fee will be collected at the first class. You may bring your own "kenzans" (a circular metal disk with many small sharp points coming out of it) or they will be provided. If bringing your own materials, please contact the instructor at (708) 691-3154 to discuss the proper size.

Location: Oak Park Conservatory

Instructor: Janet Knowlton
Sa, 10am-Noon \$25/\$35
Mar 14 & 21 #241050-01
of weeks: 2 Min 6 /Max 12

Garden Design

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Choose an area of your garden, perhaps the space around your patio or deck, a side yard or a backyard border and learn the steps to create an exciting design that is all yours. This hands-on workshop will cover common concerns such as shade, privacy, plant selection strategies and esthetics. Participants should bring a rough sketch of their existing landscape, a photo of the area and a plat survey. Other supplies will be provided.

Location: Oak Park Conservatory

Instructor: Ed Schuenemann, Landscape Installer
Tu, 7-9pm \$35/\$45
Mar 17 - 31 #241070-02
of weeks: 3 Min 6/Max 15

NEW!

Water Wise Gardening

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Cut down on your watering bill and your watering time! Study examples of xeriscaping (plants for dry areas) and planting schemes for efficient watering. Learn how to install a rain barrel and create a rain garden.

Location: Oak Park Conservatory

Instructor: Andrea Green, Owner of Gardens by Design
Sa, 10am-Noon \$30/\$45
Mar 28 - Apr 4 #241080-01
of weeks: 2 Min 6/Max 20

Gardening 101: Basic Plant Care

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Are you new to the neighborhood and don't know where to begin with that beautiful garden that came with your new home? Or maybe this is your first house and you are eager to start planting! Spring is the time to get started. This two session class will cover information on preparation of your garden areas as well as maintenance tips throughout the growing season. Topics covered are proper soil preparation, plant selection and installation, mulching, basic pruning and problem solving. This is not a design class.

Location: Oak Park Conservatory

Instructor: Mel Zaloudek, Landscape Consultant
M, 7-9pm \$35/\$45
Apr 13 & 20 #241080-03
of weeks: 2 Min 6/Max 20

**BE SURE TO CHECK OUT
Adult Trips on page 66,
and drop-in programs for
ages 18 & up at Longfellow
Center on page 67!**

Cheney Cooks! Cooking Classes

Classes cover a wide culinary curriculum, from basic techniques to intriguing ethnic cuisine. All sessions are taught by professional chefs, and are a combination of hands-on and demonstration. Students enjoy the convivial mood and social interaction in addition to the culinary instruction, but the best part of all is always the tasting! A minimum of 5 participants must be registered for a class to proceed. A max of 8 participants allowed in each class. For the latest class schedule, please call the Mansion at (708) 383-2612.

Location: Cheney Mansion Catering Kitchen, 220 N. Euclid in Oak Park

7-9:30 pm on various weeknights
\$60/\$70 per class

Goin' To The Dogs

Dog Obedience - Taught by the Oak Park Animal Care League JG

Instruction on training and exercises leading to basic obedience skills will be taught. We will also provide instruction on dog care and behavior information. Dogs will learn sit, down, heel, stay and come commands. Teach your dog how to become a good family member and neighbor. Non-Residents who adopt from the Oak Park Animal Care League will get the resident rate. REGISTRANTS MUST SHOW PROOF OF ADOPTION DURING THE REGISTRATION PROCESS IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE RESIDENT RATE. For first day of program, do not bring your dog with you!

Location: Andersen Center

Sa, Apr 25 - Jun 13 \$126/\$189

9-10am	Advanced Beginners	#282230-01
10-11am	Beginning Obedience	#282230-02
11am-Noon	Puppy Kindergarten	#282230-03
# of weeks: 8		Min 6/Max 12

Th, Apr 30 - Jun 18		\$126/\$189
7-8pm	Beginning Obedience	#282230
# of weeks: 8		Min 6/Max 12