



**MENNE NURSERY 70th ANNIVERSARY
Classes and Events for Winter 2009 - 2010**



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As we wind down our 70th Anniversary, the people of Menne Nursery continue to share our wealth of horticultural knowledge and years of experience. Our class list continues to grow with new sessions while offering the best of our tried and true clinics right into the new year. Winter is approaching and we are ready to help you prepare for it and to help your gardens to survive. To ensure that we are prepared and that we have a seat for you, please make reservations at your earliest convenience. The schedule is subject to change so be sure to stop in often and pick up our latest listings. Classes are one hour unless otherwise noted. (rev 11/14/09) www.mennenursery.com

**ON THE SPOT DEMOS
Saturdays at 1:00 PM
Beginning in November!**

Every Saturday at 1:00, we will bring you something special! On the Spot Demos will be held in the store from the first weekend in November throughout the holiday season. Topics will include "How to Make a Bow," "Ideas for Accessorizing Department 56 Villages," "How to Decorate a Wreath" and many more. The schedule is under construction and will be posted as soon as we have it finalized. Stay tuned!

**MAKING AND DECORATING
FRESH EVERGREEN WREATHS
DEC 5 & 12, 2009 SAT 10:00 AM**

Learn how to construct and decorate a fresh evergreen wreath to adorn your front door for the holiday season. Part 1 of this class is a step by step demonstration that will show you how to create your own fragrant, festive wreath using fresh evergreen cuttings, wire and a frame.

**Part 1: Demonstration
No Fee!
Part 2: Optional Make & Take Class
\$17.50 Fee
Lana Bilger NYSCNLP**

Class members will have the opportunity to stay after school for the Part 2 Option: a hands-on class where you will make and decorate your own 20" wreath to take home with you! Make-it-and-take-it class fee of \$17.50 covers frame, greens, wire, our selection of ribbon and instructions. We will take a break where you may select and purchase decorations to adorn your wreath.
Bring pruners, gloves and wire cutter.

Reservations required

**New! A SEASON OF BLOOM
PART 1: SPRING
JAN 23, 2010 SAT 10:00 AM
Lana Bilger NYSCNLP**

This is the first in a series of classes focusing on varieties of plants to cultivate a garden of continuous bloom from early spring to snowfall, using easy care trees, shrubs and vines. A slide show will introduce you to the first plants in this series, the blooming plant of spring, while Lana fills in the details. Watch for additional classes focusing on bloom for summer, autumn and winter.

Reservations required

**New! A SEASON OF BLOOM
PART 2: SUMMER
JAN 30, 2010 SAT 10:00 AM
Lana Bilger NYSCNLP**

Part 2 of our new series "A Season of Bloom" will feature slides highlighting the best easy care woody plants that offer a flow of flowers from earliest summer until autumn begins. If summer seems to short to you, learn to lengthen it with a never ending burst of bloom. The series will continue with autumn and winter.

Reservations required

**New! DEER RESISTANT
LANDSCAPE
FEB 6, 2010 SAT 10:00 AM
Lana Bilger NYSCNLP**

Tired of watching hungry deer devour your favorite landscape plants? You won't want to miss out on this class! Some plants practically invite deer into your yard, but there are plenty of trees, shrubs and perennials less likely to appeal to them. Lana's slide presentation and discussion will open your eyes to the many plant specimens that will provide beauty to your gardens, yet persevere against our growing deer population. Be ready to deer-scape this spring! We'll help you change your tune from, "Oh Deer!" to "The Buck no longer stops here!"

Reservations required

**New! A SEASON OF BLOOM
PART 3: FALL
FEB 13, 2010 SAT 10:00 AM
Lana Bilger NYSCNLP**

The third in a series of classes focusing on creating a garden of continuous bloom. Discover the rich color palette of autumn blossoms available in trees, shrubs and vines. Illustrated with slides, Lana will present new fall flowering woody plants as well as review old favorites. Your garden can continue to bloom until heavy frost and offer interest even beyond!

Reservations required

**New! A SEASON OF BLOOM
PART 4: WINTER
FEB 20, 2010 SAT 10:00 AM
Lana Bilger NYSCNLP**

Our final presentation in our Season of Bloom series. While western New York may not have many winter blooming plants, there are plants that offer winter interest in the form of unusual branching, interesting bark or colorful berries. This slide show will concentrate on trees, shrubs and vines that will mask the dreariness of winter.

Reservations required

**PRUNING TECHNIQUES:
TREES, SHRUBS & VINES
MAR 2, 2010, SAT 10:00 AM
Lana Bilger, NYSCNP**

When trees, shrubs and vines be pruned? How much should I cut off? Will I hurt or kill my plants if I cut off the wrong thing? The good news is you most likely will not permanently damage a plant by pruning. However, evergreens, flowering shrubs and deciduous trees all have different pruning times and needs. Trimming for maintenance is different from pruning to rejuvenate an overgrown shrub. pruning to remove storm or animal damage is another story! Join Lana for this class on when and how to prune trees and shrubs.

Reservations required.

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ANNUALS & VEGETABLES: STARTING FROM SEED

MAR 13, 2010 SAT 10:00 AM
Sally Cook

Manager Annual & Perennial Dept

Does the thought of just-picked, delicious, healthful vegetables make you drool? If you would like the pleasure of growing your own fresh produce, join Sally Cook of the Menne Annual and Perennial department for information on starting and growing your own vegetables. Her class will include where to locate a garden, how to add soil amendments and fertilizers to enrich garden soil and when to start seeds and transplant seedlings. You will also get the low down on some of the best veggie varieties and newest selections to choose from.

Reservations required.

GARDENING 101: BASIC GARDENING PRINCIPLES

MAR 20, 2010 2:00 PM
Lana Bilger NYSCNLP

If you are a beginning gardener, here's your chance to go to school! Lana will lead you through the very basics of gardening, covering soil types, hardiness zones, exposure to the elements, watering techniques and much more. This general discussion is full of information for those who are just entering the world of gardening.

Reservations required

SPRING CLEANING THE WATER GARDEN

MAR 20, 2010 SAT 10:00 AM
Menne Water Garden Staff

Get your water garden up and running for spring! It's time for water gardens to re-emerge as refreshing focal points. To enjoy clear sparkling water, beautiful plants and healthy fish all season, wake up your pond the right way! *This class is especially for those who now have a water garden.* We will discuss getting the filter system in shape for the season, removing debris, repotting and repositioning water plants, and treatments for clear, clean water and healthy fish.

Reservations required.

REPOTTING HOUSEPLANTS HANDS-ON-WORKSHOP

MAR 27, 2010 SAT 2:00 PM
Peter Martin Greenhouse Staff

Come on in, bring a houseplant and PARTY! Repot party that is! Long winter months, shorter daylight hours and less humidity in your home result in weary, pot-bound, straggly houseplants! Time to renew and rejuvenate by dusting off, transplanting, feeding and pruning! If you aren't sure how to administer this TLC, Peter will demonstrate for you and then stand by for assistance as you perform this task yourself.

We invite you to bundle up and bring along a houseplant that needs Tender Lovin' Care. Bring a pot from home or purchase one from our wide range of terra cotta and decorative pots. We will supply the complimentary potting soil and expertise. You supply the elbow grease and determination. Join the party and learn to re-energize your houseplants!

Reservations required

DESIGNING THE BACKYARD LANDSCAPE

APRIL 10, 2010 SAT 10:00 AM
Gary Sokolowski NYSCNLP

Your backyard is your outdoor living room, recreation room, dining room and hideaway. Creating the perfect space and setting for this needs special thought and consideration. Gary Sokolowski will host this class on developing a backyard paradise. Whether you are starting from scratch or blending new elements with old in an existing landscape, the possibilities are endless. This slide presentation and discussion will open the door to your outdoor living world.

Reservations required.

A PERFECT LAWN APRIL 10, 2010 SAT 1:00 PM

Guest: Mike Harris
Scotts MiracleGro Company

Attend this information-packed seminar using *Scotts Best Annual Lawn Care Program* and find out how you can have a greener, thicker, weed free lawn - **GUARANTEED!** Michael Harris of the Scotts MiracleGro Co. will be on hand to explain the advantages and benefits of this program covering:

{ Proper watering and mowing techniques	{ Understanding lawn fertilizers and soil pH
{ Lawn seeding and winter damage repair	{ Insect and weed control . . . And much more

Michael Harris has over 20 years of lawn and garden experience and has conducted many educational seminars on lawn care, gardening and attracting birds to your backyard. An avid gardener himself, his seminars are fun and instructional for the homeowner who is looking to improve his lawn and garden and needs professional advice and recommendations.

Reservations required

ORGANIC GARDENING FOR BEGINNERS

APRIL 17, 2010 SAT 10:00 AM
Guest Speaker

Organic gardening is sweeping the nation, with concern over the possible side effects of using chemical pesticides and fertilizers. Products that offer a safer alternative for the controls and nutrients your garden needs are readily available. Find out what all the excitement is about! This class will introduce you to the basics of organic gardening, what products are available and how to apply them for best results.

Reservations required.

ORCHID EXTRAVAGANZA APR 17, 2010 SAT 10:00 AM

Peter Martin
Orchid Enthusiast & Greenhouse Staff

You can grow healthy, beautiful orchids with help from our own orchid enthusiast, Peter Martin, who will share his extensive knowledge of orchid culture along with his love of these exotic beauties. This class includes a demonstration of potting and discussion of requirements for growing media, light and maintenance. As a special treat, Peter will have examples of blooming orchids from his private collection on hand. "Doctor" Peter welcomes your own orchid specimens for his on-the-spot consultation and advice.

Reservations required.

HOW TO DESIGN & PLANT A VEGETABLE GARDEN

APRIL 24, 2010 SAT 10:00 AM
Sally Cook

Manager Annual & Perennial Dept

Does the thought of just-picked, delicious, healthful vegetables make you drool? Join Sally Cook, avid gardener and manager of Menne's Annual & Perennial Department, as she shares information on selecting vegetables and planning your garden. Experience the pleasure of growing your own fresh produce and an abundant harvest with a little help from Sally.

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