



## MENNE NURSERY SPRING CLASSES & EVENTS 2009

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The arrival of spring brings warmer weather, emerging leaves, the beauty of blossoms and the rebirth of nature. We begin the cycle of care for our lawns and gardens. Whether you embrace gardening or you perceive it as a chore, our community classes will make your trip down the garden path easier, more enjoyable and much more rewarding. 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. Happy Spring and see you in class! (rev 3/27/09) [www.mennenursery.com](http://www.mennenursery.com)

**DESIGNING THE  
BACKYARD LANDSCAPE**  
APRIL 4, 2009 SAT 10:00 AM  
Gary & Kathy Sokolowski  
NYS Certified Nursery Professionals

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 & Kathy 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 4, 2009 SAT 1:00 PM  
Guest: Mike Harris  
Scotts MiracleGro Company

Join Michael Harris of the Scotts MiracleGro Company and find out how you can have a greener, thicker, weed free lawn - **GUARANTEED!** Mike will explain the advantages and benefits of using *Scotts Best Annual Lawn Care Program*, including:

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

With 20 years of lawn and garden experience, Michael Harris conducts many educational seminars on lawn care, gardening and attracting birds to your backyard. An avid gardener himself, his sessions are fun and instructional! To improve your lawn and garden with professional advice and recommendations, join us for this information-packed seminar. **Reservations required**

**PLANTING TREES & SHRUBS**  
Inside and Outside Class  
APR 18, 2009 SAT 10:00 AM  
Lana Bilger  
NYS Certified Nursery Professional

With proper planting, most trees and shrubs will thrive in good growing conditions. Proper planting also gives plants a better chance of survival in adverse weather and less than perfect conditions. Make sure you are employing the best planting techniques by attending this session. We will begin in the classroom to discuss selecting plants suitable to your situation along with basic planting materials and procedures. Then we will move outside for demonstrations of actual tree and shrub plantings. Dress for the weather! Class will run rain or shine! **Reservations required.**

**ORCHID EXTRAVAGANZA**  
APR 18, 2009 SAT 10:00 AM  
Peter Martin  
Orchid Enthusiast & Greenhouse Staff

You can grow healthy, beautiful orchids with help from our own orchid specialist, Peter Martin! Peter will share his extensive knowledge of orchid culture along with his love of these exotic beauties. He will demonstrate potting and discuss requirements for growing media, light and maintenance. "Doctor" Peter welcomes your own orchid specimens for his on-the-spot consultation and advice. **Reservations required.**

**DISAPPEARING WATERFALLS  
FOUNTAINS & STREAMS**  
APRIL 18, 2009 SAT 2:00 PM  
Dan Masterson of The Pond Shop  
by Masterson's @ Menne Nursery

Enjoy the look and sound of a playful, meandering stream or soothing waterfall without the upkeep of a pond. Perhaps you would like a patio fountain feature without standing water. Come and see how this new type of system is created and maintained. If you would like to add flowing water to your landscape, this low maintenance, alternative system may be the perfect addition to your outdoor living space! **Reservations required.**

**HOW TO DESIGN & PLANT  
A VEGETABLE GARDEN**  
APRIL 25, 2009 SAT 10:00 AM  
Sally Cook  
New! Manager Herbaceous Plants

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, avid gardener and manager of Menne's Herbaceous Plants. Sally will share information on selecting vegetables and planning your garden for optimum plant health, vigorous growth and abundant harvest. **Reservations required.**

**THE IN'S & OUTS OF  
ORGANIC GARDENING**  
APRIL 25, 2009 SAT 2:00 PM  
Lana Bilger  
NYS Certified Nursery Professional

We are all concerned with the possible side effects of using chemical pesticides and fertilizers. Organic gardening products offer a safer alternative to the controls and nutrients your garden needs. Organic gardening is sweeping the nation. 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.**

**SPRING CLEANUP**  
Of your Landscape & Lawn  
MAY 2, 2009 SAT 10:00 AM  
Lana Bilger  
NYS Certified Nursery Professional

Prepare your landscape the professional way this spring! Let our Landscape Professionals show you how our crews perform a spring clean up from start to finish. This demonstration illustrates how to cultivate, fertilize and edge beds, in addition to tips on getting your lawn in shape after the long winter. We will also take you step by step through the proper planting and pruning of trees and shrubs. This **2-hour, outdoor session** concludes with time to address your individual problems and applications. **Dress for the outdoors, rain or shine! Bring a portable chair if you like!** **Reservations required.**

## Back to Menne Nursery • Classes

**CONTAINER GARDENING:  
Recipes For Success**  
MAY 2, 2009 SAT 10:00 AM  
Sally Cook  
Manager Herbaceous Plants

New Plants! New Pots! New Ideas! Container gardens are easy to make and simple to maintain when created properly! They allow you to have color in areas where it is difficult to grow plants, enhance a porch, patio or pool area and can be adapted to the changing seasons. Join Sally for step by step instructions on how to create great container gardens including which containers work best, choosing soil mixes to insure success and her special maintenance tips. Observe as she creates beautiful examples of container gardens.  
**Reservations required.**

**BEGINNING BONSAI BASICS**  
MAY 2, 2009 SAT 2:00 PM  
Peter Martin  
Greenhouse Staff

For new Bonsai enthusiasts! If the ancient art of Bonsai intrigues you, but you are a little hesitant to try your own hand at it, this class is especially for you. Peter will introduce you to the basics of Bonsai care and give you an overall view of which plants can best be utilized. Peter will demonstrate pruning and repotting techniques, he will share information on basic care including growing media, watering and fertilizing.  
**Reservations required.**

**HERBS FOR  
GARDEN & KITCHEN**  
MAY 16, 2009 SAT 10:00 AM  
Lee Schreiner  
Master Gardener



Herbs make wonderful additions to the garden with their appealing foliage, fragrances and flowers. Their culinary benefits make them even more desirable. Master Gardener Lee Schreiner is a member of Smallwood Garden Club, WNY Ivy Society, the Herbal Study Group at the Botanical Gardens and enjoys herbal lore, crafting and cooking. Lee will discuss selecting and growing herbs for kitchen and container gardens along with their fascinating historical relationship with humans. Additional topics will include drying, crafting and creating herbal potpourri. This class run 60 to 90 minutes! **Reservations required.**

**WHAT'S NEW FOR SPRING:  
Product & Plant Review**  
MAY 16, 2009 SAT 2:00 PM  
Menne Department Heads

Here's your chance to pre-view all the latest, cutting-edge garden products, the most recent gardening trends and newer plant introductions. See what's new in our Nursery Yard, Annual & Perennial Department, Florist & Gift Shop and tropical Greenhouse. Find out the newest products and recommendations to take care of pests and enhance the beauty of your garden. This sampling of new products from Menne's many departments will open your eyes!  
**Reservations required.**

**ROSES  
FOR TODAY'S GARDENS**  
MAY 30, 2009 SAT 10:00 AM  
Jill Riddoch  
Master Gardener & Menne Rose Ace

They're not your grandmother's roses anymore! While time honored rose varieties are still available, there are many new and exciting rose selections that fit well into today's gardens and lifestyles! These roses are low maintenance, free flowering and beautiful choices for the time pressed gardener. If you thought roses were too much work, come and explore the new world of roses.  
**Reservations required.**

**FRUIT TREES &  
SMALL FRUITS**  
MAY 30, 2009, SAT 2:00 PM  
Lana Bilger  
NYS Certified Nursery Professional

Apples, strawberries, blueberries, peaches . . . just the thought of these luscious fruits makes your mouth water! Learn how to grow delicious, nutritious fruit in your own back yard! Lana will discuss how to plant, prune and maintain healthy fruit trees and bush fruits for years of tasty results. Learn which products will help you achieve success including organic and natural selections.  
**Reservations required.**

**HEAPS OF HOSTAS!**  
JUNE 6, 2009 SAT 10:00 AM  
Judy Stanczyk  
Menne Annual & Perennial Staff

Hostas for shade, hostas for sun, slug resistant hostas – what will they think of next? For everything you wanted to know about hostas and more, attend this class. The ever popular Hosta offers new and improved varieties for every situation. Discussion will include dividing, transplanting and caring for your hostas along with a peak at the newest varieties. If you thought hostas were boring, this class will change your mind!  
**Reservations required**

**PAVING STONES  
UNILOCK CLINIC**  
JUNE 6, 2009 SAT 2:00 PM  
Steve Simon  
Unilock Customer Service

Learn how to create the patio of your dreams or install a picturesque walkway. Join Steve Simon as he introduces you to the latest, easy to use Unilock patio and wall products. The first hour of this class features slides illustrating Unilock hardscape creations. An outdoor session follows featuring a hands-on demonstration of proper installation techniques for Unilock paving systems. Learn how to prepare an area, lay the base material, install the stone and finish off your project for a professional look resulting in years of enjoyment. Steve Simon has been with Unilock for over 15 years, involved in both product production and working with consumers in Erie and Niagara Counties.  
**This two-hour class runs rain or shine, so dress for the weather.**

**Reservations required**

**AN INTRODUCTION TO  
WATER GARDENING**  
JUNE 13, 2009 10:00 AM  
Dan Masterson  
The Pond Shop by Masterson's

Water features are beautiful, relaxing and interesting additions to landscape. This class, *especially for beginners*, will help you on your way to creating your own water garden. Learn the basics of water gardens including site selection, steps for installation and maintenance. It's easier than you think! Pumps, filters, liners, water treatments and design principles will be discussed.  
**Reservations required**

**HEAVENLY HYDRANGEAS**  
JUNE 13, 2009 2:00 PM  
Lana Bilger  
NYS Certified Nursery Professional

Hydrangeas have been a treasured addition to gardens for generations. Lana will introduce you to surprising new varieties that your grandmother never dreamed of! Hydrangeas have come a long way and are now available in many new colors and sizes. You can select from compact dwarf plants, varieties with unusual foliage and hydrangeas that will bloom all summer long. Let Lana introduce you to some new twists on an old favorite.  
**Reservations required**