2015 WORKSHOPS

March

Gardening with Arthritis
Is joint pain keeping you from exercising your green thumbs? If you have arthritis, gardening can be difficult. Attend this workshop to learn some tips and strategies to help make your favorite pastime easier and more enjoyable. You will also take home an ergonomic hand tool.
Materials fee - $5
Thurs 5th 6 PM

Worm Composting
Vermicomposting uses earthworms and other microorganisms to digest organic wastes, such as kitchen scraps. Vermicomposting is faster than traditional composting methods, requires less space, and creates little odor. The resulting nutrient-rich compost end product is an environmentally sound amendment to enrich soil for plant growth. You will take home the supplies to make your own worm house in your garden.
Materials fee - $5
Tues 17th 6 PM

April

Onions
Onions have long been prized for their culinary excellence and for their many health benefits. You will receive a bundle of candy onion seeds to get your own patch started. This workshop will teach you the basics of setting up your own system. You will also take home a moisture tester.
Materials fee - $5
Sat 18th 10 AM

Beginner Vegetable Gardening
All gardens have problems. One year it may be insects and disease and the next year it may be drought. Gardening does require work, but by learning a few basic skills and techniques, you can make your vegetable gardening experience a pleasant one. You will also get a handy garden planner!
Materials fee - $5
Thurs 23rd 6 PM

May

Container & Hanging Baskets
Container gardens & hanging baskets provide the opportunity to grow plants in many places. They can be enjoyed on the patio, porch, balcony, deck, or sidewalk. Even certain vegetables can be grown in containers. You will also take home a container of your own.
Materials fee - $10
Thurs 11th 6 PM

Pumpkin Production (June cont.)
Whether you use them for jack o’lanterns, pies, butter, bread, soup or coffee, pumpkins have become a staple of the fall season. During this workshop you will learn to grow this popular fruit and will take home some pumpkin seeds to get your own patch started.
Materials fee - $5

June

Home Irrigation
Kentucky’s summer and fall weather is extremely variable. During the driest parts of the year it may be necessary to apply moisture that Mother Nature has failed to supply. This workshop will teach you the basics of setting up your own system. You will also take home a moisture tester.
Materials fee - $5
Tues 2nd 6 PM

November

Amaryllis & Paperwhites
These commonly grown holiday treasures make great gifts and couldn’t be simpler to grow. We will cover various potting methods for each bulb and explain what is needed to keep them over for blooms each year. Everyone will take home a paperwhite narcissus and an amaryllis bulb.
Materials fee - $5
Thurs 17th 6 PM

August

Cole Crops for the Fall Garden
Cole crops are a nutritious and hardy vegetable crop in Kentucky and they even give two planting/harvest opportunities: spring and fall. Cole crops include broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower and several more that you might not have thought about or tried. Join us for a look into this nutritious vegetable group and take home transplants & seeds for your garden.
Materials fee - $10
Thurs 6th 6 PM

September

Fall Cover & Green Manure Crops
We will take a look at the importance of green manure crops and cover crops. Most people think of cover crops as just a winter crops, but soil building can be done year round. You will also find out how to use cover crops to break soil hard pans, increase soil fertility, and improve tilth. You will receive a variety of cover crop seeds, too!
Materials fee - $5
Thurs 24th 6 PM

October

Garlic
Most people would agree that fresh garlic is indispensable in the kitchen but very few gardeners grow their own. There are many different varieties gardeners can choose from. We will discuss how to grow this easy fall planted crop including how to harvest and store. Attendees will take home a sampler of varieties to plant their own gardens.
Materials fee - $5
Thurs 6th 9 PM

Tulips & Other Bulbs
Tulips may bring thoughts of warm weather and spring, but to enjoy tulips and other bulbs in the spring, the best time to plant is in October. Take this workshop and make your spring garden shine. You will also take home a variety of bulbs!
Materials fee - $5
Thurs 13th 6 PM

Totally Tomatoes
Do you love the taste of home-grown tomatoes? We’ll be talking about proven tips and techniques for successfully growing America’s most popular garden vegetable (or is it a fruit?). Get ready for tomato sandwiches all summer long! You will receive a variety of hybrid & heirloom plants.
Materials fee - $5
Tues 19th 6 PM

Ready to sign up? Give us a call at (606) 864-4167 or register online at laurel.ca.uky.edu.
The London-Laurel County Farmers Market will be open from 7 AM to noon every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from May 2 - October 31. The market is located at the corner of Main and Dixie Streets in Downtown London.

For more information or to register, contact:

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We now accept credit card payments online!

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### 2015 Gardener’s Toolbox Workshop Series

**About the Program**

The Gardener’s Toolbox Workshop Series is designed with all levels of gardeners in mind. Whether you’ve been gardening for years or you’re just starting out, there’s something for everyone in this series.

We’ve assembled a wide variety of topics again this year. A few of them were offered in last year’s series but most are new workshops that have been specifically requested. If you have a suggestion or request for a workshop, we’d like to hear from you!

**Why Do I Have to Register?**

It’s very important that you pre-register for the workshops for several reasons:

- Space in many of the workshops is limited.
- Materials must be purchased or prepared prior to the workshop. Registration allows us to make sure we have plenty of supplies for everyone.

Some of our workshop presenters will be driving long distances to teach the class. We must have at least four participants who have registered and paid the materials fee or the class may be canceled.

If the workshop has to be canceled due to inclement weather or emergency, we can contact you to let you know.

Remember, registration is not complete until the materials fee has been paid. Payment must be received at least four days prior to the workshop. Now you can pay with credit card during the online registration process!

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### How to Register

There are several convenient ways for you to register for our workshops. You are welcome to stop by or call our office. We also have an online registration system on our website at laurel.ca.uky.edu. The website has a complete list of our upcoming Extension events and classes in all program areas and accepts credit card payments for materials fees.

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