

Educational Events for the Fall

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There are several educational programs that I and local Master Gardeners are going to be involved with over the next few weeks. I hope you can participate in them. All times listed are Central time.

On Saturday, October 1, Keep Evansville Beautiful will be hosting a Tree Planting and Care Workshop. The workshop will be held at the Evansville Public Library, Red Bank Branch, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Shawn Dickerson, Evansville City Arborist and I will be the speakers. Topics include: Right Tree, Right Place; proper planting and pruning; information on Emerald Ash Borer and Asian Longhorned Beetle; mulching, and preparing for winter. Refreshments and door prizes will be provided. The workshop is free, but registration is required. Please contact KEB at 812-425-4461 to register.

This program will be repeated on Saturday, November 19, at the Central Library Branch.

The Southwestern Indiana Master Gardener Association (SWIMGA) will be hosting a free demonstration day at our Master Gardener Display Garden on Saturday, October 8, from 8 am to noon. Master Gardener Kay Haller and her husband Mike will show how to install and use rain barrels at 8:00 a.m. Shawn Dickerson, Evansville City Arborist, will demonstrate the art of splitting rails and building split rail fences at 9:00 a.m.

Throughout the morning, master gardeners will be working in the Display Garden and available to answer questions about growing flowers and vegetables. Of special note is the All-America Selections (AAS) Garden. In addition to sharing gardening tips, master gardeners will be giving away free AAS seeds to garden visitors that morning until the supply is depleted.

The Master Gardener Display Garden is located on the north side of the old Evansville State Hospital grounds, south of Lloyd Expressway between Stockwell Road and Vann Avenue. We are next door to the Eykamp Boy Scout headquarters.

On Saturday, October 15, SWIMGA will be hosting the Ohio Valley Garden Conference at the Tropicana Conference Center, located at 421 NW Riverside Drive in Evansville. Peter J. Hatch, director emeritus of Gardens and Grounds for the Thomas Jefferson Foundation, will be the keynote speaker. Other speakers include author Kerry Meyer; Kentucky state apiarist Phil Craft; John Foster, Executive Director of the Wesselman

Nature Society; Gold Advanced Master Gardener and greenhouse owner Judy Schneider Kron; and retired University of Evansville professor William Hemminger. Rumor has it that the Magic Gardener will also make an appearance!

Registration and vendor booths open at 7 am, and continue until 4:30 pm. The cost of the program is \$49 per person, and covers all sessions, continental breakfast, lunch, and refreshments. Visit our website at <http://www.swimga.org/ohio-valley-2016-fall-conference/> to download the registration form.

For more information about any of this fall's upcoming educational programs, please contact the Purdue Extension Service at (812) 435-5287.