



December January February March 2009/10

In Season

*Celebrating 25 years
for the Friends and
70 years for the Gardens!*



Please Join Us!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6th

10am – 3pm

Boerner Holiday Celebration

*Celebrate the Holidays with the Friends
Santa, Crafts & Story Time*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14th

6:30pm – 8pm

Rain Water Harvesting: How Do I Get Started?



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6th

9am – 12pm

Beekeeping Basics Learn How Honey is Made!

SATURDAY, MARCH 13th

9am – 10:30am

Bright Lights / Big Seedlings: A “How To” Lesson on Growing Plants Under Lights



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GROWING Gardeners

for children ages 3 - 6
and their parent(s)

Gifts from the Garden (2 Classes)

December 5 or 7, 10:30 – 11:30am

Come celebrate the joy of the holiday season. Children will have an opportunity to fashion their own gifts and ornaments, many from natural materials. Decorate holiday cupcakes for a light snack.

**No classes in January,
join us in February!**



WIGGLY-SQUIGGLY – Let's learn about worms! (2 Classes)

February – 13 or 15, 10:30 – 11:30am

What does a worm eat? Where do worms live? Join us to learn more about these helpful garden creatures. Make a worm tracks picture, eat a tasty worm snack.

SERIOUSLY SILLY (2 Classes)

March – 13 or 15, 10:30 – 11:30am

Did you know that plants will grow in just about anything?! Explore the basic needs of plants and then plant your own garden using a "found object." It could be an old boot, piece of driftwood, big shell, broken toy or sidewalk junk. We will provide the objects or you can bring one from home!

\$12.50 Members

\$14.00 Non-Members

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to register**

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Gardener's Corner



Help stop the emerald ash borer's spread in Southeastern Wisconsin

The latest news on the spread of emerald ash borer (EAB) is hitting closer and closer to home. As of September 2009, all four Southeastern Wisconsin counties have been placed under quarantine by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Protection.

What does that mean for you and me? As homeowners, nature advocates and outdoor enthusiasts, we need to keep our eyes open when we mow our lawn (think spring!), visit a park or go biking. Pay more attention to the ash trees near where you live and work.

Learn to ID an ash tree - Not sure what an ash tree looks like? This is the perfect opportunity to pick up a book on tree identification. With our infamously long and cold winters, you might need to find a tree book that includes photos or drawings of ash trees without leaves.

Get to know the bug - Find out when the emerald ash borer and their larvae are active. A typical life cycle for an ash borer begins in the spring. In May and June, adult females start laying eggs two weeks after they emerge. After the eggs hatch, the larvae will start tunneling into the ash tree bark looking for food. This feeding can begin in late July and last through October.

Do not move firewood - Did you know the emerald ash borer does not fly more than a few miles? So how did it get from Michigan to Wisconsin? We unknowingly helped it spread by moving firewood, logs and buying infested nursery stock.

It is a race against time. An estimated 50 million ash trees are dead or dying in the Midwest alone. The more we learn, the better equipped we are to prevent the spread. Ash trees will typically lose one-third of their top canopy within the first year of infestation. And if left untreated, the tree will die in two to four years.

For more information, read the Milwaukee County Cooperative Extension's fact sheet online at: <http://milwaukee.uwex.edu/hort/documents/MCCEfactsheet.pdf>.

There is also a good FAQ posted by the state of Wisconsin at: <http://www.emeraldashborer.wi.gov/>.

Call UW-Extension Horticulture Center at Boerner Botanical Gardens at 414-525-5638 for more information or check out the Friends' horticultural library located on the lower level of the Education and Visitors Center.

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Adult Education & Programs

GARDENING & NATURE

Rain Water Harvesting:

How Do I Get Started?

January 14th, 6:30pm- 8pm

Learn about the many benefits of capturing, filtering and reusing rainwater. Joel Reinders will show you how easily it can be done around your house. You also will learn about landscape options for your property.

Get Growing!

Creating a Children's Garden Part I

January 21st, 9am - 11am

Learn how to create a nurturing outdoor space for children.

Garden Visions for the New Year

January 21st, 9am - 11am

A two hour workshop where participants are encouraged to create a "vision board" and plot a course for 2010 including finally building that dream garden.

A Gardener's First Steps

January 28th, 6:30pm - 8pm

This class is designed for the beginning gardener. Learn about soil preparation, watering, fertilizing, and the best plant choices for our area.

As the Worm Turns

A Lesson on Vermacomposting

January 30th 9am - 10:30am

Are worms good or bad? Learn the importance of worms in our gardens and how to use them to recycle kitchen waste. Learn how to set up a portable worm bin.

Beekeeping Basics

February 6th, 9am - 12pm

Fascinated by honeybees and looking for something new to try? Want to learn what it takes to become a beekeeper? Harris Byers of the Milwaukee County Cooperative Extension Urban Apiculture Institute will share his beekeeping expertise. Join us and learn how honey is made.

Growing a Chocolate Lover's Garden

February 13th, 10:00am- 11:30am

For those who crave chocolate and can't get enough... this class is for you! Learn about the plants to grow in a chocolate lover's garden! Savor the sweetness without gaining a pound or feeling guilty.

Garden Plants of Prey - A Beginners

Guide to Carnivorous Plants

February 18th, 6:30pm - 8pm

Come in for a glimpse into the fascinating world of carnivorous plants. Learn how to grow and care for these amazing plants in your own home. Participants will receive a carnivorous plant to take home.

Green Gardening

February 27th, 10am - 11:30am

Learn how to reduce the use of pesticides and fertilizers in your garden by identifying beneficial insects and companion plants. Each participant will make a natural and safe pest prevention item to take home.

Bright Lights/Big Seedlings:

A "How To" Lesson on Growing Plants Under Lights

March 13th, 9am - 10:30am

A wintertime harvest of vine-ripened tomatoes, herbs and salad greens, can easily be accomplished with indoor lights. Jerry Seroka, our staff horticulturist, will take you through the steps needed to grow a garden feast under a light bulb.

Made for the Shade

March 18th, 6:30pm - 8pm

This class will cover plants that add interest to shady areas. Focus will be on variegated foliage, colorful berries and interesting bark. Lots of ideas for your shaded garden areas!

Get Growing!

Creating a Children's Garden Part II

March 20th, 9am - 11am

Landscape Architect and designer Lynn Goldstein will teach you how to discover the natural world in your own backyard. Lynn will provide horticultural ideas and information for creating your own imaginative garden space.

CRAFT

One Stroke Painting Wine Glasses

December 5th, 10am - 11:30am

One Stroke Painting, created by Donna Dewberry, is an innovative, stress-free style of decorative painting. Trina Eve guides you through this interesting technique even if you have never painted before. Makes a great gift!

FOOD & DRINK

Organic Tea Blending

March 6th, 10am - 11:30am

Whether you favor black, green, white or red tea, you will learn the basics of how these types of teas are developed and the essentials of blending herbs, spices and fruits for the perfect "cuppa" tea every time. In this fun and interactive workshop, participants will create and take home their own tea blend. Another great gift idea!

Registration & Fee Information

414-525-5659



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Boerner's Holiday Celebration

**Celebrate the Holidays
at Boerner Botanical Gardens**

Sunday December 6th

10:00am – 3:00pm

Santa, Crafts & Story Time
– all for \$5.00

*Brunch available
from the Bartolotta
Catering Company.
Call 414-525-5635 for
brunch reservations.*





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**Boerner Holiday
Celebration**
Sunday, December 6, 2009
10am - 3pm
Family Activities, Crafts, & Santa



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