

For assistance with home lawn,
garden and pests contact :

Sussex County Garden Helpline
302-856-2585 Ext. 535
April 15 thru October 15
10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

*Due to rising energy costs, we ask anyone
visiting the office to please call prior to your visit
to be sure someone will be able to help you upon
your arrival.

*Samples may be dropped off Monday—Friday,
8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. with the office receptionist.

Mark your calendars—
Annual OPEN HOUSE
will be held July 18, 2009

Garden Walk at the Master Gardeners Demonstration Garden

Visit with the Master Gardeners and walk
through the garden with them:

Thursday, May 21, 2009 7:00 p.m.
-featuring Azaleas in bloom and planting
the vegetable garden

Thursday, June 18, 2009 7:00 p.m.
-featuring the Clematis in bloom and
renovating the perennial beds

If you have a large group or club that
would like to tour the garden, please
contact us at 302/856-2585 ext. 540.

Check off the workshops that interest you and
be sure to mark your calendars. You must
pre-register by calling Karen Adams at
(302) 856-2585 Ext. 540

____ January 13, 1:00 p.m., Tuesday
Ivy Topiary Hands-On Workshop—Held in
Meeting Room 3

____ February 3, 7:00 p.m., Tuesday
Forcing Bulbs—Held in Meeting Room 3

____ February 24, 7:00 p.m., Tuesday
Railroad Garden—Held in Meeting Room 3

____ March 10, 1:00 p.m., Tuesday
Backyard Habitat—Held in Meeting Room 3

____ March 24, 7:00 p.m., Tuesday
Companion Planting—Held in Meeting
Room 3

____ April 21, 7:00 p.m., Tuesday
Rain Gardens—Held in Meeting Room 3

____ May 12, 1:00 p.m., Tuesday
Flower Arranging—Held in Meeting Room 3

____ June 2, 10:00 a.m., Tuesday
Hypertufa—Held in the Garden

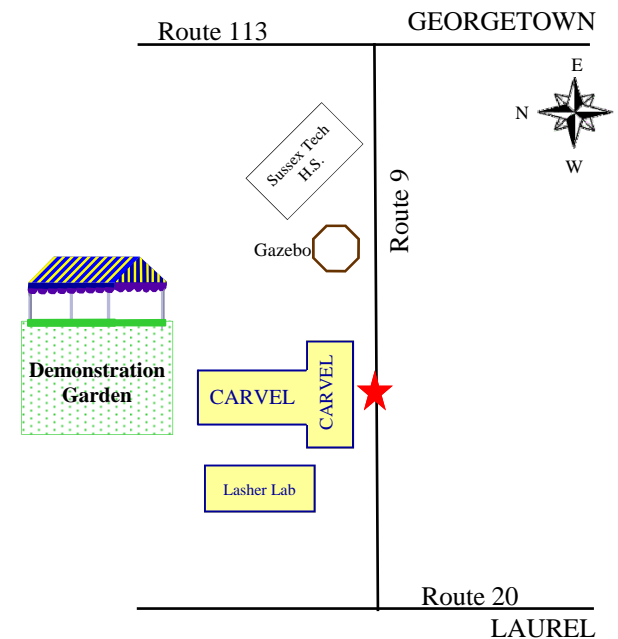
____ June 9, 1:00 p.m., Tuesday
Hypertufa—Held in the Garden

**WORKSHOPS ARE FREE
UNLESS OTHERWISE
SPECIFIED**

Who We Are

Master Gardeners enjoy gardening, have
gardening experience, want to learn more
about gardening and have a desire to help
others in their community. They have all
completed an intensive training program, and
volunteer a minimum of 45 hours during their
first year. Master Gardeners extend the home
gardening outreach of Delaware Cooperative
Extension. For more Information visit our
website at: [http://www.rec.udel.edu/
Extension/MasterGardener/
MGardener1.htm](http://www.rec.udel.edu/Extension/MasterGardener/MGardener1.htm).

Where We Are



Sussex County Extension Office is located on Route 9,
approximately 4.5 miles west from the 113 & 9
intersection. We are on the same side of the road as
Sussex Tech High School, and a short distance west.
The Demonstration Garden is behind the Carvel
Building. Turn after the gazebo and look for the blue
& gold tent.
Meeting Rooms are located in the Carvel Building
(red star). Signs will be posted for your convenience.

2009 Workshops Sussex County

Winter/Spring Schedule



**Helping People Put
Knowledge to Work**



IVY TOPIARY HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

Tuesday, January 13, 1:00 p.m.
Emily Peterson & Betty Boettger
Held in Meeting Room 3
LIMIT 25 PARTICIPANTS

Learn the art of creating various types of topiaries to decorate your home or place on your porch or patio. You will be making a topiary to take home. A \$5.00 fee for materials will be collected on the day of the workshop.



FORCING BULBS

Tuesday, February 3, 7:00 p.m.
Denise Clemons
Held in Meeting Room 3
LIMIT 22 PARTICIPANTS

Invite Spring to arrive early by forcing bulbs indoors. See how to force flowering bulbs, including: recommended species, preparations, selecting a container, and growing medium. Attendees will receive a crystal forcing vase and flowering bulb to take home. A \$5.00 fee for materials will be collected on the day of the workshop.

RAILROAD GARDEN

Tuesday, February 24, 7:00 p.m.
Mary Noel
Held in Meeting Room 3

Learn how to create a railroad in the garden and on a budget. This is a great project for all members of the family to enjoy. See how this master gardener combined the love of trains and gardening.



BACKYARD HABITAT

Tuesday, March 10, 1:00 p.m.
Cece Niemi
Held in Meeting Room 3

See and hear nature's own animal kingdom right in your backyard. Your property can become a home to birds, bees, butterflies, and turtles to name a few. Hear about one gardener's journey to creating a certified Backyard Wildlife Habitat.

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COMPANION PLANTING

Tuesday, March 24, 7:00 p.m.
Linda Peters & Ana Dittel
Held in Meeting Room 3

Companion Planting is the idea that certain plants benefit others when planted in near proximity. We will discuss the scientific and traditional bases for these plant associations. A companion planting chart for herbs, vegetables and flowers will be provided.

RAIN GARDENS

Tuesday, April 21, 7:00 p.m.
Nancy Davis
Held in Meeting Room 3

What happens to rain water around your home? Ever have problems with excess drainage? Trouble with erosion? Want to improve your water quality? A "Rain Garden" may be your answer.

FLOWER ARRANGING

Tuesday, May 12, 1:00 p.m.
Wendy Aycoth
Held in Meeting Room 3

Learn flower arranging and design from an expert trained in England and the US. Bring in a small container (6" long and 3" deep from front to back), waterproof basket, or box with a lid. A tuna can painted flat black will also work. You will need to bring floral shears or scissors and greenery cut the previous evening, if possible. You will make a beautiful crescent shaped floral design to enjoy in your home.

HYPERTUFA

Tuesday, June 2, 10:00 a.m.
Carolyn Donahoe
Held in the Garden
LIMIT 15 PARTICIPANTS

Make your own containers for those hard to grow plants or just make them to enjoy. These containers are made from a cement mix in many different shapes and sizes and can even spend the winter outdoors. At the conclusion of this hands-on workshop, you'll have made a pot to take home. A \$15.00 fee for materials will be collected on the day of the workshop. BRING HEAVY-DUTY LATEX GLOVES.



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