

And the Winner Is.....



Your home, property, and of course you! Research shows that landscaping can add 5-15% to the value of a house when it is sold, and this even doesn't take into account the beauty and hours of relaxation you get to enjoy with your new & improved landscape. Because of the value of landscaping, the Kosciusko County Master Gardeners and Purdue Extension are offering you an exciting opportunity to participate in "Landscaping Your Winter Blues Away for the Garden & Home"... a 6 week series on landscaping principles and ideas for homeowners.

Series Objective:

The objective of this class is to increase the knowledge of every participant in the areas of home horticulture and landscape design.

Series Registration:

This series is open to the public. The registration fee is \$75 per person or \$125/couple received by February 3rd. This includes 14 hours of educational instruction, a series notebook, additional handouts, refreshments, and other landscape related information. Master Gardeners who complete the class will earn 14 hours of advanced educational credit.



If you require auxiliary aids and services due to a disability or have special food needs, please contact us by February 3, 2012 at 574-372-2340.

Series Kick-off

**Saturday
February 11**
12:30 – 4:00 p.m.
**Landscape Design as a
Process & Product**

Presenter: **Gregory Pierceall**

Residential site design and development is a specialty. Come and learn the macro and micro aspects of garden and landscape design. The first part of this session will include a slide presentation outlining the design process. The second will give you hands-on experience with diagramming garden design and details.



Gregory Pierceall has been a professor of Landscape architecture for 32 years and retired from Purdue University. He is a nationally known author having written five books, *Residential Landscapes: Graphics, Planning, Design, Interiorscapes, SITESCAPES: Outdoor Rooms for Outdoor Living, and An Illustrated Guide to Landscape Design, Construction and Management*. As a lecturer, he has presented and coordinated numerous lectures including the Chicago Botanic Garden, New England Grows, Interior Plantscape Division of the Florida Nursery Growers Association and many more. Pierceall received the Association of Professional Landscape Design International Award of Distinction in 2003. Greg's emphasis in landscape design is "design not decoration" as a means of achieving functional yet attractive landscapes.



Look inside to discover the Thursday evening sessions!

What is the Purdue Master Gardener Program?



Master Gardeners is a volunteer training program designed to meet the informational needs of the local gardening community. Its specific aim is to provide information and technical assistance about gardening and home horticulture through the use of qualified volunteers.

Directions to the Kosciusko County Purdue Extension

Directions – (North or South) take SR 15 into Warsaw. Turn west on Main Street and continue to 202 W Main Street.



From the East—from U.S. 30, take Center Street into Warsaw. Turn north on Lake Street. Turn west on Main Street and continue to 202 W Main Street.



For more information, questions on the series or the Master Gardener Program, please contact:

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2012
Saturday
February 11
12:30 p.m.—4:00 p.m.
Thursdays
February 16, 23
March 1, 8, 15
6:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

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Celebrating our 15th Anniversary of the Winter Blues Series



More on the Thursday Evening Speakers & Presentations

February 16
6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Right Plant, Right Place

Presenter: James Hitz is Principal of James E. Hitz, LLC, a horticulture and landscape management consulting company. Specializing in public gardens, estates, and natural areas, Mr. Hitz provides clients with more than 30 years of experience in the fields of agriculture, horticulture, and natural resources. He worked for 16 years with the founding family of Taltree Arboretum & Gardens taking the organization from an idea to a significant arboretum and public garden. He serves on various not-for-profit boards in his community and is a member of Leadership Northwest Indiana Class 18.

Hot Topic: Garden Whimsy

Karen Hill
Purdue Master Gardener

Come and learn more about creative ways to use off-the-wall and often-discarded items to personalize your garden this year.



February 23

6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Water Gardens and Ponds

Presenter: Jason Becker

Who wouldn't want to create a water paradise in their garden? Learn the ins and outs of water gardening in this session. Jason Becker is owner and operator of Countryscapes and Gardens, which is a division of Fashion Farm Inc. in Ligonier. Jason has a bachelors degree in Business from the University of Indianapolis and is a state certified Horticulturalist. Countryscapes was created 9 years ago as a natural addition to Fashion Farm. There is also a landscape division of the business that has grown every year. They have two landscape crews that focus on installation of plant materials, hardscapes and water gardens.



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de- **Hot Topic: Container Gardens**

Jason Becker

Container Gardens are a fun, easy way to garden that anyone can try. Jason Becker will show how you can make a Container Garden work in your space.



March 1

6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
New and Unusual Plants

Presenter: Jackie Hoopfer is a Horticultural Therapist and Grounds Manager at a retirement community. She is also an Advanced Master Gardener and Trial manager at the Purdue Allen County Display gardens. Jackie will speak about what they trialed for the 2012 season, as well as other new annuals, perennials, and shrubs for your landscape.



Hot Topic: Four Seasons in the Garden

Kellie Myers

Purdue Master Gardener Intern

Ever wondered when to start your seeds indoors? Fertilize your lawn? Begin planting outside? Find out how to prepare for each of the four seasons in a Northern Indiana garden.

March 8

6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Hardscapes

Presenter: Ed Sheldon

Patios, walks, retaining walls, and other hardscape elements can transform your landscape into a functional and beautiful "outdoor living room". This session will highlight the possibilities, materials, and construction methods for hardscapes such as segmental retaining walls and interlocking concrete pavers.

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We will also address challenges to expect when undertaking a hardscapes project. Ed Sheldon, Extension Educator in Montgomery County and co-owner of ShrubWorks Landscape, will be conducting the program.



Hot Topic: Animal Control

Find some easy solutions for controlling those unwanted pests in your landscape.

March 15

6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Pruning

Presenter: Shawn Locker of Blue River Nursery, will discuss tools to prune with and tools to avoid, along with pruning and training techniques for trees. The presentation will include demonstrations on live plants, and participants will leave with a handout on various shrubs and how to prune them correctly. Shawn is a nurseryman and landscape designer with 23 years' experience. Shawn grows trees, flowering shrubs, conifers, Japanese Maples and perennials at Blue River Nursery in Columbia City, Indiana. Blue River Nursery is a retail garden center with a landscape design and installation department. www.bluerivernursery.com



Hot Topic: Rain Gardens

Nancy Brown

Elkhart County SWCD Educator & Master Gardener

Learn what a rain garden is and what it can do for your landscape and the environment. We walk through the steps to



2012 Landscaping Your Winter Blues Away Registration Form



Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

**Registration fee: \$75/person
\$125/couple**

(Couples receive only one set of materials for the series)

Additional Names attending if other than above: _____

Please make checks payable to the **Kosciusko County CES Ed Fund**. Please mail to the Extension Office as listed below by: **February 3, 2012**. Late registration—please add **\$10/person**. No refunds unless the program is cancelled.

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