

**Summary of the Art and Science of
the SMARTGARDEN™ On-line Program**

The program fee is \$85.00. The following benefits are included:

- The SmartGarden™ Northeast Guide (400 pages)
- Access to the interactive, online program.
- Access to a community of gardeners and gardening experts through the Gardening Institute's online discussion board.
- One-year subscription to the AHS' magazine, The American Gardener.
- One-year AHS membership.
- Horticulture Gardening Institute's bi-monthly electronic newsletter.
- Purdue Master Gardeners will receive 3 educational hours for the kick-off event and 12 educational hours for completion of the on-line program.

Registration Form

Pre-Registration is preferred.

NOTE: Participants must have access to the internet and a valid e-mail account.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Are you a Master Gardener? _____ Yes _____ No

(What county?) _____

Please complete one form for each participant and return it along with your \$85 check or money order made payable to Purdue University, Attn: Dr. Peggy Sellers, Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture, 625 Agriculture Mall Drive, West Lafayette IN 47907-2010.

If you have questions, please contact Peggy Sellers at 765-494-1296.

The Art and Science of the SMARTGARDEN™

A New Online Program for
Gardening Enthusiasts

Kick-Off Event

Saturday, October 16, 2004

1:00 - 4:00 pm

(Registration 12:30 pm)

Boone County 4-H Fairgrounds
Lebanon, Indiana

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The Art and Science of the SmartGarden™

Would you like to learn how to make environmentally responsible choices for your garden that work well with nature, minimize pests and diseases and allow your garden to flourish year after year?

If so, register now to join us at our kick-off event for an exciting interactive online program. The SmartGarden™ program is a self-paced, interactive web-based program developed in partnership with the Horticulture Gardening Institute and the American Horticultural Society (AHS). DK Publishing is a gold sponsor of the program is built around the ten tenets of the AHS SmartGarden™ program:

- 1. Know Yourself**
Assess yourself, your lifestyle and resources for your gardening activities.
- 2. Assess Your Site**
Assess your garden site.
- 3. Adapt When Necessary**
Become aware of the types of adaptations possible.
- 4. Pick the Best Plants**
Select plants using a process practical for you and environmentally adapted.
- 5. Take Good Care of the Earth**
Identify gardening practices that take good care of the earth.
- 6. Work With Nature**
Identify gardening practices that work with nature.
- 7. Manage Pests for a Healthy Garden**
Learn the IPM process to diagnose pest damage and selecting appropriate pest prevention and control.
- 8. Keep a Garden Journal**
Become more aware of a key SmartGarden™ variable - the weather.
- 9. Consult the Pros**
Identify print, Web, and local expert resources.
- 10. Have Fun!**
Identify ways to have more fun in you garden.

Throughout the self-paced program you will complete self-assessments and with interactivities that help you practice good stewardship of the earth. You will learn how to select plants that are compatible for your growing conditions, reassess your gardening practices to realize the greatest benefit from your time and effort and measure every gardening decision against its environmental impact.

About the Speakers...

Jo Ellen Meyers Sharp an active Advanced Purdue Master Gardener, teaches and lectures frequently about various gardening topics in the Midwest. She will be presenting **Spring Bulbs and Companions**, an overview of popular and lesser-known spring bulbs and some perennials that make good companion plants. She is co-author of *Indiana Gardener's Guide* and a free-lance writer covering dozens of topics. She is a regional director of the Garden Writer's Association, and a member of the Perennial Plant Association, Indiana Organic Gardeners Association, the Indiana Nursery and Landscape Association and the Indiana Native Plant and Wildflower Society.

Kate Koltvedt is the Horticulture Gardening Institute Senior Project Administrator. Kate is also the Senior Project Administrator of the MSU Global Institute. She is responsible for managing key program and production development projects within MSU Global Institute including the Horticulture Gardening Institute, Global Community Security Institute, National Development Basketball League, National Basketball Association, Michigan Victims Assistance Academy, and various others. Kate will be presenting **Getting Started Online with SMARTGARDEN™ Program**.

Dr. Peggy Sellers is the State Coordinator for the Purdue Master Gardener Program. She has delivered numerous presentations and workshops to a variety of audiences including Master Gardeners, county educators, arborists, garden center personnel, commercial growers and the general public. As a plant pathologist and former director of Purdue's Plant and Pest Diagnostic Laboratory, Peggy enjoys helping others grow and will be presenting **Ten Tenants of the SMARTGARDEN™**

Directions to Boone County Fairgrounds:

The Boone County 4-H Fairgrounds are located just off I-65 at exit 138, Lebanon, Indiana.

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