

**Just
Announced!**

2010 Gardener's Toolbox Classes

I am pleased to present our extended list of educational Gardener's Toolbox classes for 2010! Gardener's Toolbox is a series of classes that offer something for everyone! Beginning and experienced gardeners alike are sure to enjoy these fun and fascinating classes! All classes will take place at the Barren County Extension Office. Registration must be received by the date noted for each class. If less than 3 participants register, the class may be canceled or rescheduled for a later date. Call (270) 651-3818 to register!



Thursday February 11th- The Basics of Vegetable Gardening (6:30-8:30PM)

I will provide a general overview of growing a vegetable garden on a beginner's level. We will cover the three growing seasons with a strong emphasis on planning, site selection, and soil building. Participants will also receive our UK Cooperative Extension Service Home Vegetable Gardening in KY booklet AND seeds for recommended disease resistant varieties as a take home gift. **Register by February 5th.**

Thursday March 11th- Growing Backyard Blueberries (6:30-8:30PM)

Over the last few years, there has been an overwhelming amount of interest in growing blueberries in the home landscape. Different aspects of successful blueberry production will be addressed such as the proper site evaluation and preparation, cultivar selection, proper planting depths, spray guide information, and general care and maintenance tips. All participants will receive our UK Cooperative Extension Service "Growing Highbush Blueberries in KY" publication AND the first 10 participants will take home a blueberry plant for their garden or landscape. **Register by March 1st.**



Tuesday April 6th- Home Composting Anyone? (6:30-8:30PM)

In celebration of Earth Day, here is a great class to discover the multiple benefits involved with composting and why the subject is often referred to as "black gold." Participants will learn several composting secrets such as what materials can and can't be composted, how compost is utilized, and how to construct composting bins while aiding to "green-up" your environment at the same time. This class is definitely an eye-opener! **Register by April 1st.**



Tuesday May 4th- Growing Gourmet Herbs (6:30-8:30PM)

Over the past few years, many people have been interested in growing herbs to incorporate into dishes when cooking at home. Learn the basic principles of herb gardening, such as growing conditions, container gardens, harvesting, and even some culinary tips from our very own Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Agent Mindy McCulley. The first 10 participants will receive a potted herb to take home as a gift. **Register by April 29th.**

Thursday June 3rd- Harvesting and Preserving your Bounty (6:30-8:30PM)

Most of us are a generation or two removed from growing our own food supply. Many of us know how to grow vegetables but fall short in our knowledge of preserving these items for winter consumption. Mindy McCulley, Barren County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences, will offer a crash course in the basics of freezing, canning, and drying foods. We will provide reference information and cover which method works best for which type of produce. Attendees will receive a copy of the

Ball Blue book (great preserving reference book) and we will have a variety of supplies as door prizes. **Register by May 27th.**

Questions or comments?

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