

Program and Speaker Ideas

Topic
A journey through time and nature – extension office
Accessorizing your garden
Annuals
Aquatic gardening
Attracting hummingbirds
Basic flower designs
Biblical flowers
Bird migration
Birdies for charity – coordinate with John Deere – hand out pledge cards, can pledge from 1 cent to ?? whatever per birdie or just make a flat out donation. You don't collect the money, john deere does and then writes your club a check for the amount. Guess how many birdies will be made at the john deere classic. Forms and info from http://birdiesforcharity.com .
Bluebirds & Their Habitats – Kristy Frampton – Indiana Bluebird Society
Bonsai – expanding the plant lover's horizon – contact local bonsai society
Carnivorous gardening – contact carnivorous plant society
Civic Native Pocket Garden
Climate control in your yard – hot spots – cool spots – dry spots – wet spots - first frost spots etc.
Cold Frames – design and use
Color, shape, & texture for the garden
Companion planting
Conifer gardens – green – green – and more green
Conservation – protection and Conservation of our natural resources
Contact local garden center for new plant releases
Container gardening – winter displays
Container gardening
Convincing deer and other critters that your garden is not their hotel and restaurant
Cooks Garden – How to
Creating a wildlife vacationland – wildlife federation
Daffodils - Daffodil Society
Dancing daffodils flower show
Decorating with Autumn's Bounty
Doing battle with gypsy moths – extension agent
Dried flower art on soap
Drought tolerant plants – Xeriscaping
Dwarf orchards – how many trees do you want?
Easiest way to start a new garden – newspapers
Enchanting Sweet Peas
Fall arrangements with pumpkins and gourds
Feeding your winter friends – best types of food for no waste, food recipes
Flowering Kale & Cabbage
Follow the yellow brick road – garden paths – what style suites your taste?
From garden to vase – cutting gardens – harvesting & condition – perennials, shrubs, annuals, foliage
Garden Photography
Garden structures – accessorizing your garden
Get your taste buds activated!! You mean I'm supposed to eat that?? Cooking with herbs.

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Grafting – different types – extension agent
Great gardens of the world – their history, design, traditional plantings, for example – India, Thailand, Japan, China, Austria, The Netherlands to name a few.
Ground Covers
Growing and using lemongrass
Hamburger cookout and bake sale.
Healing from the garden – medicinal plants
Heirloom plants and seeds
Heirloom vegetables
Herbs
History of Perfume
History of Sunflowers – Joyce Bulington
History of the cottage garden – are you a blue-blood?
Holiday plants and their mysterious habits
Holiday wreath making – bring scissors, materials, etc.
Holistic Aromatherapy
Honeybees – garden friends – contact local Bee society
Host a chili cook-off and craft fair
Hosta gardening – miniature – medium – gigantic!
How to garden when you are handicapped – tools and techniques
How to put together nice hanging baskets
Hydrangea mania - Everything you ever wanted to know about hydrangeas
Hyper-tufa planters
Impact gardening – small space gardening
Intimacy in your garden!! Intimate spaces, texture, color, & the right plant for the right space
It's easy to be green – Walking lightly on the planet – Purdue
Knot gardens – when it's knot right for you.
Lasagna gardening – no-til, no-dig gardening
Lavender's Blue – cultivation, harvesting & use
dethatching to plugging
Leaf casting
Lilies & hostas – Cynthia Miller Wilhoite – Soules Nursery – Greenwood, In.
Living Wreaths
Making Boxwood Topiaries
Making it easy – things you can do to make gardening easier, mulching, potting, and much more
Maple syrup time
Meadows
Milkweeds & goldenrods – what variety and no hay fever!
Miniature fruit trees
Monarch Larva Monitoring project – trainers Ann & Robert Richardson
Moon planting – by the light of a silvery moon
Moss gardening
Mushrooms – not just for eating. Dyes, making paper, décor
Mysteries of the soil - - all you need to know about soil and the effects different varieties have on plants – extension educator

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Myths & Magic of plants
National Agricultural Library – what’s there?
Native Plants
Nightscaping – garden rooms – lighting – playing cards – entertaining
Not all insects are bad Todd Hutson – Purdue Univ., Porter Co. Agent
Extension agent
Old Native Indian gardening
Ornamental & garden pest management
Out of the heat and into the cool – shade gardening
Owls in your area – rescue house
Painted rocks or pavers to sell at the plant sale or garden tour
Patio Gardens
Perennials
Pie contest and sale
planning a new garden – from seed catalog – to paper – to reality – get your scissors and glue out – or how not to leave all of your money at the plant store!
Plant Hardiness & Heat Zones
Pot party – local nursery will often let your group in after hours to have a container planting party. They will often supply the soil and 10 – 20% off the price of the plants you buy. You can also buy the containers there or bring your own. You get the expertise of the employees on what goes well together. Nursery will also sometimes supply refreshments. Lasts about 2 hours.
Potpourri – Fragrance from the garden
Proper use of Pesticides – Fred Whitford – Purdue
Pruning – when, why, how
Quilt Gardens
Putting your garden flowers to rest
Rain gardening and creating a rain barrel
Recycling
Rock gardens – what, where, how – rock garden society
Roses
Seed starting – different styles – hydroponics – under lights – under plastic etc.
Shelf preservation – preserving and displaying your flowers
Shrubs beyond yew
Square foot gardening
Stalking the wild mushrooms – extension agent
Start saving blooms in spring in a large container (whole club activity) for potpourri to share in Oct. and Nov. and to sell at plant sale or garden tour
Stone in the Garden – How to employ stone to enrich existing planting schemes, create new opportunities and solve practical problems. Inspiring uses.
garden, etc.
Table size water fountains – how to make
Taco dinner fund raiser – tacos, beans, rice, chips, salsa and drink - \$5.50 for adults and \$5.00 for seniors and children. Have a bake sale at the same time.
Terrestrial Invasives – problematics and management – extension office
That darn squirrel ate all my tulip bulbs again! Using plastic cups, yogurt tubs etc.

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The tomato – old and new
Thorns and jell – cacti and other succulents
Ticket sale to the public for 4 hours of garden clean up provided by garden club members. No heavy stuff!
Topiary gardening – contact topiary society
Tour the Medicinal Plant Demo Garden in Indianapolis
Trash to treasures for your garden – what can you come up with to reuse a different way in your garden?
Trellises, tuteurs, arbors, and pergolas. What’s what?
Unusual and underused garden plants – Chris Wilhoite – Soule’s gardens – Greenwood, In.
Viburnums and their use in your landscape
Victorian parlor plants
Waxing flowers
We’ve got talent – members show off that special thing they do – hobbies
What’s buzzing in your garden? Different bees, their benefits, & why they love your garden – promoting pollinators. Extension agent or bee society
What’s new in recycling?
Who knew, plants at the Zoo. Person from the zoo tells about the plants used in each display and how they’re good for the animals and why they don’t plant certain ones because of the animals.
Wholesale! – set up with company beforehand – whole club go at same time and buy plants at wholesale or near wholesale prices
Wildcrafting – harvesting wild plants for decorating
Wildflower walks
Wildlife pest control – Judy Loven – State director USDA-APHIS- Wildlife Services – Purdue
Wings of fancy – butterfly types & their host plants
Winter seed sowing
Woody ornamentals – extension agent
Worm composting
Wow! No weeds! – miniature gardens
Your heady garden – fragrance
Youth Gardening
Zinnia or sunflower contest or flower show