

Upcoming Classes offered by Bluff Country Master Gardeners

A while back, you expressed interest in becoming a Master Gardener. The University of Wisconsin Extension Office used to offer training in La Crosse for people interested in becoming Master Gardeners. Budget cuts and reorganization in the UW-Extension system have delayed the Master Gardener training, but we're working with Extension to bring that training back.

In the meantime, we want to let you know we haven't forgotten about your interest! Bluff Country Master Gardeners will be offering two classes* early this spring (see the back of this letter for more information) that we thought might interest you.

These classes highlight two of our major local projects: Riverside International Friendship Gardens, and landscaping with native plants at Myrick Park. At each class you'll have a chance to meet local Master Gardeners and others who volunteer with the project. Each class also describes different ways to get involved if you're interested.

If you'd like more information about these two Master Gardener projects, contact Carmen DeYoe (for Riverside Friendship International Gardens) at carmen.deyoe@gmail.com or 608-784-6415; or Elizabeth Kruck (for native gardens at Myrick Park) at krux@mwt.net or 608-689-2222.

So mark your calendars for February and March (see the back of this letter for dates and times) and join us!

**We look forward to seeing you this spring!
Bluff Country Master Gardeners**

* These classes are not part of the formal UW-Extension training to become a Master Gardener. For more information about Master Gardener training, contact UW-Extension at 608-785-9593



Riverside International Friendship Gardens

Date and time: Mon February 12th, 7:00pm,
offered again on Tue February 13th, 4:00pm

Snow date: Mon February 19th, 7:00pm

Location: Myrick Center, La Crosse Room



Purpose: Did you know we have 6 Sister Cities, about to be 7, around the globe? Would you like to know what plants grow in those cities? Which ones might look great in your garden too? Join us for this one-hour class! This class will explain the mission of these gardens, the gardens' beauty and intimacy through pictures, the varied opportunities to work along side Master Gardeners in planning and maintaining the gardens.

Topics: Where in the world is each sister city? ♦ What plants are in the gardens? ♦ What are the elements of each garden? ♦ Why are trees and shrubs important in the gardens? ♦ Opportunities to learn and volunteer



Myrick Park Native Landscaping

Date and time: Thu March 15, 10:00am,
offered again at 7:00pm

Snow Date: Thu March 22, 7:00pm

Location: Myrick Center, La Crosse Room



Purpose: Curious about the Myrick Park gardens? Want to learn more about native plants in the La Crosse area? Then this one-hour class is for you. The class will explain the goals of the Myrick Park project, the value of native plants, and the range of opportunities to partner with Master Gardeners in creating pollinator and bird friendly habitats. Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer your questions about the project.

Topics: What do we mean by “native”? ♦ Why native plants? ♦ Native design and plant selection ♦ Plant selection in city landscapes ♦ Opportunities to learn and volunteer

Free and open to everyone. Light refreshments will be served. You can register in advance for one or both classes by contacting the La Crosse UW-Extension office: [\(608\) 785-9593](tel:6087859593)