Dishing the Dirt with the Sherburne County Master Gardeners

The Sherburne County Master Gardeners are sending this out to you to keep you informed of our upcoming events, to share garden tips and to let you know what we have been doing. We hope that you enjoy reading this.

We are excited to welcome 5 new interns to our group!

Have you ever considered becoming a master gardener? It’s not too early to start thinking about it for next year. Applications are due by October 1.

If you have interest in becoming a master gardener, call our Hort Line at 763-765-3080 and leave your name & phone number & someone will get back to your promptly. We also have sign-up sheets at all of our events.

Quick Tips on Poinsettia Care

- Place near a sunny window
- Avoid locations that may experience fluctuation in temperature
- Water when soil feels dry to a light touch
- Hold off fertilizing while in bloom

Did you know poinsettias can be cared for to be enjoyed even after the holidays? Visit http://www.extension.umn.edu/garden/yard-garden/houseplants/care-of-poinsettias/#.VlHgD711Apk.mailto for additional care information on extending the life of your plant!

Do you have a garden question that you just can’t seem to solve? We can help! The Sherburne County Master Gardeners host a Horticulture Line for garden related questions. Call us! 763-765-3080.
Come to the Becker Business Expo January 23, 2016 and stop by the Sherburne County Master Gardener booth. The expo is being held at the Becker High School Field House 10am-2pm.

Join in on the fun and take a course led by our talented Master Gardeners to get a head start on next year’s growing season! Have a course in mind for your group? Email Julie Schmidt with your request at jschmidt525@msn.com!

**Birth of a Garden**
Thursday, January 21, 2016
4:30-6:30pm
Big Lake Library

**Mud Pies for Big Kids**
Thursday, March 17, 2016
6:30-7:30pm
Location TBD

**Gardening Tips for Almost Every Letter of the Alphabet**
Thursday, April 21, 2016
6:30pm
Big Lake Middle School

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

12th Annual Garden Education Expo
Saturday, February 20, 2016
Becker High School

[http://z.umn.edu/gardenexpo2016](http://z.umn.edu/gardenexpo2016)

Session topics include: shade gardening, pollinators, lifelong gardening, kitchen gardens, orchids, top 25 plant choices and more!

Keynote Speaker Melinda Myers
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