Gardening Lunch & Learn Sessions Offered

After a long hard winter, do you enjoy the summer passion of gardening? Would you like a chance to have fun while learning and discussing new methods and ideas on a variety of gardening issues?

Douglas County Master Gardeners are sponsoring a series of informative sessions on gardening topics sure to be of interest to every gardener. These are lunch-time sessions from noon to 1 p.m. and offered free of charge with no pre-registration. Bring your lunch or a snack if you wish and explore the challenging art of gardening in Minnesota.

- June 3 – Growing Vegetables for Your Family by John Stone, Master Gardener
  Get healthy with homegrown vegetables the whole family will enjoy. (Extension Mtg Room)

- June 17 – Pollinators by Robin Trott, Extension Educator, Horticulture
  Learn why we need to protect our pollinators and take home some timely tips you can use in your own garden. (Library)

- July 1 – Effective Use of Mulch by Sue Gooch, Master Gardener
  Learn how your garden can benefit from mulch, what options are available and tour the Terrace Learning Gardens for an onsite discussion. (Start in Extension Meeting Room and end in the Terrace Learning Gardens in the lower level parking lot by the Library)

- July 15 – Tomatoes by Diane Henry, Master Gardener
  Learn all about caring for these garden favorites and selecting great varieties (Library)

- July 29 – Growing Berries by Lewis Struthers, Master Gardener
  Berries are healthy and delicious. Get tips for healthy plants and best practices in care and management. (Conference Room 1 by the Douglas County License Bureau, watch for signs)

- August 19 – Controlling Pests in the Home Garden: A Wholistic Approach by Joel Kangas, Master Gardener
  Everything you do in your garden is interrelated. Come and discuss safe pest control. (Library)

- September 2 – Roasting Garden Vegetables by Irene Seppanen, Master Gardener
  A delicious way of enjoying your homegrown vegetables (Extension Mtg Room)

- September 16 – Carp Composting by Steve Henry, Master Gardener
  Plants grow better with fish! Get great compost with these handy tips. (Library)

- September 30 – Brazelberries by Daisy Stahlberg, Master Gardener
  Learn about these full sized berries you can grow in pots and review results from a trial here in Alexandria! (Extension Mtg Room)

To learn more, contact the University of Minnesota Extension at 320-762-3890. Find us in the Douglas County Service Center Building past the Library and Lakes Area Recreation. Hope to see you there!