



# The Green Scene

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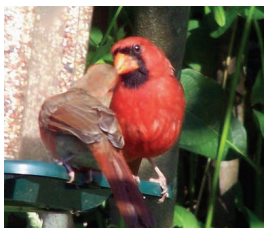
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Cardinals are common winter visitors.

With the onset of winter just around the corner, now is the time to prepare your lawns, gardens, and landscapes for the months ahead.

## You might be a Master Gardener if...

- you regularly drive slowly through your neighborhood on trash day looking for compost or gardening materials.
- you bring guests out to see your shed instead of your new sofa.
- after a day of yard work you close the garage door and get undressed before you go in the house.

- Remove leaves and mow lawns one last time after growth has stopped to reduce hiding areas for moles and mice, and reduce incidence of snow mold on turf in the early spring.
- Fertilize lawns in late November to early December with a slow-release form of nitrogen at a rate of 1 pound of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet to promote root development and early spring green-up.
- Remove garden debris

and weeds to reduce incidence of disease and insects in the spring.

- If dry conditions exist, water lawns, trees, and shrubs until the ground begins to freeze to prevent winter desiccation.
- Add mulches to prevent heaving of strawberries and perennials during periods of freezing and thawing. Mulches around trees and shrubs will reduce the need for weeding in the spring, help conserve moisture, and moderate soil temperatures.
- Aerate the lawn and overseed to reduce soil compaction and thatch buildup and to improve turf density.
- Wrap plants in exposed areas or those on south or west foundations with burlap to reduce desiccation, protect tender flower buds, and support plants susceptible to snow load breakdown.
- Protect trees and shrubs from mice and rabbits by enclosing the base of these plants with hardware cloth.
- For a tree exhibiting poor growth with root feeders past the tree's dripline, fertilize at the rate of 2 to 3 pounds of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet of area under the tree.
- Store garden chemicals properly for the winter. Check product labels to see if freezing will harm the products.
- Drain hoses and sprayers and check owner's manuals for instructions on how to winterize mowers and other power equipment.
- Clean and lightly oil metal parts of hand tools and inventory those that need to be repaired or replaced.
- Secure and fill birdfeeders.

**For more information on winterizing your garden, plan to attend the Learn to Grow session on Saturday, November 21st with Barb Long from 10 am– noon at the Extension Office.**

# Garden Party XXII

## Garden Party XXII: Saturday, November 7, 2009

MARIETTA, OHIO: Garden Party XXII will be held Saturday, November 7 from 12:30 to 5 PM. The theme for the fall garden event is "Fall In Love With Gardening". Eric Barrett, OSU Extension Educator will do the featured presentation "Top 10 Ways to Improve Your Garden".

Participants will then get to participate in three 45-minute classes, which they can choose from the following. Sessions will include:

- A. Gardening By the Signs: Myths & Legends or Truths? *Eric Barrett, OSU Extension Educator*
- B. Planning the 2010 Veggie Garden: Selection & More *Hugh Sample, OSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteer, and JJ Barrett, WVU Extension, Wood County*
- C. NA
- D. Big, Beautiful Flowers Start with Good Soils *John Sims, OSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteer*
- E. Keeping Weeds at Bay: ID & Termination *Pat Lane, OSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteer*
- F. Houseplants: Selection & Care for Beauty Indoors *Tricia Sample, OSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteer*

This is the twenty-second time the OSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteers have sponsored this event for local gardening enthusiasts. Each of the past few Garden Party Events has drawn over 100 gardeners to share knowledge and gain expertise in certain areas of horticulture. Hands-on breakout sessions make this a favorite event of gardeners from all over the Mid-Ohio Valley.

Registration begins at 12:30 PM with light refreshments in the Lobby of the Arts & Sciences Building at Washington State Community College. The OSU Extension Master Gardeners will welcome participants at 1:00 PM with the feature presentation, followed by (3) three - 45 minute breakout sessions. The program will conclude at 5:00 PM.

The Garden Party event will be hosted at Washington State Community College, 710 Collegiate Drive, Marietta OH, on Saturday, November 7. Parking is available just outside the Arts & Sciences Building. The \$15 registration fee includes refreshments and proceedings for all breakout sessions.

For a copy of the flyer with the registration & map, please visit the Washington County Extension Horticulture website <http://washington.osu.edu/hort/upcoming-hort-events> and click on the Garden Party XXII link. Or call the OSU Extension office at 740-376-7431. Please send the registration form and check to OSUE Washington County, Attn: Peggy Bolen, 202 Davis Avenue, Marietta, Ohio 45750.

If you have questions concerning access, wish to request a sign language interpreter or accommodations for a disability please contact Eric Barrett at [barrett.90@osu.edu](mailto:barrett.90@osu.edu). Early requests are encouraged; a week will generally allow us to provide seamless access.

*Yes, this workshop DOES count for educational credits! Just turn in a copy of your session registration for credit.– Editor*



### Roses: Free to Good Home.

MG Class of 2009 member Rickie Harsh has roses available "to good home"- purple, pink, yellow and red.

For more information or to "adopt a rose", call 304-296-4225.

# November 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Extension Office Closed	4 MG Class "Plant Pathology" 6:30-9:30 pm	5	6	7 Garden Party XXII: Marietta Ohio 12:30- 5 pm
8 WVBG Walk, "Soils" 2:00 pm Jim Thompson/ Tim Prescott	9	10	11 MG Class Presentations 6:30-9:30 pm	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 MG Class Presentations 6:30-9:30 pm	19	20	21 LTG "Winterizing Your Garden" 10 am—noon
22	23	24	25 Extension Office Closed	26 Extension Office Closed	27 Extension Office Closed	28
29	30					

## November Monthly MG Meeting

The November meeting coincides with class for the 2009 Fall Master Gardener Classes. Join us as we learn about Plant Pathology.

See you there!

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