

Agriculture Training Institute

Ag and Horticulture Education and Training

Parkland's ag institute provides ongoing education and training in the latest technologies for those in the agriculture and horticulture industries.

Annie's Project

This series for farm women teaches them about farm management and improves their skills as business partners. Learn basics of managing money, examining how property is titled, setting up farm leases, basic grain marketing, deciding on insurance products, and putting together a business plan.

Mon/Wed Jan 7-28 1-4pm or 6-9pm
No class Jan 21

Location: Parkland College room W112 (Tony Noel Ag Technology Applications Center)
Fee: \$50 payable after the first meeting
Instructor: Ruth Hambleton (day)
Mary Christine Ludwig (evening)

To register for Annie's Project: call Parkland College at 217/351-2213 or the University of Illinois Extension at 217/333-7672.
Offered in cooperation with UI Extension.

Basic Grain Marketing

This short course will help participants understand the fundamentals of marketing corn and soybeans in east central Illinois. The various terms and procedures used in today's grain trade will be explained and current market situations will be utilized to demonstrate the marketing tools available. This course is intended for those who know little or nothing about those markets. Bruce Henrikson has 10 years of experience in farm market consulting and over 30 years in teaching.

Mon Jan 28-Feb 25 6-9:30pm
AGB 723-094 Deadline Jan 22
Fee: \$87

Location: Parkland College room W110

How to Grow in Problem Soil

Do you have a new or older home with lots of clay soil and no idea how to make plants grow? Get pointers on how to turn your yard into your own oasis from Mary Ann Metz.

Sat Feb 23 9am-12noon
WAC 345-094 Deadline Feb 15
Fee: \$15

Location: Parkland College room W110

Basics of Pruning Woody

Learn how to prune trees and shrubs to maintain the health of your landscape plants. You will learn the reasons for pruning and what tools to use. Wear appropriate clothing for some hands-on experience with Theresa Meers. Book included.

Sat Mar 1 9am-12noon
WAC 323-094 Deadline Feb 22
Fee: \$25

Location: Parkland College room W120

Planning Perpetual Perennial Posies

Have you ever strolled into your garden to pick a bouquet of flowers only to realize there are none? Have you ever been frustrated with those August doldrums when everything looks cooked and you can't wait for the first frost? Mary Ann Metz will show you how to plan continuous flowering!

Sat Mar 8 9am-12noon
WAC 322-094 Deadline Feb 29
Fee: \$15

Location: Parkland College room W110

Interested in credit courses in agriculture and horticulture?*

Refer to the Spring 2008 Class Schedule or call 217/351-2213 for information about the following credit courses:

Intro to Horticultural Science – AGB 104

Intro to Landscaping – HRT 116

Landscape Construction and Maintenance – HRT 119

Agricultural Economics – AGB 102

Agricultural Applications of the Computer – AGB 105

Precision Farming Technology – AGB 214

Grain Marketing – AGB 233 (online course)

Grain Merchandising – AGB 238 (online course)

Advanced Grain Marketing – AGB 239 (online course)

Container Gardening Made Easy

Want to have beautiful containers of plants to decorate your deck and patio areas? Nicole Powell will show you how to prepare and care for the right combination of plants. You will make one of your own to get started in the joys of container gardening. Materials included.

Sat Mar 29 9am-12noon
WAC 346-094 Deadline Mar 20
Fee: \$25

Location: Parkland College room W120

Home Plant Propagation Methods

Examine the various means of propagation and plant division for common interior plants and some perennials. If you have plants that have become too large or leggy, Theresa Meers will help you understand how to propagate and create healthier plants. Materials included.

Sat Apr 5 9am-12noon
WAC 324-094 Deadline Mar 20
Fee: \$25

Location: Parkland College room W120

Agricultural Tour of Costa Rica

Open to students and community members.

MARCH 18-27, 2008

Cost: about \$2,000 (includes tuition, flight, room, ground transportation, and most meals)

Led by Don Bergfield, Agriculture program director

For more information, call 217/351-2213 or email dbergfield@parkland.edu

***If you don't want to deal with grades, you can audit the course!**