



SPRING & SUMMER SEMINAR SERIES 2017

Held **Thursdays** at **6:30 - 7:30 PM** and

**Fridays** at **10:00 - 11:00 AM**

Chalet Education Center

3132 Lake Avenue, Wilmette, Illinois

**Apr. 20 & Apr. 21:** Instant Gratification Spring Planter Workshop – **Pre-registration and \$60.00 payment required. Please call 847-256-0561x230**

**Apr. 27 & Apr. 28:** Selecting and Caring for Roses

**May 4 & May 5:** Spring Lawn Care

**May 11 & 12:** Plants to Feed the Bees and other Pollinators – Spring and Summer Plants

**May 18 & 19:** Attracting and photographing Hummingbirds

**May 25 & 26:** Help with Your Vegetable Garden

**June 1 & 2:** Summer Planter Workshop (Sun or Shade) - **Pre-registration and \$60.00 payment required. Please call 847-256-0561x230**

**June 8 & 9:** Test Your Perennial Knowledge with Kahoot!

**June 15 & 16:** Pocket Prairies<sup>SM</sup> in 6 Easy Steps **Edie Rowell and The Little Garden Club of Wilmette**

**June 22 & 23:** Summer Evergreen Tree & Shrub Trimming – **Gil & Lesley Smith**

**June 29 & June 30:** 25 All Star Hydrangeas! – **Tony Fulmer**

**July 6 & 7:** Using Succulents in Your Garden and Planters

**July 13 & 14:** Watering the Garden and Landscape

**July 20 & 21:** Beekeeping 101 – Basics of Getting Backyard Hives Started – **Adam Sturtewagen**

**Repotting workshops:** Walk-in with maximum 3 plants for \$5.00 each which includes potting mix and starter fertilizer. Guest provides containers

**The time is 2:00PM to 3:00PM** upstairs in the Education Center.

**Houseplants** –May 10, June 14, July 12

**Orchids** – Apr 26, May 24, June 28, (NOT ON July 26 Jennifer at PPA Symposium)

NO SEMINARS IN AUGUST - SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER

If you have any questions, please call Jennifer Brennan at 847-256-0561 x 225.

Schedule also available at [www.chaletnursery.com](http://www.chaletnursery.com), Education & Events.

## DESCRIPTIONS

**INSTANT GRATIFICATION SPRING CONTAINER** - This is a fun container that allows you to plant lilies for mid-season glamour in the garden. The "instant gratification" comes from the spring annuals and forced bulbs that dress up the top of the lily pot. Enjoy the beautiful spring display of pansies, daffodils, hyacinths, Johnny jump-ups and ivy while the lilies are rooting. Get two seasons of enjoyment from this workshop. Please pre-register and pay a materials fee of \$60.00 to hold your reservation. Call 847-256-0561 ext 230 or 225.

**ROSES SIMPLIFIED:** Don't let roses scare you! There are new varieties that require very little care and new products that simplify the care of the once "fussy" varieties. Let Jennifer, Chalet's Horticulture Information Specialist, help you to enjoy roses for the first time.

**SPRING LAWN CARE FOR BEGINNERS** - Learn what to do now to help your lawn wake up and perform beautifully during the 2017 season. Jennifer Brennan, Chalet horticulturist, will give you the routine to follow for fertilizing, weed control and maintenance. Earth friendly practices will be covered as well as traditional techniques.

**PLANTS TO FEED THE BEES AND OTHER POLLINATORS – SPRING AND SUMMER** – Conservation writers tried to awaken us years ago about the plight of the pollinators. It has been back in the forefront of attention with the Monarch and Honeybee news stories. A quote from the Xerces Society is, "Our goal is to invite you into the tribe. The initiation is simple: just plant flowers." Learn the best plants to help the bees and pollinators in this seminar.

**HUMMINGBIRD ATTRACTING AND PHOTOGRAPHING:** **Diane Gosser**, a 17 year chalet nursery staff member, will discuss how to attract the ruby throated hummingbird to your garden. For the serious photographer, her husband, **George LeClaire**, an award winning retired photojournalist from the Daily Herald, will give tips on how to photograph these elusive and fascinating birds. A list of plants, recommended feeders and beautiful photographs will be presented during the seminar.

**HELP WITH YOUR VEGETABLE GARDEN:** The end of May is the perfect time to plant your vegetable garden. For beginners, starter plants are the easiest for the best results. Let Chalet experts show you how to plan your garden and plant your garden to get the most production. Fertilizing, staking, insect control, disease prevention and weeding tips will all be discussed.

**SUMMER CONTAINER WORKSHOP (Sun or Shade)** - Create a beautiful summer container garden for sun or shade in the Chalet Education Center. Jennifer Brennan, Chalet horticulturist, will teach you the basics of container gardening and help you select the best plants for your site, sun or shade. Use the secrets that the professionals use to keep your containers looking great throughout the entire season. Registration and materials fee required in advance, \$60.00 (plus tax) (includes plants, pot, soil & fertilizer) **Call 847-256-0561 ext. 230 or 225.**

**TEST YOUR PERENNIAL KNOWLEDGE WITH Kahoot!** – Learn which perennials to use in difficult growing areas in Chalet's Education Center using Kahoot!, a fun interactive application on your cell phone that is used in many schools. Answer without embarrassment and learn with the instructor's details right after the question is answered. Chalet's Ed Center is getting "high-tech". We will walk you through the entire process and help you learn about the best perennials to plant in your garden for long bloom and long life.

**POCKET PRAIRIE™ PLANTS** - Learn about the Pocket Prairie™ Plants from **Edie Rowell and the Little Garden Club of Wilmette**. The decline of bees, Monarch butterflies, pollinating insects and native birds is directly related to reduced open spaces due to housing development, agriculture and industry. Replace crucial habitats that provide food and homes by planting attractive native plants to your yard. It can be done in 6 easy steps with the Little Garden Club of Wilmette's combinations; Sunnyside Up, Half & Half, Shady Lady's or the Sun Loving Prairie Container. Help the native wildlife one yard at a time. Meet the plants in person to decide which of the combos will work the best for your garden.

**SUMMER EVERGREEN TREE & SHRUB TRIMMING – Gil & Lesley Smith**, arborists and owners of Arborsmith, Ltd. will teach you the secrets of how to trim your evergreens to extend life, enhance their natural beauty and prolong their health and function. Learn the basics of tree physiology and how it is affected by trimming. Through demonstrations, discussions and hands on experience learn the superior advantages of natural rejuvenation of your evergreens for optimal plant life, appearance and performance.

**25 ALL STAR HYDRANGEAS!** – Hydrangeas are the hottest plants in gardening now. Chalet's **Tony Fulmer** has sorted through the maze of tried-and-new varieties and will share his "25 most reliable performers" for Chicagoland gardens. This is the same seminar that Tony presented at the Chicago Flower & Garden Show.

**USING SUCCULENTS IN YOUR GARDEN AND CONTAINERS** – Succulents and cacti are the trendiest plants now due to their requirements for less water and their interesting shapes, colors and textures. Learn which ones are hardy to use outside and which ones are best as indoor plants for the winter/ summer "vacationers" in the sun outside. These can be long lived "collector" plants because they require such little care.

**WATERING THE GARDEN AND LANDSCAPE** - A Chalet expert will discuss why correct watering is the most critical factor in the survival of plants in our gardens. Many of the problems that we diagnose are due to inadequate water from previous growing seasons. Many people do not understand how to correctly water the different plants in their gardens. Learn why, how, when and how much water to give to your plants when Mother Nature falls short.

**BEEKEEPING 101 – Adam Sturtewagen**, Chalet Landscape Architect and Chalet Bee Keeper, will show you the basics of getting backyard hives started. Do not miss seeing the observation hive and tasting the Chalet farm produced honey.