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Basic Gardening Programs

Programs include often requested topics such as **vegetable gardening, turf grass, blueberries, citrus, making a raised bed, pet-friendly gardens, ferns, shrubs, composting, planting bulbs.** Each free 2- hour evening program a covers two topics with time for questions. Master Gardeners are volunteers trained and certified by LSUAgcenter to provide horticulture information to the public. These programs are part of their voluntary public service.

Basic Gardening Program Calendar for February, March, 2015

<p>February 5, 2015</p> <p>Thursday Bluebonnet Regional Library 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.</p> 	<p><u>Raised Beds</u></p> <p>You will get information about site selection and preparation. Learn about materials that can be used to make a raised bed and what to fill it with before you plant.</p>	<p><u>Vegetable Gardening</u></p> <p>You will gain confidence about plant selection, how to plant and cultivate a vegetable garden in south Louisiana. Learn some tricks about growing tomatoes and other popular crops.</p>
<p>February 12, 2015</p> <p>Thursday Jones Creek Regional Library 6:30-8:30 p.m.</p> 	<p><u>Turf Grass</u></p> <p>This presentation teaches you about different turf grasses and caring for each with tips on fertilizing. You'll leave knowing the right grass for your yard. Learn about weed and pest management.</p>	<p><u>Raised Beds</u></p> <p>You will get information about site selection and preparation. Learn about materials that can be used to make a raised bed and what to fill it with before you plant.</p>
<p>February 26, 2015</p> <p>Thursday Zachary Branch Library 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.</p> 	<p><u>Vegetable Gardening</u></p> <p>You will gain confidence about plant selection, how to plant and cultivate a vegetable garden in south Louisiana. Learn some tricks about growing tomatoes and other popular crops.</p>	<p><u>Blueberries and Citrus</u></p> <p>Find out what it takes to produce blueberries and citrus in the home garden. Learn specific requirements and best varieties of each type. Find out about pest management.</p>

<p>March 12, 2015</p> <p>Thursday Fairwood Branch Library 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.</p> 	<p><u>Pet Friendly Gardens</u></p> <p>You will learn how to create a garden that welcomes your pet while remaining a lovely place to enjoy. Learn what plants are poisonous to dogs and cats and discover safe plants that “can take it.” Tips for discouraging destructive pet behavior will also be covered.</p>	<p><u>Raised Beds</u></p> <p>You will get information about site selection and preparation for construction of a raised bed. Learn about materials that can be used to construct a raised bed and what to fill it with before you plant.</p>
<p>March 19, 2015</p> <p>Thursday Main Library at Goodwood 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.</p> 	<p><u>Ferns</u></p> <p>Shade-friendly, soft, green, relaxing to look at, ferns are the perfect choice for filling shady areas with texture. A large variety of ferns grow well in our area. Learn what they are, how they grow and how to care for them.</p>	<p><u>Shrubs</u></p> <p>Picture azaleas, ligustrum and Indian hawthorn. Versatile and long-lasting, shrubs are a key element of our southern landscapes. Learn how to select shrubs depending on their intended use in your garden.</p>

