

Sugarmill Woods Bulletin

March 7, 2011

Dear Residents,

I want to bring your attention to some **Spring Gardening Events in Citrus County** that are being offered by the Citrus County Extension Service. The first one is Tuesday evening. Sorry for the short notice.

Spring gardening fever has hit Citrus County hard and as usual, the Citrus County UF/IFAS Extension is here to help with your gardening questions. The first two spring gardening events below were not advertised in their regular quarterly newsletter because they are being hosted by other organizations. Their current newsletter can be viewed at <http://citrus.ifas.ufl.edu> for a full list of Extension programs.

Pruning and Management of Trees and Shrubs in a Natural Habitat Landscape on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at 7:00 - 8:00 PM.

Audrey Durr of the Citrus County UF/IFAS Extension will teach participants how to protect the environment while having a beautiful landscape through practicing Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ principles. This event is presented by The Islands Condo Association and Citrus County UF/IFAS Extension. This event is part of a Southwest Florida Water Management District sponsored Community Education Grant. The class will be held at the Crystal River Women's Club, 320 N. Citrus Avenue, Crystal River. Pre-registration is not required.

Go Green in the Garden Event on Thursday, March 17, 2011 at 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

All About Nature in Crystal River will be hosting a "green" gardening expo in the garden area behind All About Nature at 619 N. Citrus Avenue (Heritage Village) in Crystal River. The expo will include exhibits and presentations by gardening experts, free drawings and free hotdogs and drinks. Audrey Durr of the Citrus County UF/IFAS Extension will give a presentation on Florida-Friendly Plants at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is not required.

Composting with Worms Workshop on Thursday, March 24, 2011 at 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Composting is a great way to recycle household waste and make a rich soil amendment. Compost adds nutrients to the soil and traps moisture in the root zone where it can be used by plants. Worms can be used to compost kitchen scraps and their castings (manure) make an excellent fertilizer. Worm composting requires less space than traditional composting; the bins are even small enough to store under the kitchen sink. The class will be held in the Extension classroom at 3650 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto. You'll learn about the composting process and take home a small worm composting unit (complete with the worms) for only \$15.00. Call 352-527-5700 to pre-register for this class. **Pre-payment is required by cash or check/money order payable to BOCC, received by March 18, 2011.** Your spot is reserved when we receive payment.

For more information, please contact Audrey Durr, Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Program Coordinator, Citrus County UF/IFAS Extension, 3650 W. Sovereign Path, Suite 1, Lecanto, FL 34461-8070. Her phone number is 352-527-5708.

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County Commissioners and the Coastal Rivers and Withlacoochee River basin boards of the Southwest Florida Water Management District. Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ principles can help you create an attractive yard that saves water, keeps our water clean and provides habitat for birds, butterflies and other wildlife.

Sincerely,

Duane Dueker, President, Sugarmill Woods Civic Association

cc: Cypress Village POA, Oak Village Association, Southern Woods POA