

Northern Michigan FruitNet 2013

Northwest Michigan Horticultural Research Center

Special Update

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Register by February 18th for Upcoming Leelanau/Grand Traverse Area Master Gardener Training Program

Below is an announcement that you are invited to share with any of your contacts that you know might be interested in participating in our 2013 Master Gardener Training program. The deadline for registering is this coming **Monday, February 18th**. We need a minimum of 30 people enrolled in order to run the class. Currently, we have approximately 24, so we are in need of a few more by Monday. **If you know of anyone that you think would be interested in the program, please consider forwarding the below announcement to them.**

Are you interested in learning more about gardening, and using what you learn to help others grow? If yes, you may be interested in the MSU Extension Master Gardener Program, set to begin February 27th and run every Wednesday through May 29th from 4- 8 PM. The program connects gardeners across the Michigan to MSU's faculty and resources. Participants have access to information generated at one of the nation's top plant science teaching and research universities and the chance to use this knowledge to improve their communities and enrich their lives. The classes will be held at the Northwest Michigan Horticultural Research Center, located at 6686 S. Center Highway, Traverse City.

Master Gardener volunteers start by completing a 13-session practical curriculum ground in university research. This training consists of approximately 45 hours of training with classes on plant science, soil science, integrated pest management, diagnostics, annuals and perennials, woody ornamentals, lawns, vegetables, small fruits, tree fruits, household and nuisance pests and gardening practices to protect water quality. Participants must commit to attend all the training sessions and complete all quizzes and the final (open book) exam with an overall score of at least 80%. Missed classes may be made up in other locations or through viewing recorded sessions. Here is the [link to the brochure](#). The fee for the program is \$300. Registration may be completed online anytime before Monday February 18th at <http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?folder=w2013traversecitymgp>.

Individuals who have questions may contact Pam Bardenhagen, Master Gardener Volunteer Coordinator, at the Leelanau MSU Extension office, at 231-256-8323, or email schmi345@anr.msu.edu.

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

Insect and disease predictive information is available at:

<http://enviroweather.msu.edu/homeMap.php>

60 Hour Forecast

<http://www.agweather.geo.msu.edu/agwx/forecasts/fcst.asp?fileid=fous46ktvc>

Information on cherries is available at the new cherry website:

<http://www.cherries.msu.edu>

Fruit CAT Alert Reports have moved to MSU News

<http://news.msue.msu.edu>