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News Release

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New Gardening Classes in 2011

University of Missouri Extension Master Gardeners will partner with Springfield-Greene County Park Board locations, Rutledge-Wilson Farm Community Park, 3825 W. Farm Road 146, and Springfield-Greene County Botanical Center, 2400 S. Scenic, to offer several new classes that will enhance gardening knowledge and skills.

The Farm Park series is titled "Growing Knowledge at the Farm." All classes are held from 6 – 7 p.m. on Thursdays. Pre-registration is required at 417-837-5949.

Series topics include:

- **March 17:** Discover the Benefits of Grafting (\$15)
- **April 28:** Growing Tomatoes (\$5)
- **May 19:** Meet The Three Sisters (\$5)
- **June 16:** Manage Insects and Diseases in Your Garden (\$5)
- **July 21:** Plan Now for a Fall Harvest (\$5)

Botanical Center's classes are titled "Into Gardening Series." All classes are held from 9 – 11 a.m. on Saturdays. Pre-registration is required at 417-891-1515 and each session has a fee of \$10.

Series topics include:

- **May 7:** Spring Into Gardening
- **October 8:** Fall Into Gardening
- **January 21, 2012:** Getting Beyond the Garden

Registration for both locations and series can also be made online at www.swmogardens.com/fogcalendar.

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