

The Rutgers Master Gardeners of Mercer County will present a series of gardening programs this summer at the Mercer Educational Gardens in Pennington. The Saturday gardening talks and demonstrations will start at 10:30 AM. All programs are free and open to the public. Attend as many as you would like! Please dress for the weather of the day; bring water and portable seating for the outdoors. While at MEG, be sure to visit our Compost Demonstration site and our Weed Garden.

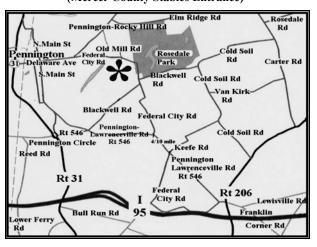
Pre-register at programs@mgomc.org

Visit our website mgofmc.org for more information.



Soil Test Kit Mailers are available at all events for \$20.

#### MERCER EDUCATIONAL GARDENS 431A Federal City Road Pennington, NJ (Mercer County Stables Entrance)



Visit our Educational Gardens at MEG year round for inspiration and plant identification, as well as attending our informative programs.

> Monday through Friday 7:00 AM-8:00 PM Saturday and Sunday: 7:00 AM-5:00 PM





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# HANDS ON IN THE GARDEN SUMMER 2019

June 15- Perennial Plants June 22- Native Plants June 29- Success with Herbs July 13- Cottage Garden Plants July 27- Attracting Butterflies Home August 3- Butterfly Trail at MEG August 10- Composting August 24- Drama with Annual Plants



# ALL PROGRAMS SATURDAY MORNINGS AT 10:30 AM AT MEG



#### CHECK OUT THESE SUMMER PROGRAMS!

## June 15

## The Plants That Keep Giving-



*Perennials:* Do you desire plants which require less work, less mulch, less money, and they

multiply freely? Learn the secrets of the Perennial Garden and learn to share.

# June 22

# Beautiful Low Maintenance Garden-

ing with Native

*Plants*: Take a walk through the Rutgers Master Gardeners of Mercer County Native Plant Garden and

learn how to have a low maintenance landscape filled with beautiful plants that will be inviting to birds, butterflies, and important pollinators.

# June 29

# Success with Herbs: How do you



provide the necessary soil conditions for growing annual and perennial herbs, and when is the best time for harvesting?

Recipes will be shared.

# July 13

# Creating and Maintaining a Cottage

*Garden*: Do you want to create beauty



and charm throughout the growing season by caring for closely planted annuals, perennials, shrubs, and vines, as well as incorporating interesting containers

and structures into the design?

## July 27

# Attracting Butterflies Home: Learn



how to roll out the welcome mat and give butterflies everything they need to make

themselves at home in your garden. Discover their lifecycles as well as the plants and practices that will help them thrive.

#### August 3

# Butterfly Trail at MEG: This



guided tour is plant focused. Learn about the trees and shrubs as well as native grasses and wildflowers that provide

nourishment and shelter for a variety of local butterfly species.

# August 10

## *Composting:* Dig into 20



different mixtures of greens and browns. Explore some of the many low maintenance and

low cost ways to enhance your garden soil and/or create a new garden bed.

## August 24

# Creating Garden Drama with



Annual Plants: See how thoughtful planning in January can result in an awesome show of annuals in August.