

Classes will be held at
the Maple Commons
Senior Dining Center

*(Located at the corner of 6th and
Maple Streets in North Branch)*

*Please note class dates, times, and
locations inside this pamphlet.*

Cost: \$5 per session

Whether you're a beginner or a
long-time gardener, you're sure
to learn a thing or two, and
maybe make a new gardening
friend! Join us this spring, and
learn what it takes to grow your
favorite fruits and vegetables.

- Site selection and preparation
- Choosing the right varieties
- Planting at the proper time
- Recommendations for fertilizing
- Insect, disease, and weed control

These classes are taught by
University of MN Extension
Service-trained Master Gardener
Volunteers. You will receive a
packet of research based fact
sheets at each class.

Walk-in registrations are welcome, but to ensure that enough handout materials are prepared and chairs set up for everyone, please try to register in advance. You can register by phone and pay at the door. If you have any questions, please call the University of MN Extension Service, Chisago County at 651-277-0151, or email humb0025@umn.edu. Sorry, no refunds if you miss a class, but you can call the office and we will mail you the handouts.

Chisago County
38814 Third Ave.
North Branch, MN 55056



2012 Spring Class Series Growing Edibles



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CIRCLE THE SESSIONS
YOU WISH TO ATTEND

\$5	1/17	PRUNING APPLE TREES
\$5	1/24	APPLE PESTS AND DISEASES
\$5	2/21	GROWING GRAPES
\$5	2/28	TOMATOES IN YOUR GARDEN
\$5	3/20	SWEET POTATOES & RHUBARB
\$5	3/27	STRAWBERRIES & RASPBERRIES
\$5	4/3	ASPARAGUS AND ONIONS
\$5	4/10	DRIP IRRIGATION
TOTAL—ENCLOSE THIS AMOUNT		

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City, Zip _____

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 Chisago County Extension Office
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 North Branch, MN 55056

Class Descriptions

1/17 Pruning Apple Trees (6:00-7:30) *Jim Birkholz, owner of Pleasant Valley Orchard.* Come join us as Jim kicks off the spring season with his popular session on pruning apple trees. Jim owns and operates the Pleasant Valley Orchard south of Shafer. He will show us how to prune young fruit trees, how to renovate older trees, and how to use pruning to get the most production from established trees. Most of these pruning techniques can be applied to other deciduous tree species.

1/24 Apple Pests and Diseases (6:00-7:30) *Jim Birkholz, owner of Pleasant Valley Orchard.* Find out the How, When, and What of controlling pests and diseases in your apple trees. You will be able to go home and apply these methods easily in your own home orchard.

2/21 Growing Grapes (6:00-7:30) *Irv Geary, Vineyard owner.* Ever think about growing a few grapes in your backyard but not sure where begin? Join us on February 21st to learn some of the basics of Growing Grapes. Find out what varieties grow the best here, learn about pruning and the ins and outs of tying grapes up, as well as what sort of things to watch out for as you grow your own grapes.

2/28 Tomatoes in your Garden (6:00-7:30) *Donna Tattling & Dianne Patras, Chisago County Master Gardeners.* Anyone can grow a tomato plant...right? Well, it always seems so easy and yet problems with tomatoes are the number one question asked when it comes to growing vegetables. This class will look at basic tomato growing methods, common diseases and pests, and some common sense ways of preventing problems. Both in ground and container growing will be covered.

3/20 Growing Sweet Potatoes & Rhubarb(6:00-8:00) *Dianne Patras, Chisago County Master Gardener.* Find out how you can be successful at raising your own crop of sweet potatoes and Rhubarb. You will learn how to start your own sweet potato slips.

Also—Come to this class with many of your gardening questions as there will time during this class for you to ask a few of the Chisago County Master Gardeners pointed questions about what’s happening in your garden.

3/27 Strawberries and Raspberries (6:00-7:30) *Dianne Patras, Chisago County Master Gardener.* Dianne will describe the basics needed to plant, grow, sustain, and harvest a good crop of Raspberries and Strawberries. Everything from soils, site, fertilizing and problems, to harvesting. Order your strawberries and raspberries today.

4/3 Asparagus and Onions (6:00-7:30) *Jerry Vitalis and Tom Dickhudt, Chisago County Master Gardeners.* Tom and Jerry will team up to offer their many combined years of experience on growing onions and asparagus. From planting techniques, care, fertilizing, harvesting and storage, to getting the most out of your asparagus from year to year. We will also cover the best varieties for your needs.

4/10 Drip Irrigation (6:00-7:30) *Dave Smith, Chisago County Master Gardener.* You will learn the basic ins and outs of drip irrigation for your home garden. We will cover the supplies you will need to get started right away for the 2012 gardening season.