



# *2018 Mass Aggie Workshops*



*Home  
Garden  
Series*



## **Pruning Grapes - a Hands-on Workshop**

Ms. Sonia Schloemann

**February 24**, 10:00am to 12:00pm

*UMass Cold Spring Orchard, 391 Sabin St., Belchertown, MA*

Grapes are one of the most universally enjoyed fruits available. Many of the new varieties have excellent taste, are winter hardy, and can make excellent wine. Grapes are fun to grow but present some challenges.

One of the biggest challenges is knowing how to correctly prune them. Participants will have the opportunity to conduct actual pruning and gain both experience and confidence in pruning and training grapes in order to produce a bountiful crop. We'll learn about tool maintenance and sharpening, too. Bring your own tools or use ours.\*

## **Edible Landscaping with Fruit**

Ms. Sonia Schloemann

**March 3**, 10:00am to 12:00pm

*French Hall/UMass, 230 Stockbridge Rd. Amherst MA*

This presentation will explore how fruit can be incorporated into an edible landscape setting. We'll talk about common fruit like strawberries and blueberries and also more unusual fruit like Aronia and Lingonberries. Participants will learn what these plants can contribute to a home landscape and what it takes to grow them successfully. The end of the class we will tour the **UMass Permaculture Garden**.

## **Home Orchard Pruning - a Hands-on Workshop**

Mr. Jon Clements and Ms. Liz Garofalo

**March 24**, 10:00am to 1:00pm

*Windy Hill Farm, 686 Stockbridge Rd. Gt. Barrington, MA*

The joy of growing fruit in the home garden is enjoying a renaissance. One of the key steps in successful fruit growing is the act of pruning the trees. This can seem daunting and complicated, but it's not! Not once you understand the principles involved. Come learn how to properly prune your fruit trees (apples, pears, peaches, etc.). Participants will have the opportunity to conduct actual pruning and gain both experience and confidence in pruning fruit trees in order to produce a bountiful crop.\*

## **Pruning Blueberries - a Hands-on Workshop**

Ms. Sonia Schloemann

**March 31**, 10:00am to 12:00pm

*Nicewicz Family Farm, 116 Sawyer Rd., Bolton MA*

Blueberries are among the most popular fruits to grow in the home garden. They are healthful and well suited to grow in our New England conditions. Come learn the basics for pruning blueberries for your home landscape. Participants will get some hands-on pruning lessons. We'll learn about tool maintenance and sharpening, too. Tools provided.\*

## **Home Orchard Establishment & Basics - A Hands-on Workshop**

Dr. Dan Cooley and Mr. Jon Clements

**April 7, 10:00am to 12:00pm**

*Windy Hill Farm, 686 Stockbridge Rd. Gt. Barrington, MA*

Horticultural topics covered will be the basics of planting fruit trees, including site selection, choice of variety and rootstock, planting best practices, tree training and pruning, fertilization and ongoing fruit tree care. (In-depth pest management will be covered in the afternoon session.) If weather permits, there will be a hands-on demonstration of planting fruit trees at the Orchard.

## **Home Orchard Pest Management - A Hands-on Workshop**

Dr. Dan Cooley and Mr. Jon Clements

**April 7, 1:00pm to 3:00pm**

*Windy Hill Farm, 686 Stockbridge Rd. Gt. Barrington, MA*

One of the most challenging thing about growing your own fruit is knowing how to identify the insect pests and diseases that might afflict them. Learn the basics of pest and disease identification and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) in the home orchard. Hands-on, scouting, monitoring, placement of traps, etc. will be covered.

## **Pollinator Biology and Conservation**

Sonia Schloemann

**April 14, 10:00am to 12:00pm**

*105 French Hall, UMass Campus, Amherst, MA*

Pollinators have received a lot of attention in recent years, mostly because of the decline in honey bee populations due to colony collapse disorder. Native pollinators are important cousins of honey bees and are in need of help, too. Come learn about the many types of pollinators present in our region and how to protect and encourage them in your landscape.

\* *These workshops will be partially out of doors, so please dress appropriately for potentially wet, cold, and muddy conditions.*



## **INSTRUCTORS**

**WESLEY AUTIO**, Professor of Pomology, Director of Stockbridge School of Agriculture and Editor of Fruit Notes.

**JON CLEMENTS**, UMass Extension Tree-fruit Specialist, Editor of *Healthy Fruit*.

**DANIEL COOLEY**, Professor of Plant Pathology, Fruit Diseases Specialist

**ELIZABETH GAROFALO**, UMass Extension Fruit Field Assistant, Contributor to *Healthy Fruit*, IPM Specialist.

**SONIA SCHLOEMANN**, UMass Extension Small-fruit Specialist, Leader of the UMass Fruit Program, Editor of *Berry Notes* and *Grape Notes*.

## **LOCATIONS**

### **UMASS COLD SPRING ORCHARD**

*391 Sabin Street, Belchertown MA*

### **WINDY HILL FARM**

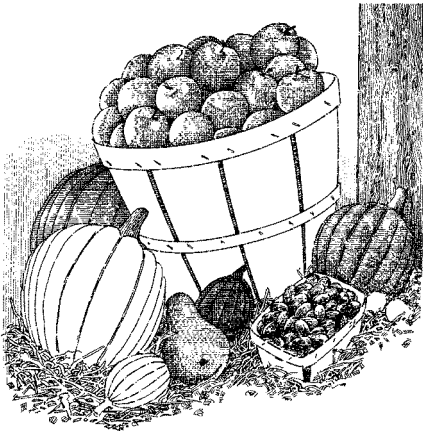
*686 Stockbridge Rd., Gt. Barrington, MA*

### **NICEWICZ FAMILY FARM**

*116 Sawyer Rd., Bolton, MA*

### **FRENCH HALL, UMASS**

*230 Stockbridge Hall, Amherst MA*



## 2018 MASS AGGIE SEMINARS

Date	Title	Time	#	cost	total
Feb. 24	Pruning Grapes	10am - 12pm		@\$35	_____
Mar. 3	Edible Landscaping	10am - 12pm		@\$35	_____
Mar. 24	Home Orchard Pruning	10am - 1pm		@\$50	_____
Mar. 31	Pruning Blueberries	10am - 12pm		@\$35	_____
Apr. 7	Home Orchard Establishment	10am - 12pm		@\$50	_____
Apr. 7	Home Orchard Pest Management	1pm - 3pm		@\$50	_____
Apr. 7	Home Orchard am/pm sequence discount	10am - 3pm		@\$90	_____
Apr. 14	Pollinator Biology & Conservation	10am - 12pm		@\$35	_____

TOTAL ENCLOSED

# Registration Form

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