



## **Two Green Thumbs Up for Zoo's 2010 Landscaping Series** *Landscaping for the Homeowner Series Begins January 20*

**CINCINNATI** – Looking forward to spring? Well, back by popular demand is the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden's **2010 *Landscaping for the Homeowner Series***, beginning January 20. Presented by the Zoo's Director of Horticulture Steve Foltz, this 10-class series is one of the most informative and complete landscape series for homeowners in the Tri-state area. Offering insight on design, preparation and plant selection, the classes can be taken separately or as a complete series building upon one another.

If you are considering new additions to your garden, these classes provide good insight on soil preparation, maintenance and plant selection that you will need to be ready to create a thriving and beautiful garden in the spring.

All classes meet every Wednesday evening from 7-9 p.m. starting January 20 for 10 weeks. Cost for the complete series is \$70 for Zoo members; \$90 for non-members. Individual classes are \$10 for Zoo members; \$12 for non-members. For additional information or to register for the *2010 Landscaping for the Homeowner Series*, please call 513-559-7767.

**January 20 - Design Your Own Landscape Part 1**--The focus of this class is the simple steps that every designer takes when evaluating a new landscape or renovating an existing landscape. Basic design principles will be discussed.

**January 27 - Design Your Own Landscape Part 2**--This is a more in-depth look at where plants go and why they go there. We will discuss the size and scale of the landscape, as well as proper bed preparation.

**February 3 - Trees in the Landscape**--Choosing the right tree for your landscape can be a costly decision. A slide presentation will illustrate the various types of trees that you can use. Shade trees, flowering trees, patio trees and evergreen trees will be presented.

**February 10 - Shrubs in the Landscape--**View a slide presentation on the best shrubs for Cincinnati area landscapes. Whether you have sun or shade, wet soils or dry, this class will present the possibilities of shrubs for the home landscape. Special emphasis will be on the newest and hardiest varieties for this area.

**February 17 - Annuals: Color in the Landscape--**Have you ever wondered what the secrets are to having lots of color in your landscape? Find out what the newest and best annuals are that tolerate Cincinnati summers. Container gardening with annuals will also be covered.

**February 24 - Landscape Maintenance and Lawn Care--**This class will cover proper landscape maintenance techniques from spring to fall-what to do and when to do it. Learn about the tools that make the job easier. In addition, learn the basics to a green lawn. Pruning, weed control, fertilization, insect and disease control for the complete landscape will all be covered.

**March 3 - Perennial Design--**This class presents basic design concepts for perennial gardens, including butterfly gardens, shade gardens, water gardens and more. A slide show will help paint a picture after discussing the concepts.

**March 10 - Perennial Plants Part 1--**This is the first of a two part series covering perennial plants for the landscape. Perennials can be used in many ways and for many purposes. A slide show will include the top 50 perennials for the landscape.

**March 17 - Perennial Plants Part 2--**The second part of perennial plants will also be a slide show of perennials for the landscape. This group will include ornamental grasses, roses, vines and other great perennial plants.

**March 24 - Gardening for Wildlife--**A new addition to the series, this class will focus on creating specialized areas of the landscape for wildlife gardening including butterfly and bird gardens and utilizing native plants in the landscape.

Visit the Zoo's website at [www.cincinnati-zoo.org](http://www.cincinnati-zoo.org) for information on other opportunities and programs offered for the gardening enthusiast in your family.

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