

Welcome to the Glencairn Garden News. This is a quick list of upcoming Glencairn Garden events sponsored by Rock Hill Parks, Recreation and Tourism. For additional information regarding Glencairn Garden and other Parks, Recreation & Tourism events, please visit us at www.rockhillrocks.com.



Volunteer Gardening Day

Fri. March 26; 9 am – 12 noon

Glencairn Garden Learning Center

Free

Contact: Matt Clinton, (803) 326-3826

Gardeners and outdoor enthusiasts are invited to spend a few hours performing basic garden tasks at Glencairn Garden. This month, volunteers are needed to spread pine needles. They should bring work gloves; a few rakes can also be used. A brief orientation will be provided. This activity will take place rain or shine. During the event, volunteer forms will be available for people to express their interest in activities such as maintaining the garden, leading tours and assisting with environmental education classes. Individuals or small groups may want to “adopt” a bed or area of the garden to maintain.

Soil Analysis and Answers to Gardening Questions

This service will begin again in March 2010

Fridays

Glencairn Garden Bigger House

\$6 lab fee for soil analysis

Contact: York County Master Gardeners, (803) 324-4177

*Gardeners with the York County Master Gardeners Association are available on Fridays at the Glencairn Garden Bigger House from 10am – 1pm to answer question in person or by phone. Also during these times, soil samples may be dropped off for analysis. There is a \$6 lab fee for analysis which will provide ph and nutrient information. One pint of soil should be placed in a non-galvanized container. A plastic bag or container works well. Results are available within 7 – 10 days. **This service has been suspended during the cold weather months but will begin again in March.***



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First Fridays in the Garden – Gardening Seminars

First Friday of Each Month

New Time Beginning in Feb. 2010: 11am - noon

Glencairn Garden Learning Center

Free

Contact: Paul Thompson, (803) 684-9919 x 112

PRT has partnered with the Clemson Extension Service to offer free classes which are conducted by the York County Master Gardener Association and are taught on the first Friday of each month. The topic varies each month and the group meets at the Glencairn Garden Learning Center at 825 Edgemont Ave.

Upcoming Dates/Topics:

Fri. Mar. 5: Plants are like Tinker Toys – Pruning Fundamentals

Fri. Apr. 2: Planting your Spring Vegetables

Fri. May 7: Tough Plants for Full Sun

Fri. Jun. 4: Rooting Cuttings

Most classes are held inside the Learning Center. Classes are free and reservations are not necessary. The York County Master Gardener Association is a voluntary organization whose members have completed the Master Gardener training and whose goal is to educate the public about good gardening practices.

March Plant of Interest

Forsythia or Yellow Bell

(Forsythia x intermedia)



Forsythia or yellow bell is one of the first signs of spring and can be found at the Crest Street parking area and the Charlotte Avenue Showcase Garden. This is a Southern garden favorite because it is easy to grow, dependably colorful and can be rooted by placing cut branches in moist, sandy soil.

Bring spring indoors early by putting forsythia branches in water for a week or two to force blooming.