Summer 2015 Master Naturalist Classes





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The St. Louis Community College Office of Continuing Education offers students the opportunity to earn the *Master Naturalist* designation. This course of study includes both credit and noncredit classes. A non-credit *Master Naturalist* Certificate will be awarded to individuals completing all components of the program. The following classes may be taken for your own personal enrichment or applied towards the *Master Naturalist* designation.



Contact Continuing Education at 314-984-7777 for program requirements.



Vegetable Gardening There's still time to get started to "grow your own" this summer! Learn tips for planting, maintaining and har-vesting your own fresh veggies. Topics for discussion include raised beds, container gardening and more. Bring your questions for Nancee Kruescheck our gardening expert and local nursery owner.

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680 Sa 9am-11:30am June 6

Nancee Kruescheck MC - SO, 111

New Grow Your Own: Mushroom Garden in a Bucket

Wouldn't you like to pick your own quality mushrooms at the peak of freshness to use in your morning omelet at the peak of treshness to use in your morning omelet or evening gourmet meal? Come discover how easy it is to "grow your own" in a compact bucket which can be used indoors or out. Class will begin with a short presentation on growing mushrooms and then you'll get hands-on experience assembling the bucket, growing medium and spawns to get the process started and take home. It's time to add mushrooms to your food garden list and start discovering the many opportunities that ex-ist in your own home. Registration deadline 6/8.

HORT:701	\$29
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651	Tu 7pm-9pm	Mark Brown
	June 16	MC - SW, 108

All About Herbs

Now is the time to plan for your summer garden! Learn how to get the most for your effort in this one-night class. From starting to expanding an herb garden, you'll learn about soil conditions, fertilizing, and the optimal placement for growth. Come hear the best advice from Master Gardener "Mike" on how to plant, maintain and harvest an herb garden. You'll also get tips on using herbs in and around your home as well as the best way to freeze and preserve herbs for future use. Bring a notebook and pen to class.

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W 6pm-9pm	Michelle Ochonicky
June 16	MC - SO, 107

Hot Summer Heat: Keeping Your Yard and Garden Alive

Keeping your yard and garden flourishing throughout a typical St. Louis summer is a challenge for all of us. In May and June our yards are lush and green, our gardens May and June our yards are lush and green, our gardens are blooming; then comes July and August with their intense sun and drought conditions. Join our garden-ing expert and nursery owner, Nancee Kruescheck, as she teaches you how to keep your plants and turf less stressed in our Midwest heat, humidity, water (lack of) and soils. Also, she'll talk about plants that like it here and do well in our area. HORT:708 | \$25

> Nancee Kruescheck MC - SO, 108

680 Sa 9am-11:30am June 13

Soil and Composting : Get the 'Dirt' on Successful Gardening

The first step in successful gardening is working from the ground up. Join Master Gardener "Mike" Ochonicky to learn the "dirt" on successful gardening as she'll discuss easy to understand information on soil types, practical tips on preparation and the "how to" and benefits of composting for your home garden. A beneficial class for both beginning and experienced homeowners.

HORT:709 | \$19

350 Tu 7pm-9pm *June 9*

Michelle Ochonicky WW, 214

Ecology

It's OK to Eat the Weeds - Edible Wild Plants of Summer

The next time you weed your garden, you might find you have the makings for a unique dish! Join Dr. Catrina Adams, Ph.D. in Paleoethnobotany (how people have used plants in the past) to learn about some of the common edible plants that grow in and around St. Louis in the summer. You'll discover: where to find them, how to identify and collect them, and how to eat them! Then, take a tour of the campus to identify edible and useful plants you probably walk past every day. Some wild edibles are lovely native plants that you may want to cultivate in your own backyard. Others might be growing in your lawn or garden already, for better or for worse.

ECOL:700 | \$29

681 Sa 9am-12pm June 13

Indoor Composting: Make and Take Home a Bokashi Bucket

Don't throw away those scraps - up to 20% of household trash can be composted! The bokashi bucket system is quick, convenient and no has household smells. In this hands-on session, you will construct and learn to maintain an indoor composting system capable of decomposing food and house plant trimmings for a family of four. In a space-saving bokashi system, effective microorganisms transform all types of kitchen waste into a nutrient-rich soil amendment. All equipment, materials and handouts provided and included in fee. You'll leave class with a working indoor composting system in the form of a bo-kashi bucket. Class offered in partnership with the Mis-souri Botanical Garden Earthways Center. Registration deadline 6/16.

ECOL:700 | \$49 650 W 7pm-8:30pm

June 30

DIY: Making Bran for a Bokashi Bucket Composting System Bokashi is a great space-saving way to compost at home that uses a bran mixture of carbon-rich materials and ef-

fective microorganisms to transform kitchen waste into a great fertilizer for your garden. The bokashi bucket system can be used year round, it's quick, convenient and produces no household smells with the help of this and produces no household smells with the help of this bran mixture! Designed for individuals who currently have a bokashi bucket, you'll make a one pound mix-ture of the bran in class and take home the recipe and know how to make more with just a few easy steps. Don't have a bokashi bucket yet? Register for the Make and Take Home a Bokashi Bucket class or get an in-struction sheet in the DYI Bran class to build your own at home. Class offered in patterschip with the Miscouri at home. Class offered in partnership with the Missouri Botanical Garden Earthways Center. Registration deadline 6/25

ECOL:700 | \$39

551	Th 7pm-8:30pm	Kat Golden
	July 9	MC - SS, 105

Backyard Chickens for the Beginner

Backyaru Chickens for the beginner Have you thought about keeping chickens in your city or suburban backyard? There's a lot to find out about before you get started. Learn about local ordinances and where to find more information for the area where you live. You'll also hear about the benefits of keeping chickens, appropriate housing and feeding and differ-ent ways of keeping your chickens healthy and happy. Instructor has years of personal and professional experi-ence and is an enthusiastic and knowledgeable, healthy chicken-farmer! Bring a sack lunch to class.

Dr. Catrina Adams ECOL:700 | \$35 MC - SO, 109

680	Sa 10am-2pm	Guy Niere
	June 13	MC - SW, 108

Protect your Chickens from Predators: Making Your Coop Secure

Secure your investment in your chickens and ward off potential predators before they attack! There's nothing worse than having your chickens attacked by a predator. If you're new to raising chickens, you might not be aware of what predators are around. Or, you may think that since you live in the suburbs or within city limits, you don't have to worry about predators. Take the offensive and learn how to protect your flock from birds of prey, foxes, coyotes and the occasional rac-coon, possum, mink and weasel. Examine coop security: trapping through box traps, snares, leg and body traps; netting; and simple tactics to scare off predators. You'll also learn about the laws surrounding protection. of your flock and the associated safety precautions of your actions.

Kat Golden MC - SS, 105 ECOL:700 | \$19 682 Sa 10am-12pm **Guy Niere** June 20 MC - SO, 111



Caves & Caverns

Learn about the mysterious underground world of caves. Discover interesting insights into their origin, cave life, mineral formations and other geological features, and cave ecology. Historical notes, such as cave discoveries, cave art, mining and other uses of caves, as well as health/safety/legal issues and man's effects on caves will also be included. Instructor has 12 years of experience leading cave tours and has personally visited over 40 caves throughout the US.

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650	W 7pm-9pm	Martin Ferris
	June 17 – June 24	MC - SO, 108

Eclipses, Meteors & Comets

There is much more to the skies than just star gazing. Some of nature's most spectacular astronomical phenomena were at times terrifying to peoples of the past. They include lunar and solar eclipses, meteor show-ers and bright comets, all if which can be enjoyed with nothing more than the unaided eye. Learn how to enhance those experiences with inexpensive tools such as binoculars and how to do safe solar eclipse observing with appropriate but inexpensive items such as "eclipse glasses." This is your chance to learn how do to all this from an experienced observational astronomer and past president of the St. Louis Astro-nomical Society.

NATR:701	\$25
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680	Sa 9am-12pm	Michael Malolepszy
	July 11	MC - SO, 107

Introduction to Bird Watching According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, more than 45 million Americans identify birding as one of their favorite pastimes. Whether you are an amateur bird enthusiast or are interested in learning more about bird identification, migratory patterns, and wildlife in your own backyard, this class is for you! wildlife in your own backyard, this class is for you! Join educators from the St. Louis Audubon Society to discover how to identify bird species by sight, song, physical attributes, and behaviors. You'll also learn how to research your findings in guidebooks and how to attract more birds to your backyard through feeding and landscaping. Field trip on Saturday will allow you to practice your new skills and learn about the best places to view a variety of birds in the St. Louis area. Field trip details to be discussed in class. Provide own transportation. Class is offered in partnership with the transportation. Class is offered in partnership with the St. Louis Audubon Society.

NATR:709 \$35

650	Tu 7pm-9pm	Marty Smigell
	June 9	MC - SO, 206
	Sa June 13	Off Campus

Exploring Hummingbirds Explore the world of the magnificent little humming-bird. Learn about the habits and happenings, as well as tips to improve your home environment to attract hummingbirds to your garden and the best locations to view hummingbirds in the St. Louis area. Offered in partnership with the St. Louis Audubon Society. NATR:709 | \$25

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651	Tu 7pm-9pm	Marty Smigell
	June 23	MC - SO, 232

The Sniff Test - Can Birds Detect Scent?

Get ready to be fascinated by bird behaviors! You know that birds communicate through vision, calls and songs but can birds detect scent? Do birds have a sixth sense? Join a local St. Louis Audubon educator to learn about new research in this area, dispel old myths and explore new technologies at work. Offered in partnership with the St. Louis Audubon Society.

652 Tu 7pm-9pm	Vicki Flier
July 7	MC - SO, 109

New Dragonflies and Damselflies of the St. Louis Area

With summer upon us, Missouri ponds and streams will be teeming with insect life. Join us and explore the fascinating world of dragonflies and damselflies in the St. Louis area. In class, you'll study photographs to identify field marks and learn about behavior pat-terns. Then, apply your new knowledge and skills on the weekend field trip to the Busch Conservation area-St. Charles County. Provide own transportation. No nets or collecting, please. Binoculars and cameras are helpful tools in the field. This class is offered in partnership with the North American Butterfly Asso-ciation, St. Louis Chapter.

NATR:715 | \$29

50	Tu 6pm-8pm	Yvonne Homeyer, Pat Garner
	<i>June 16</i> Sa 10am-12pm	MC - BA, 124
	June 20	Off Campus

New Snakes

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Join Curt Hendricks of the St. Louis Herpetological Society as he provides an overview of the physical traits of snakes, descriptions of habitat requirements and the important value they provide to the ecosystem.

NATR:721 | \$19

650 Tu 7pm-9pm		Curt Hendricks	
	June 9	MC - SO, 107	

Common Mushrooms of Missouri - Part 1

Trametes veriscolor, Lycoperdon perlatum, Strobi-lomyces confusus, oh my! Take the fear out of fungi and learn to identify some of the most common mush-rooms in Missouri. Class is a combination of lecture, discussion and field exploration. Bring sack lunch and hiking shoes. Class held at Babler State Park Visitors Center. Offered in partnership with Missouri Mycological Society (MOMS).

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Babler State Park

The *Master Naturalist* program is offered in vith:

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- Missouri Native Plant Society
- North American Butterfly Association

- Endangered Wolf Center
- Forest ReLeaf of Missouri
- Earthways Center (MOBOT)
- Additional partners are

Common Mushrooms of Missouri - Part 2 If you missed Part I or you want to discover more of the hundreds of mushrooms of Missouri, then this class is for you. Starting with a presentation, learn how to identify several mushroom species and then take to the field to explore and find some. Bring a sack lunch and hiking shoes. Class held at Babler State Park Visitors Center. Offered in partnership with the Missouri Mycological Society (MOMS).

NATR:723 | \$25 M02 Sa 10am-2pm Aug. 1

Babler State Park

Geology of Missouri

Spend a few hours learning about the geology and geography of Missouri in an informal atmosphere. We will discuss how our state has been shaped by glaciations, earthquakes, uplift and warm, and shallow seas. Learn about the processes that gave us the nickname "The Cave State." We will also take a look at the economic impact rocks and minerals have had on our state's economy

NATR:765 | \$29 Jeffrey Smith 680 Sa 9am-12pm June 20



Severe Weather Phenomena

Are you interested in severe weather formation? Join metéorologist Joe Schneider as he discusses the structure of the earth's atmosphere and forces that govern its motion. Learn to apply these concepts to understand the aspects of severe weather, including thunderstorms and tornadoes. Discover different weather indicators that can keep you safe in case of a weather emergency.

NATR:765 \$29	
650 Tu 6pm-9pm	Joseph Schneider
June 23	MC - SO, 107

Forest Ecology of Missouri

Have you ever wanted to learn more about the ecology of Missouri's forests? Mike Walsh, Forestry Programs Manager with Forest ReLeaf of Missouri will present a general introduction to forest ecology, and how it relates it to our own Missouri forests. Topics will include elements of a forest ecosystem, competition, succession, forest layers (structure), forest types in Missouri, disturbance, nutrient cycling and more. Class is offered in cooperation with Forest ReLeaf of Missouri.

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651	Th 6pm-	8pm

July 30

Mike Walsh MC - SO, 108

Small Native Trees and Shrubs for Yards

Do you have a location in your yard that is just too small for a large tree, but would like to plant something native to Missouri? Join Mike Walsh, Forestry Programs Manager with Forest ReLeaf of MO to learn all about some great options for your yard. We will look at and discuss what native trees and shrubs are suitable for planting in small spaces, where to find them, and how to take care of them. Wear comfortalle shoes and dress for walking outdoors. Offered in partnership with Forest ReLeaf of Missouri. NATR:723 | \$25

650 Th 6pm-8pm	Mike Walsh	
June 18	MC - SO, 204	

Native Tree Identification

This class meets Thursday and Saturday. Learn about Missouri tree identification with Mike Walsh, Forestry Programs Manager with Forest ReLeaf of MO, using characteristics and samples such as twigs, leaves, bark, fruit and more. First class is a lecture format on the Wildwood campus followed by a weekend field trip at Rockwood Reservations (one mile from campus) 2751 Glencoe Rd, Wildwood. Wear comfortable shoes and dress for walking outdoors. Resource booklets provided. Provide own transportation. Offered in partnership with Forest ReLeaf of Missouri Ň

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- St. Louis Audubon Society

- St. Louis Astronomical Society

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Call 314-984-7777 to register today!

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If you have accommodation needs, please contact Anne Marie Schreiber, 314-984-7704, at least two working days prior to the event.

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Registration is Easy!!!



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Complete the registration form (below) and mail with check (payable to St. Louis Community College) to:

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STLCC Continuing Education, 3221 McKelvey Road, Suite 250, Bridgeton, MO 63044

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Students who register by mail should assume they are registered unless otherwise notified. A registration confirmation is mailed to students who register by mail; however, the confirmation may not be received prior to the beginning of the class. If you have enrollment questions, please call Continuing Education: 314-984-7777.

In Person at STLCC Co	ntinuing Education Offices N	I-F 8:30 am - 4 pm		
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Registration Deadline

All non-credit courses are limited in enrollment. Advanced registration is required.

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All checks will be converted to an electronic Automated Clearing House (ACH) transaction whether the payment was made in person or mailed.

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Registration form *Please print in ink.*

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