Get Ready For Spring Gardening At Longwood Gardens

KENNETT SQUARE, (Chester Co.) - Throughout March, the gardeners at Longwood Gardens are sharing trade secrets during special demonstrations, talks, and walks. These timely offerings are part of daily visitor programs included with admission (except the Fun Day performance on March 18).

Longwood's popular demon-

strations provide how-to information on gardening and a chance to talk with experts. "Sowing Seeds" on Wednesday, March 15, covers the basics of growing plants from seed. "Pruning Roses" on Wednesday, March 22, offers advice on pruning hybrid tea and floribunda roses. "Pruning Grapes and Raspberries" on Friday, March 24, demonstrates techniques to promote fruit production on young

plants. On Friday, March 31, 'Sharpening Pruning Tools" teaches visitors how to properly sharpen hand pruners and loppers. All demonstrations begin at 2 p.m. and last approximately 20 minutes with unlimited time for questions.

The slide-illustrated talk "Annuals to Grow from Seed" on Wednesday, March 8, at 2 p.m. is a great chance to relax before the spring rush and learn more about



Children can be gardeners and pot a plant to take home on March 18 during a special Fun Day at Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square. The day also includes specially ticketed performances by the Wilmington Music School early childhood staff, a conservatory-wide plant hunt, and the indoor Children's Garden, which is open throughout the year.

Take Control Of Money

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) - Penn State Cooperative Extension is offering a free workshop "Taking Control of Your Money" on Thursday, March 16, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and again on Tuesday, March 28 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Farm and Home Center in Lancaster.

This program is designed to provide basic information on money management, including the basics of budgeting and credit use. The information will help you and your family deal with the dilemmas and decisions regarding earning, spending, and saving money.

Financial success requires teamwork, so a family needs to talk together about money. Discussions concerning how to spend money, what the family's future needs are, when to use credit, and other issues are as necessary as organizing records themselves. In fact, if your family talks rather than argues about money, you will probably have fewer money prob-

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the wide variety of plants available through this inexpensive source. Visitors feeling more energetic will enjoy a walk on Tuesday, March 28, at 2 p.m. highlighting "Early Spring Bulbs" that are easy to naturalize.

The gardening bug may even bite kids during a visit to Longwood. A conservatory-wide plant hunt and the indoor Children's Garden are daily features throughout March. A special Fun Day on Saturday, March 18, includes a Pot-a-Plant activity where Longwood's staff and volunteers assist young visitors with selecting and potting a plant to take home. The activity is open to all children visiting that day at no additional charge from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Fun Day also features interactive performances by the Wilmington Music School early childhood staff for children ages 3-5. For information on this specially ticketed performance, call (610) 388-1000 exts. 100 or 452.

> These gardening programs are part of daily

> > "Welcome

events during Long-

Spring" display of 18 warm indoor gardens overflowing with colorful flowers and plants.

In addition to more

walks, talks, and demonstrations, there are Sunday afternoon concerts

and weekday "Discovery

Stations" on topics such as "Insect Adventures"

and "Stuffed Topiary."

For a complete schedule,

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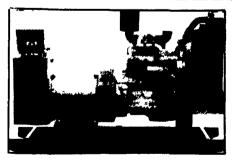
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necticut to Virginia), call (800) 737-5500, or to speak to a Longwood representative, call (610) 388-1000. March visitors pay half-price admission because of renovations in two conservatories. Inrough March admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for youths ages 16-20, \$1 for children ages 6-14, and free for children under age 6. Beginning April 1, admission is \$8 for adults (\$6 on Tuesdays), \$4 for youths, and \$1 for children. Rates will return to the usual fee of \$10 for adults (\$6 on Tuesdays), \$6 youths, and \$2 children 6-14 when the Orangery and Exhibition Hall reopen.