

Rick Wolff, executive pastry chef at the Hotel Hershey, discusses the finer points of chocolate with a class at the Hershey Museum.

Learn Culinary Chocolate Secrets

HERSHEY (Dauphin Co.)-Rick Wolff, executive pastry chef at The Hotel Hershey, will share some chocolate culinary secrets in a class, Chocolate 101, being held at the Hershey Museum. The class, designed for adults, is scheduled for 10:00-11:45 a.m. on Tuesday, February 22. Cost is \$25 members, \$30 non-mempre-registration required; call (717) 534-5722.

Chocolate 101 presents a fundamental education on chocolate. Chef Wolff will take participants through a tasting session and cover variables of European versus American tastes in chocolate. Geographic origin of the beans and how it affects taste is also addressed. Participants will make a take-home chocolate crafting project using techniques that Chief Wolff will illustrate for the class.

Chef Rick Wolff studied for many years with prominent chefs, including culinary olympic gold medal winner and judge, Gunther Heiland. He studied sugar show piece techniques for a year with Roland Messnier, the White House Pastry Chef in Washington D.C.

Chef Wolff has prepared desserts for every president from President Carter through President Clinton. He is known

as one of the new American pastry chefs that have combined old world skills with new and innovative presentation.

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TOWANDA (Bedford Co.)-Pruning is the removal of plant parts, usually shoots and branches, but sometimes buds, roots, flowers or fruit in order to meet a human objective. Proper pruning incorporates science, a knowledge of plant biology into the skill or art of pruning techniques. Unfortunately, many trees and shrubs are not trained or pruned properly in the nursery or landscape.

"Pruning for Professionals" is designed to teach the fundamentals of pruning shrubs and small trees in the landscape. Participants will learn pruning theory, terminology, and plant biological response in the morning. This will be followed by a "hands-on" session outdoors where pruning theory will be applied in the

field. This program is intended for commercial landscapers and grounds maintenance personnel. Participants will learn how to renovate and maintain evergreen and deciduous shrubs; make pruning cuts that reduce the potential for decay; thin out small flowering trees; select and use proper pruning tools; and perform work in accordance with ANSI A300 National Tree Pruning Standards.

The workshop is scheduled for Thursday, March 23, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Luzerne County Community College Conference Center in Nanticoke. The cost of the workshop is \$35 and includes extensive reference packet, lunch and refreshments, and a small class size that is conducive to learning. For more

information, contact Penn State Cooperative Extension at (570) 825-1701 or 602-0600 or your local county office of Penn StateCooperative Extension.

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