Color At Hershey Gardens

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young people and their families to the gardens for an educational opportunity, "A Garden To Sweeten the Imagination," Children's Garden, is slated to open in 2003.

The area is one hands-on learning experience after another, from the compass court that teaches geography to the tutoring they will receive in sundial garden.

An herbal patch of plants used by pioneers will be planted within ladder rungs, a wagon wheel, and antique iron kettles. Students will also review the alphabet with the ABC border, where colorful plants represent the letters of the alphabet with the first letter of each plant name.

In addition to plant identification, students will also investigate plant smell in the fragrance gar-

Canoe, Kayak & Raft

den. An Education Center will provide more programs yearround, said Klein. The organization has a continuing capital campaign underway.

The gardens drew more than 101,000 visitors from all over the U.S. and world last year. The 2002 season will end Oct. 31. Admission is \$6 adults. Although most of the visitors use the selfguided tour information, guided tours can be requested.



Check Out Gardening Websites

Go to http:// westmoreland. extension.psu.edu/ to check out the Website. From there gardeners can click on the "Gardening" button to check out information, links and events about gardening and the Penn State Master Gardening Program.

You can even submit gardening questions online by clicking on the "Ask MG" button. A Penn State Master Gardener will answer you within a few days.

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Name That Tree

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Can't tell an ash from an aspen? A redbud from a red oak?

Then sign up for "Name That Tree," a one-day workshop offering in-depth training and practice on identifying trees.

Sponsored by the Ohio Woodland Stewards Program, the program is scheduled for May 17, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in Athens and June 14, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in Sheffield Lake (Lorain County).

Registration, which includes class materials, lunch and re-freshments, is \$25 or \$35; the \$35 fee also provides a copy of the book Ohio Trees.

The morning portion of the program will be held inside, focusing on samples and a guide to the identification process.

In the afternoon, an outdoor field trip will allow participants to practice skills learned in the morning.

Enrollment to each workshop is limited to 50 people. Pre-registration with payment is required; registration won't be available at the door. The registration deadline is May 10 for the Athens program, June 7 for the one in Sheffield Lake.

For information or to register, contact the Ohio State University School of Natural Resources, 2021 Coffey Road, Columbus, Ohio 43210, (614) 688-3421, slyby.5@osu.edu.



Don't Work Wet Soil

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GREENSBURG (Westmoreland Co.) - Many gardeners are getting that urge to get out the till-er and work up their garden soil. But before you do make sure the soil has dried out from the recent rains. It really is best for the long-term health of your garden to resist the urge to work the soil when it is too wet. Whether you use a tiller, plow or just a garden spade, wet soil will be badly compacted by the tillage and the effects could last for years.

Working wet soil tends to compress the soil particles so that they become more tightly packed, thus leaving less room for water and air, both of which are critical for good root growth. This also makes it more difficult for plant roots and gardening equipment to move through the soil. The compression forms large, tight clods (clumps) of soil that become hard as a rock when they dry and are next to impossible to break up.

This type of soil compaction has long lasting effects, taking years to rebuild a healthy soil structure. Rescuing a compacted soil generally will require tilling in large amounts organic matter, such composted plant and animal wastes and/or green manure crops, such as annual rye or winter grains.

It is much harder to improve a poor, compacted soil than it is to maintain a good soil so the best course of action is to prevent the compaction from happening in the first place.

The rule of thumb is to wait until the soil is dry enough to crumble through your fingers when squeezed in your hand. If the soil forms a muddy ball when squeezed, it is still too wet. Give the soil another few days to dry, and sample again later.



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