

## All things gardening at Garden Fling

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Master Gardeners of Clark County are pleased to announce their upcoming Garden Fling, a day of educational programs, garden vendors, and all things gardening on April 1, 2017 (no fooling!).

We are excited to have Dr. Laura Deeter, a professor at Agricultural Technical Institute in Wooster as our keynote speaker. Dr. Deeter will present "Modern Landscape Design for the Modern Garden" at 12:30 p.m.

She will also be presenting "Know-Maintenance Perennials" earlier in the day. Laura is always entertaining and full of knowledge when it comes to landscape design and plants.

Throughout the day, beginning at 9:00 a.m. there will be three concurrent sessions on a variety of gardening topics.

Penny Dunbar, with National Trails Parks and Recreation District will be talking about coyotes as well as managing wildlife on the home front. Keeping them away from your landscape plants is a challenge!

Expert beekeepers and Master Gardener Volunteers Tom and Fran Davidson will discuss beekeeping during their "Spring into Beekeeping" presentation.

Mic DiGioia will be talking about one of the most popular plants on the market - succulents. He'll talk about growing and maintaining them as well as how to use them in the landscape.

Dahlia specialist Dinah Anderson will talk about growing dahlias. I never wanted to grow dahlias because you have to dig them up but when a friend gave me some beautiful colors, I got hooked. They really aren't all that difficult to grow.

Master Gardener Volunteer Ed Wozniak will teach how to plan your vegetable garden. With a little thought and planning you can be successful this season.

Shonil Datta is an incredible woodworker who has designed and built garden structures. Shonil will share with you how to add structures to your landscape.

Vendors with garden-related items, including plants will be on hand throughout the day. It seems like I always find something that I must have for the garden.

The event will be held at Kenton Ridge High School at 4444 Middle Urbana Rd., Springfield, Ohio and runs from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

The cost for the entire day, not including lunch, is only \$10.00.

The Kenton Ridge Boosters will be providing an outstanding lunch for a reasonable cost with the proceeds supporting the school.

For more details and a copy of the schedule of programs, go to: [www.go.osu.edu/clarkgardenfling](http://www.go.osu.edu/clarkgardenfling)

Proceeds from the event support the development of the Snyder Park Gardens and Arboretum, a new public garden being constructed in Springfield. To learn more about this garden, be sure to attend the Garden Fling and listen to my presentation regarding the development of this garden!