

News Article
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There will be two meetings held during the month of February 2006 that may be of interest to home gardeners. The first is a Fruit Tree Workshop in Coosa County on February 18th in the Fishpond Community. Another nearby meeting on Landscape Trees and Shade Trees will be held in Montgomery County on February 23rd.

I. Selecting Fruits and Pruning Workshop - Saturday, February 18, 2006

On Saturday, February 18, 2006, the Coosa and Tallapoosa County Extension Offices will conduct a **Selecting Fruits and Pruning Workshop** at the Farm of John Neighbors near Alexander City. This workshop is designed for homeowners, Master Gardeners, commercial growers, and everyone interested in growing fruits. Topics for the 3 hour workshop include Fruit Selection & Varieties, Planting and Training Fruits, Pruning Small Fruits, and Pruning Tree Fruits.

The workshop will be held outside (weather permitting) on the Farm of John Neighbors in Eastern Coosa County, southwest of Alexander City. The farm is located on Hwy. 259 in Coosa County, near the 8 mile marker. It is approximately 7.5 miles southwest of Alexander City and 7.5 miles northeast of Equality.

The workshop is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 12 noon. There is a no charge for participants. People interested in participating, however, are asked to register their attendance by contacting the Coosa County Extension Office at 256-377-4713 or the Tallapoosa County Extension office at 256-825-1050.

This is a tentative schedule for the Selecting Fruits and Pruning workshop:

9:00 a.m.	Welcome & Announcements
9:05 a.m.	Fruit Selection & Varieties
9:45 a.m.	Planting and Training Fruits
10:15 a.m.	Pruning Small Fruits
11:00 a.m.	Pruning Tree Fruits *
12:00 noon	Conclusion and Door Prizes

II. On Thursday, February 23, 2006, the Alabama Cooperative Extension System in partnership with the Alabama Forestry Commission and the City of Montgomery, will host a **Home Tree Care Workshop** in Montgomery. This workshop is designed for homeowners, Master Gardeners, landscape professionals, etc., across the Montgomery area. Topics for the full day workshop include urban landscape tree selection, planting procedures and care, common tree problems, maintaining tree longevity and assessing tree health. We will also discuss homeowner tree liability concerns and issues when it comes to insurance policies and Alabama law.

The workshop will be held in the Loeb Center Auditorium on 301 Columbus Street in the Old Alabama Town portion of Montgomery. The workshop is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. There is a \$10 charge for all participants. Lunch will be provided as part of that charge. All participants are asked to register by Friday, February 17, 2006, by calling the Montgomery County Extension Office at 334-265-0233, and submit payment to the Montgomery County Extension office, 125 Washington Ave, Montgomery, AL 36104. Seating is limited to no more than 100 people.

This is a tentative schedule for the Home Tree Care Workshop:

8:30 a.m.	Welcome & Announcements
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8:45 a.m.	Urban Landscape Tree Selection
9:45 a.m.	Planting Procedures and Care
10:45 a.m.	Break
11:00 a.m.	Common Tree Problems
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
12:30 p.m.	Maintaining Tree Longevity
1:00 p.m.	Tree Health Assessment
1:30 p.m.	Liability Concerns and Issues
2:15 p.m.	Legal Rights & Responsibilities
3:00 p.m.	Conclusion and Door Prizes

Should you have any questions please call the Coosa County Extension Office at 256-377-4713.