



Exciting News from *Olivette In Bloom*

The all volunteer community gardening group in Olivette, is proud to announce a Garden Series "Green Thumb 101" in Spring 2006. The free series is designed for experienced as well as beginning gardeners. These informative classes, taught by Master Gardeners, will give you the skills needed to create the garden of your dreams.

The Garden Series will be held in the Old Bonhomme Elementary School Library on the following Wednesdays: February 8, 22, March 8, 15 and April 12 at 7 p.m. You can sign up for specific classes or the whole series. Pre-registration is required.

Topics for "Green Thumb 101" are:

Get the Dirt! –Soil preparation for a successful garden. This class will take you through the basics to get the ground ready for planting. Good soil preparation results in easier planting, healthy plants, better drainage and reduced weeding. (February 8)

Gardening Basics – Everything you need to know to get growing. Learn about annuals and perennials, how to shop for them, what plants to select, where and how to plant them in your garden for best results. (February 22)

Go Native! –Perennials that thrive in St. Louis. Discover which plants grow the best in the hot, dry St. Louis summers and what are some Missouri natives that work well in the home landscape. (March 8)

Clip Art–Pruning and deadheading your way to garden beauty. Learn the techniques of when and how to cut back perennials and annuals to keep them looking good and to encourage blooming. Techniques of pruning, deadheading, pinching, thinning, deadleafing, and other methods will be covered. (March 15)

Luxurious Lawns –Learn how to become the envy of your neighbors. This class will show you which grasses are best in St. Louis, when to plant, how to water and prevent diseases. (April 12)

Sign up soon. Space is limited, and registration will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. There is no charge for Olivette residents. Register by writing Olivette in Bloom, PO Box 8308, Olivette, MO 63132 or phone 872-8897. Please specify the dates you wish to attend and include your name, address, and telephone number. Visit the Olivette in Bloom web site www.olivetteinbloom.org.

The Olivette in Bloom Annual Meeting for the Election of Officers will be Wednesday, January 25, 2006 at 7 pm at the Olivette Community Center. This meeting is open to the public.

