Good Bugs: Beneficial Insects – Monday, October 8, 2012, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Biological control is the use of beneficial insects to control unwanted organisms. These beneficial insects include: predators, parasitoids, and pathogens (virus, fungi, bacteria etc.). This session covers the insect pests controlled by beneficial insects, and how to identify good bugs, and the gardening techniques that will enhance their presence in the environment.

Plant Nutrition 1 – Wednesday, October 10, 2012, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

In a two part series, we will explore those things necessary to ensure strong healthy plants. In part 1, you will learn about soil and how its composition, pH, salinity, water movement and organic content relate to the availability of plant nutrients. We ask that you bring a sample of your soil to be tested.

Tour of Trees on UH Maui Campus, Tuesday, October 16, 2012, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Trees add value and beauty to the home landscape. They are also a large monetary investment. In this session, you’ll learn about the wonderful variety of trees suitable for low elevation, found at the University of Hawai`i Maui College grounds. Join us for a two hour exploration of these trees as we tour the campus and point out unique varieties and interesting facts.

Container Gardening, Wednesday, October 17, 2012, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Do you need a fresh start on the plant containers on your porch, patio, or deck? This session offers ideas for selecting types of containers, plant media, plant selection, placement, care and design.

Orchids: You Can Grow them! Saturday, October 20, 2012, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Have you ever wanted to grow orchids but were scared off by their "diva" reputation? Learn how to select orchids suitable for Hawai`i and how to keep them alive once you get them. Yes, you can grow orchids!

What’s Bugging You? Garden Pests, Monday, October 22, 2012, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

“What’s Bugging You? Garden Pests” helps the backyard gardener identify pests most commonly encountered in Hawai`i. The two hour presentation categorizes pests by their feeding habits: piercing and sucking, biting and chewing, as well as, boring and tunneling. For each pest identified, you will learn the most effective integrated management techniques to control the pest while minimizing the impact to the surrounding environment.

Plant Nutrition 2, Wednesday, October 24, 2012, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

In part 2 of this two part series, topics will include: basic NPK explanations, overview of soil fertility, the importance of essential micro-nutrients, and the application of amendments, fertilizers, mulch, and organic matter.
Worm Composting, Saturday, October 27, 2012, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Worm composting is using worms to recycle food scraps and other organic material into a valuable soil amendment called vermicompost. Worms eat food scraps, which become compost as they pass through the worm's body. Use of vermicompost and worm tea promotes healthy plant growth. This two hour class explains why vermicompost is good for plants, what worms are best for eating nutrient-rich fruit and vegetable scraps turning them into nutrient-rich and how to create and maintain your own worm composter.

Gardening in Hawaii, Wednesday, October 31, 2012, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Hawaii’s year-round growing season makes it an ideal place to grow plants of all kinds. But paradise is not without perils for many plants. Insect pests and pathogens can decimate plants not adapted to the tropics. The key to a successful garden in Hawaii lies in selecting disease-resistant plants, which are well-adapted to tropical growing conditions. Right plant, right place.

Common Causes of Plant Problems, Wednesday, November 7, 2012, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Plant disease and pest problems are the result of a wide variety of factors. In this class, we will discuss the most common. Knowing the sources of these problems will aid in maintaining a healthy garden. We will also talk about steps to prevent problems before they occur.

Pruning the Correct Way, Saturday, November 17, 2012, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Learn the best strategies for pruning shrubs and trees and how to avoid common mistakes in pruning that can be damaging and quite costly in the long run. Learn to prune smarter not harder. Bring your favorite pruning tools for this hands-on workshop.

Fall 2012 Home Gardening Program

The Home Gardening program is your chance to learn from University of Hawaii horticultural staff as well as Maui Master Gardeners. These classes include insect identification (good guys and bad), pest control, pruning, tree identification, planning and starting a new garden, common causes of plant problems, plant nutrition, container gardening and growing orchids, you'll get the answers you need at the 2012 Home Gardening Classes. Classes are at the University of Hawaii Cooperative Extension classroom.

Advance registration is needed one week before the session you plan to attend. Each session is $15, or you may attend a 3-part series for just $40.

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