Courses at University Farms *Spring 2016*

**CONTAINER GARDENING**

A look at what can be grown in containers and how. Classes will cover a variety of general and specific methods, practices, crops and products. Class will be a combination of instruction, on-site tours and activities. All materials will be provided.

INSTRUCTOR: Chris Bond

SATURDAY March 19

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

FEE: $35

PLACE: Kutina Classroom

**GROWING HYDRANGEAS**

Class will look at how to grow hydrangeas in Northeast Ohio and will include information on different types of hydrangeas, how to prune and how to fertilize them. We will discuss why so many gardeners have problems getting their hydrangeas to bloom. Class will be a combination of instruction, tours and hands-on activities.

INSTRUCTOR: Chris Bond

SATURDAY April 2

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

FEE: $35

PLACE: Kutina Classroom

**BLUEBERRY UNIVERSITY**

A class entirely devoted to the care and culture of the blueberry. Class will look at Blueberry types and varieties, a history of blueberries and their uses, site selection and preparation/ incorporating blueberries into your existing landscape and the care and culture of your blueberries (both organic and traditional methods will be examined). Diseases and Pests of Blueberries and their controls will be looked at as well as nutritional information about blueberries. Class will be a combination of instruction and hands-on activities.

INSTRUCTOR: Chris Bond

SATURDAY May 7

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

FEE: $35

PLACE: Kutina Classroom

# WRITING CREATIVE NONFICTION

Using Lee Gutkind's book, *True Stories, Well Told* from the first 20 years of *Creative Nonfiction Magazine,* we'll find springboards for writing about the riches of our own lives. Class members read work in class and receive supportive feedback. Newcomers welcome.

INSTRUCTOR: Linda Tuthill

TUESDAYS: May 3 – June 14 (7 sessions) ***OR***

WEDNESDAYS: May 4 – June 15 (7 sessions)

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

FEE: $90

PLACE: Kutina Classroom

**POETRY WORKSHOP**

Writer Erica Jong says *the image is a kind of emotional shorthand.* Poets find images that open our eyes to new ways of seeing. Come share your work with a supportive group. Newcomers welcome. Bring 15 -18 copies of an original poem to the first class.

INSTRUCTOR: Linda Tuthill

THURSDAYS: May 5 – June 16 (7 sessions)

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

FEE: $90

PLACE: The Pink Pig

FIBERS AT THE FARM: SILK PAINTING FOR EVERYONE!

Discover, create and explore the exciting techniques of or silk painting inspired by the natural beauty of Squire Valleevue Farm. Students will learn resist application, color blending, color mixing, discharge, paint and salt techniques and create several pieces including silk scarves, and/or silk wall art to frame or to use in quilts. A wealth of design ideas, reference books and handouts provided. No experience necessary.

*Limited enrollment.*

INSTRUCTOR: Peggy Wertheim

TUESDAYS 1–4 p.m.

May3-May 24

Location: Pink Pig

Cost: $80

*(A materials fee of $35 is payable to the instructor on the first day of class.)*

BIRDS AND BREAKFAST

Explore the bluebird trail, watch busy bobolinks, or be rewarded with a rare sighting of Henslow’s Sparrow. May and June are busy months for birds. Migrants arrive and some continue their journeys northward. Others, along with permanent residents, establish and actively defend their territories and carry out reproductive activities. Come and learn to recognize the many species of birds on the basis of appearance, song, and behavior in the meadows, woodlands, ravines and ponds of Squire Valleevue Farm. No prior birding experience is necessary. Binoculars and field guides are recommended. A continental breakfast will be available at the Pink Pig following each morning’s activities.

INSTRUCTOR: Timothy O. Matson

FRIDAYS: May 6 – June 10 (6 sessions)

6:30 a.m.; breakfast 8:30-9:00 a.m.

FEE: $85

PLACE: Meet in the Greenhouse parking lot

**HISTORICAL GARDENS OF WADE AND SQUIRE COUNTRY ESTATES**

The CWRU University Farm’s 400-acre property encompasses a variety of deciduous forests, ravines, waterfalls, meadows and historical gardens as a result of several generous gifts to the university by prominent Cleveland families’ country estates from 1907 to 1937. In this three-session course, students will learn about the Squires’ and Wades’ historical gardens including Squire’s aboretum and pharmaceutical gardens and Wade’s Garden of Eden and grape arbor. Classes will include visits to several of these sites.

FACULTY: Ana Locci

FRIDAYS: May 6 – May 20

10 a.m. - Noon

FEE: $60

PLACE: Kutina Classroom

# WALKING THROUGH NATURE

This field seminar provides a close look at the plants, wildlife, and geology of Squire Valleevue Farm. On field trips into the forest and meadows observe and discuss habitats and their inhabitants as they transition to fall and prepare for winter. No strenuous hiking will be involved, but participants should be able to maintain an active pace over generally moderate but occasionally hilly or wet terrain.

INSTRUCTOR: Jay Abercrombie

WEDNESDAYS 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

June 1-June 15

Location: Meet in the Greenhouse Parking Lot

Cost: $45

# PAINTING IN THE OUTDOORS

# In this course we will explore painting in the outdoors using watercolor or the medium of your choice. Subjects will be found in the beautiful environs of Squire Valleevue and Valley Ridge Farms. Students of all skill levels, including beginners, are welcome. Each student will be instructed individually and work at his/her own pace. Bring a bag lunch.

# *Limited Enrollment*

INSTRUCTOR: Patricia Sigmier

FRIDAYS 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

June 3-June 24

Location: Various farm facilities

Cost: $195