

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Spring has finally arrived and many of us are busy preparing and planting our gardens. Whether you plant only flowers or a combination of flowers and vegetables, there are some common challenges that we all share. Weed control and irrigation are usually on the top of our lists, followed by seasonal plant diseases and rabbits! The Beautification Committee is a master gardener project under the leadership of Dr. Patti Nagai, Racine County UW-Extension Horticulture Educator. We have monthly educations at the Racine-Kenosha Master Gardener meetings and access to a multitude of horticulture information from experts in many fields. We are available to answer questions about your gardens and can offer classes on a current topic if requested. Call Rose at 886-3282 or Linda at 412-5578.

Additionally, there are free classes taught by Dr. Nagai and a master gardener volunteer at the Teaching Garden, located at the Racine County Food Bank, 2000 DeKoven Avenue, Racine, on Tuesdays from 12-1pm and Thursdays from 5-6pm. **Pre-Registration is required by calling 262/767-2929.** Here is a list of upcoming classes:

- June 23 & 25 Perennials in the Vegetable Garden
- July 7 & 9 Organic Methods and Materials in the Garden
- July 21 & 23 Vegetables & Herbs for Sweet, Fall Harvest
- July 28 & 30 Basic Composting
- Aug. 11 & 13 Container Gardens for Fall Beauty and Harvest
- Sept. 8 & 10 End of Season Tomato Comparison – Which Grew Best?
- Sept. 22 & 24 End of Season Tasks and Composting