

Fe Univ Plants in Landscape course
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Fe University course: Plants in the Landscape

“Nature is a mutable cloud, always and never the same”—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Just in time for the gardening season, Fe University presents the class, Plants in the Landscape in two sessions, Thursday, May 5th, 3:00 to 5:00 PM at the Springstead/Sherman Town Hall and Tuesday, May 17th at the Clearview Nursery in Springstead. Chad McGrath will instruct the class.

The goal of Plants in the Landscape is to help students understand how plants are categorized and how specific plants fit into natural ecological landscapes and unnatural garden systems. The five factors that allow plants to thrive or fail in a specific location will be discussed. Further, the class will analyze landscape design, plant structure, propagation, life history, health and pesticides and herbicides.

The only prerequisite for this course is an interest in plants. A number of resource books will be mentioned and a list of such resources will be provided, but there will be no textbook, homework or tests.

McGrath received his Masters in Psychology from Carthage College in Kenosha, WI, worked a few years as a psychologist at Elgin State Hospital, and moved permanently to Wisconsin where he worked in mental health administration for 13 years. While living in Wausau he then started a plant nursery, began to write in earnest, and maintained a consulting business. He moved to Springstead in 1997, where he continues in the nursery business. Chad has written several books and many articles, mostly about and connected to plants and the outdoors. Cross-country skiing is a passion. He is currently on the adjunct faculty at Northcentral Technical College in Wausau and has taught for Lac Courte Oreilles College out of Hayward.

The Springstead/Sherman Town Hall is located on Highway 182, and the address of Clearview Nursery is 4483 Fawn Lake Rd., Springstead. The fee for this class is \$25 with a \$5 discount if registration is received by April 21st. For more information on this and other classes visit www.feuniversity.org or call 715-561-3098 or 715-476-2881 or email wthiede@yahoo.com

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