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**FREE 2012 Xeriscape & Landscape Care Classes
Tagawa Garden Center, 7711 S. Parker Rd.**

The Basics of Xeriscape (1/7, Noon to 1 PM)

- Xeriscape is *not* rocks and cactus, but a colorful, lower maintenance alternative to the water hungry landscapes we are most used to. Learn the 7 principles of xeriscaping, and take away some great ideas for retrofitting your existing landscape, or installing a new one!

Principles of Xeriscape 1 – Design (1/14, Noon to 1 PM)

- Xeriscaping offers a way to have beautiful, livable landscapes without excess water use, and all good xeriscapes begin with a good design. Learn the basics of xeric yard and garden design in this instructive class.

Principles of Xeriscape 2 - Soil Preparation (1/21, Noon to 1 PM)

- Next to design, soil preparation is the most important part of successful xeriscaping and gardening. We will dish out the “dirt” on amending soil for a water efficient and healthy landscape.

Principles of Xeriscape 3 and 4 - Appropriate Use of Turf & Plant Selection (1/28, Noon to 1 PM)

- The most controversial and misunderstood of the xeriscape principles is the concept of appropriate turf. Turf grasses have a place in the landscape, even in a xeriscape. We will provide you with guidance on this aspect of landscaping, as well as cover plant selection and proper grouping of plant materials in this informative class.

Principles of Xeriscape 5 and 6 - Irrigation & Mulch (2/4, Noon to 1 PM)

- Irrigation is necessary in a xeric landscape, at least during the first few years while the plants' root systems are developing. And critical to making efficient use of that water is the appropriate use of mulch. Find out what you need to know about these two xeric principles in this class.

Principles of Xeriscape 7 – Maintenance (2/11, Noon to 1 PM)

- Maintaining the landscape cannot be forgotten, even in a xeriscape. Pruning, occasional weeding and pest management, checking that the irrigation system is functioning properly, and adjusting automatic irrigation systems as the seasons change will be needed. Come learn what you need to know to maintain your xeriscape properly.

Trees, Shrubs and Perennials for Attracting Birds and other Wildlife (2/19, 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM)

- Create a wildlife sanctuary in your backyard! In this class, we will briefly cover the basic components needed for attracting birds and wildlife, and then go over several dozen trees, shrubs and perennials that will do the job for you.

Choosing the Right Tree for the Right Location and How to Plant that Tree (3/17, Noon to 1 PM)

- This class will help you make the right decision when it comes to tree selection and planting. We will explore environmental factors that influence tree selection, what you should look for when purchasing a tree, tree placement and proper planting techniques.

NEW CLASS! *Save Money and Create a Healthier Landscape – the Secrets of Irrigation Management (4/14, Noon to 1 PM)*

- Overwatered landscapes not only cost you money in the form of all that wasted water, but they result in the poor performance and even death of the trees and shrubs we plant! Learn how to improve your sprinkler efficiency, conduct an irrigation audit and program your controller. See what's new in the way of irrigation technology that can save you money and improve the quality of your landscape!

NEW CLASS! *Trees & Shrubs for Small Spaces (4/28, Noon to 1 PM)*

- The problem - you need to landscape a small garden space, or you are looking for small trees or shrubs that will work with your container garden. The solution - this class! We will cover a variety of deciduous and evergreen trees and shrubs, as well as some perennials, that will add the color and texture you want without outgrowing your available space.

How to Kill a Tree (6/2, Noon to 1 PM)

- Our 5 step program for “Assisted Herb-icide” will teach you how to properly care for your trees. From poor pruning to construction damage, improper planting to over watering, we will cover the tree maintenance practices that shorten the lives of trees in our urban forest.

Pruning 101 (6/16, Noon to 1 PM)

- So how do you properly prune that tree or shrub in your yard? Why and when should you prune? What should you look for when contracting with a tree care professional? These and other questions will be answered during the course of this enlightening class.

10 Things NOT to do in Your Landscape (6/30, Noon to 1 PM)

- Some of the worst landscape care practices will be illustrated in this talk. This is your comprehensive guide to over watering, over planting, herbicide misapplication, tree abuse and inappropriate species selection.