



NEWS RELEASE

Central State University
College Of Engineering, Science, Technology, And Agriculture
937-376-6677

For Immediate Release

Media Contact: Gretchen Rives

(937) 376-6264

May 6, 2021

Central State University Extension offering Summer Speaker Series at CSU Seed to Bloom Botanical and Community Garden

WILBERFORCE, OH –Central State University Extension (CSUE) is offering a free summer series of speakers featuring university educators on a variety of topics focusing on gardening and natural resources at the CSU Seed to Bloom Botanical and Community Garden located at the intersection of US 42 E and Wilberforce-Switch Road across the entrance to the university.

Sessions are designed for adults over the age of 18.

The series will begin with “The Seed to Bloom Story: History, Planting and Vision,” 4 to 5 p.m., Friday, May 21, with speakers CSU Assistant Professor of Horticulture Dr. Marcus Nagle, and CSU Chair, **AgLife** Dr. Cadance Lowell. Both will lead groups to talk about the plants and ecology of the garden, as well as the history and realization of the garden.

Other speakers and topics during the summer will include:

- “Honey Bee Health” with CSU Honeybee Technician Ashley Cordell, 4 to 5 p.m., Friday, June 11, who will discuss the importance of bees and some of their current survival challenges. Cordell will also share current bee research being conducted at CSU.
- “Introduction of Growing Backyard Mushrooms” with CSUE Agriculture/Natural Resources Educator Marc Amante, 4 to 5 p.m., Friday, July 16, who will introduce participants to outdoor mushroom cultivation and how to raise homegrown protein within a backyard.

- “Soil and Water Conservation in the Great and Little Watersheds” with CSU Research Assistant Professor of Soil Science Dr. Sakthi Subburayalu, 4 to 5 p.m., Friday, Aug. 6, who will talk about the efforts happening to manage and conserve water. Adopting on-farm and off-farm best management practices remain critical for conserving resources and minimizing negative environment impacts.

Participation is limited to 25 individuals and they may be asked to wear masks and be safely socially distanced depending upon updated and/or revised state guidelines.

Advanced registration is requested and can be made by emailing CSUE Agriculture/Natural Resources Educator Clare Thorn@cthorn@CentralState.edu.

-30-

About Central State University: Central State University, located in Wilberforce, Ohio, is a regionally accredited 1890 Land-Grant University with a 133-year tradition of preparing students from diverse backgrounds and experiences for leadership, research and service. The University, which has been named HBCU of the Year by HBCU Digest, fosters academic excellence within a nurturing environment and provides a strong liberal arts foundation and STEM-Ag curriculum leading to professional careers and advanced studies globally.

EEO Statement: Central State University, an 1890 Land-Grant Institution, is committed to the full inclusion of all people, and does not discriminate on the basis of race, age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, marital or family status, military status, national origin, political beliefs, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status. If reasonable accommodations are needed, please contact the Department of Human Resources at 937-376-6540. Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity institution.

Central State University Land-Grant programs are sponsored in part by funding from the USDA-NIFA.