

Taylor County Horticulture Newsletter

March 2025

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Monstera Peru

By: Jennifer Tungate, Taylor County Master Gardener

Monstera Peru also known as Monstera Karstenianum is a tropical, climbing plant native to the tropical forest of Peru, where it grows under the canopy of large trees.

The Monstera Peru is a very rare and slow growing plant displaying distinctive, thick foliage with dark and light green hues. The leaves are also deeply ribbed, puckered and glossy. It prefers bright, indirect light with temperatures between 60° - 85° Fahrenheit.

The type of soil preferred for the Monstera Peru is an airy, well-draining and acidic soil; for example a mix of 50% perlite and 50% regular potting soil. Water moderately once the soil is almost, but not completely dry. Overwatering can cause stress and infections. Fertilize once a month during the growing season with a fertilizer that has a good amount of magnesium.

Propagation can be done by cutting just below a node and placing the cutting in water or moist sphagnum moss. Change the water weekly or mist moss regularly. Propagation requires patience and care with the proper growth factors such as light, temperature, and humidity.

The Monstera Peru is susceptible to many common houseplant pests, particularly fungus gnats, mealy bugs, scale, spider mites and whiteflies. Regular inspecting the plant for signs of pests is the best way to prevent an infestation. This plant is toxic to humans, cats, and dogs if ingested.

The Monstera Peru can reach six to eight feet indoors and is used primarily for ornamental purposes. It can contribute to indoor air purification and can be grown on a totem, in a hanging basket, or horizontally across a tabletop, mantle or a desk.



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accommodated
with prior notification.

March 2025

Upcoming Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6 Insect ID & Integrated Pest Management 10:30 AM or 5:30 PM	7	8
9	10 Busy Bloomer Garden Club Topic: Monarch Way Station 1:00 PM	11	12	13 Pesticide Safety & Water Quality 10:30 AM or 5:30 PM	14	15
16	17 *HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY*	18 4-H Horticulture Milk Jug Greenhouse 3:30 PM Estate Planning 6:00 PM	19	20 Plant Disease 10:30 AM or 5:30PM Green River Beekeepers 7:00 PM	21	22
23	24 Water Gel Design 10:30 AM Bird Club Topic: Photo Contest & The Big Year Contest 1:00 PM	25 4-H Entomology Caterpillars 3:30 PM	26	27 Warm Season Vegetable Transplants 10:30 AM or 5:30PM	28	29
30	31 Estate Planning 6:00 PM					

All 4-H Events require registration on Eventbrite.

To RSVP for the classes, call the Extension office at 270-465-4511.

Daffodils - The Face of Spring

By: Ailene Foster, Taylor County Master Gardener

Daffodils are one of the first flowers to bloom at the end of winter. They symbolize rebirth, new beginnings, hope, joy, and good luck. They emerge in the spring and add color to the drab and dreary landscape with beautiful yellow, orange, or white blossoms. The appearance of daffodils bring hope that spring is on the way.

Growing up, the only name I ever heard for these plants was "March Lilies", because they bloomed in March. When they started poking through the ground, I knew warmer days were on the way. Daffodils can be found around old homesteads, as well as in well tended gardens.

The daffodil's botanical name is *Narcissus*. They originated in Southern Europe and Northern Africa. The Romans cultivated them for their medicinal properties. According to Greek mythology, a young man known for his beauty is tricked into falling in love with his own reflection. The drooping flowers are said to represent *Narcissus* bending over to catch his reflection in a pool of water.

Daffodils are true perennials that grow from bulbs. They can naturalize and spread over time multiplying to form large colonies. They prefer full sun and well drained soil. As temperatures warm and daylight gets longer, the bulbs sent up leaves and produce roots. Within a few weeks, they produce trumpet shaped flowers. While beautiful to look at, the blooms only last a few short weeks.

As summer arrives, the flowers drop and the leaves wither. The plant continues to store energy in their bulbs as they remain dormant during the winter months. If the winter is not overly cold and the bulbs are not eaten by foraging animals, they will bloom again in early spring. Daffodils can bloom for decades with the right care and environment. Bulbs can be planted in the fall for gorgeous spring color between late September and early November.

Daffodils come in an assortment of colors, sizes, and bloom time. There are about 40 species. Some cultivars feature bicolor flowers. Be mindful about adding cut daffodils to your bouquet arrangements because they release slightly toxic sap that can cause other flowers to wilt. However, you can enjoy a bouquet of daffodils by placing them in a vase by themselves. Enjoy the splendor of the daffodils!





GARDENING PROGRAM

INSECT ID & INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

THURSDAY, MARCH 6
10:30 AM OR 5:30 PM

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Busy Bloomer Garden Club

Monday, March 10 | 1:00 PM

Topic: Monarch Way Station

Guest Speaker: Joe Chang



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GARDENING PROGRAM

PESTICIDE SAFETY & WATER QUALITY

THURSDAY, MARCH 13
10:30 AM OR 5:30 PM

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4-H HORTICULTURE CLUB

MILK JUG GREENHOUSE

JOIN US TO MAKE YOUR
OWN GREENHOUSE BY
RECYCLING MILK JUGS



Photo courtesy of: Donna Aufdenberg,
Missouri University Extension

TUESDAY, MARCH 18 | 3:30 PM

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PERSONAL FINANCES & ESTATE PLANNING



Tuesday, March 18 | 6:00 PM

Selecting Your Team, Financial Organization, Life Insurance, Annuities & IRAs

Guest Speakers: Renee Carrico, Darrin Price, and Monica Hamilton



Monday, March 31 | 6:00 PM

Wills, Trusts, Power of Attorney, Probate, Merged Families and Cherished Possessions

Guest Speakers: John Bertram, Luke Lawless, and Kimberly Thomas



Monday, April 21 | 6:00 PM

Selling of Estate, Corporations & LLCs, and Business Retirement

Guest Speakers: John Kessler, John Miller, and R.D. Smothers

Each night will have an question and answer session.

Call 270-465-4511 to RSVP!



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**A meal
will be
provided.**

Spray Schedule for Winter Squash and Melons

EXAMPLE FIELD SPRAY SCHEDULE FOR WINTER SQUASH PRODUCTION

Weeks after Planting	Fungicide(s)	Target Diseases
1-6	Mancozeb	LS
Weeks during Harvest	Fungicide(s)	Target Diseases
7	Inspire Super	A, C, PM
8	Chlorothalonil	A, C, DM, PM
9	Inspire Super	A, C, PM
10	Chlorothalonil	A, C, DM, PM
11	Inspire Super	A, C, PM
12	Chlorothalonil	A, C, DM, PM

A - anthracnose; C - Cercospora; LS - leaf spots; PM - powdery mildew

You can find this publication at

<https://plantpathology.ca.uky.edu/sites/plantpathology.ca.uky.edu/files/PPFS-VG-36.pdf>

EXAMPLE FIELD SPRAY SCHEDULE FOR MELONS

Weeks after Planting	Fungicide(s)	Target Diseases
1-8	Mancozeb	A, LS
Weeks during Harvest	Fungicide(s)	Target Diseases
9	Inspire Super	AB, C, GSB, PM
10	Chlorothalonil ¹	AB, A, C, GSB, PM
11	Quadris Top	AB, A, C, PM
12	Chlorothalonil ¹	AB, A, C, GSB, PM
13	Pristine	AB, C, GSB, PM
14	Chlorothalonil ¹	AB, A, C, GSB, PM
15	Quadris Top	AB, A, C, PM
16	Chlorothalonil ¹	AB, A, C, GSB, PM
17	Pristine	AB, C, GSB, PM

AB - Alternaria; A - Anthracnose; C - Cercospora; LS - leaf spots; PM - powdery mildew
¹ Chlorothalonil may cause phytotoxicity on fruit.

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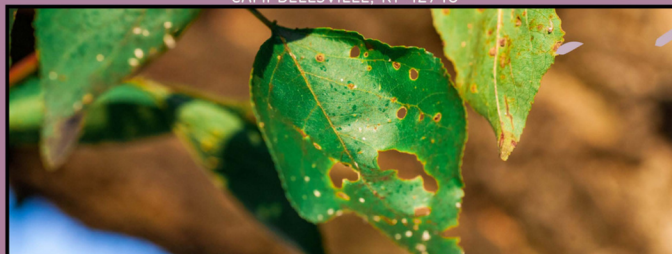
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PLANT DISEASE

THURSDAY, MARCH 20
10:30 AM OR 5:30 PM

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Water Gel Bead Floral Design

Monday, March 24 | 10:30 AM



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BIRD CLUB



Monday, March 24 | 1:00 PM

**Topic: Photo Contest &
The Big Year Contest Update**

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ENTOMOLOGY CLUB CATERPILLARS



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GARDENING PROGRAM

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**WARM SEASON
TRANSPLANTS**
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**THURSDAY, MARCH 27
10:30 AM OR 5:30 PM**

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Asian Asparagus Salad

1 pound fresh
asparagus

1½ tablespoons low
sodium soy sauce

2 teaspoons sugar or
artificial sweetener

1 tablespoon olive
oil

2 teaspoons sesame
seeds

- 1. Snap** off and discard the root ends of the asparagus.
- 2. Wash** remaining stalks thoroughly.
- 3. Slice** stalks into 1½ inch lengths on the diagonal.
- 4. Blanch** asparagus for 1-3 minutes in boiling water, until bright green in color.
- 5. Cool** immediately

under cold water and drain.

- 6. Combine** soy sauce, sugar, olive oil, and sesame seeds in a small glass bowl. **Mix** dressing until sugar is dissolved.

- 7. In** a gallon zip-seal bag, add asparagus and dressing. **Turn** bag to coat asparagus with

dressing and chill in the refrigerator for 15 minutes. **Turn** bag again and chill for an additional 15 minutes before serving.

Yield: 4, ½ cup servings.

Nutrition Analysis: 70 calories, 4.5 g fat, .5 g sat. fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 250 mg sodium, 7 g carbohydrate, 2 g fiber, 3 g protein.

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