

3/20 – WTGR Community Ties

Topics of discussion for Darke SWCD by Jared Coppess, District Administrator

Tree Sale ends Friday, March 21st

- Our annual tree sale is wrapping up, there is still time to place an order
- Wide selection available, great for anyone wanting to create a windbreak or just restore an area to a natural state
- Orders are accepted online at www.darkeswcd.com or in the office
- Payment is needed for order to be placed

4/2 Grow It, Make It, Can It Workshop (OSU Extension, 603 Wagner Ave – 6:30-8:30 PM)

- New employee, Janell Weiss, doing the “Grow It” portion of the workshop
- Janell is originally from Versailles, currently works at Mercer SWCD as a conservation technician
- She will cover ideas and tips to help with home garden production, focusing on soil fertility and cover crop use
- She will also cover nutrient management and how it can help reduce pollution in storm water
- Register online at www.darkeswcd.com

4/7 Rain Barrel Workshop (Shawnee Prairie, 4267 St Rt 502 – 6:30 PM)

- Partnering with Darke County Parks to plan and host
- Jared Coppess will give an overview of rain barrels: the what, how and why
- Participants will then assemble their rain barrel with the help of Jared Coppess, Darke SWCD and Erica Wentworth, Darke County Parks
- Registration is \$30, which includes the rain barrel and kit
- Walk in with your questions and walk out with an assembled rain barrel
- Encouraged to bring a cordless drill to the workshop
- Call 937-548-0165 to register (Darke County Parks office)

4/12 Wildlife Habitat Workshop: Woodlands, Part 1

- Latest in the west central habitat workshop series on Saturday, April 12 at the Miami Valley Career Technology Center in Montgomery Co
- Focus on forest ecology and habitat management
- Topics include trees, shrubs, wildflowers, mushrooms, wild turkeys, songbirds, bats, vernal pool wetlands and more
- 5hrs of landowner education credits available for attendees in the Ohio Forest Tax law program
- Cost is \$10 – includes light breakfast, lunch and reference materials
- Registration deadline is April 4
- To register call Montgomery SWCD at 937-854-7645
- More information available on Darke SWCD website

4/15 Pond Clinic

- Tri-Co pond clinic (Shelby, Darke, Miami)
- Dan & Vicki Turner’s residence up near Rossburg
- Topics include: fish stocking & management, aquatic plant management & other topics of interest

Other Topics to Mention:

- 3rd round of Soil Fertility & Nutrient Management Workshop Series to begin in June
- Darke SWCD offering 2 scholarships to graduating seniors attending a college or university in Ohio pursuing a 2 or 4yr degree in an ag or natural resources related field, deadline 4/25
- 2014 plat books are now available! Only \$20