

FREE

EARLY SPRING WORKSHOPS

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Saturday, March 13th

10:15a EARLY SPRING PRUNING

Leave with your own spring cheat sheet on when, how and why you make the cut.

11:00a POTATOES IN A TRASH CAN AND OTHER FUN FACTS OF VEGETABLE GARDENING

Limited space in your yard? Discover some fun ways to grow your own vegetables.

Saturday, March 20th

9:30a IT'S A POND! IT'S A FLOWERBED! IT'S A...RAIN GARDEN???

Discover what is and isn't and why they are beneficial to recharge our groundwater. Presented by Shaena Reinhart from Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District.

10:15a SO YOU THINK YOU CAN LANDSCAPE?

Learn what it really takes to tackle a landscape project. Get a gauge on what can really be accomplished in a weekend.

Saturday, March 27th

9:30a MASTERING THE MINI GARDEN WITH SEDUM & SUCCULENTS

You've admired these lovely, textured gardens, now learn to create and care for one yourself.

10:15a DON'T BE INTIMIDATED BY THE WORD 'ORGANIC'

Here's the scoop on plenty of helpful products and practices from Todd Jameson, organic grower of Balanced Harvest.

Tuesday, March 30th

Thursday, April 1st

Saturday, April 3rd

9:30a THE LOWDOWN ON LANDSCAPING

Amanda and Kelsey will cut down the learning curve on basic landscape design and help you help yourself to a spectacular garden.

Saturday, April 3rd

10:15a TRIED & TRUE PLANTS

Discover this bunch of loyal and lovely garden performers and how to care for them.

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big news ON MINI GARDENS

The trend for tiny is making a big splash in the garden world.



Photo by Novalis® Plants that Work®

NO TIME LIKE NOW The Altum's Gift Card!

"She and I always talked about all of the things we wanted to do when we had more time. Stylish pots lining our porches, funky planters we could change out with the seasons, a bed of pansies in spring. And then it hit me—a gift card bought her permission to get started this spring.

THE NOTE IN HER CARD:

There's no time like now! I'll be ready with my garden gloves.

Available in any denomination. And we'll send it with a little note!

A 'Mini' makes up in texture, style and personality what it lacks in stature. And it's the perfect small-scale project to share with kids.

A few tips to get you started:

CHOOSE A CONTAINER as the foundation for your Mini.

ADD A FOCAL POINT, for example, a miniature evergreen conifer.

EMBELLISH WITH THE TEXTURE of countless sedum varieties, succulents and low creeping plants to magically transform your Mini into a rolling landscape.

HAVE FUN WITH ACCESSORIES. Stay simple and stylish with a tiny gate or classic and elegant with a small arbor or stone pedestal. Try whimsical with pint-sized houses, lawn furniture or a tiny wheelbarrow. Even update your Mini with seasonal decorations.

GET INSPIRED by a small sampling of Mini Gardens right here at Altums, where you'll find everything you need to master the Mini.

Mini Gardens represent the **SMALLER, SIMPLER PLEASURES IN LIFE** like enjoying our families and friends and the little things that bring us happiness.

LOVE YOUR LANDSCAPE AGAIN

WELL ESTABLISHED

Your yard isn't the sum of your existence, but it sure makes you feel good to come home to a beautiful yard, doesn't it?

What's stopping you? Even little changes can have a big impact. So, like anything else, it's good to have a plan. That's where Snapshot Consultations come in.

who: Who better than you!

what: Snapshot Gardening Consultation

what to bring: Snapshots of the desired area & measurements

where: Altum's

when: Anytime. Visit <http://www.altums.com/consultation.htm> or call us at 733.GROW (4769) to schedule a convenient time.

how much: \$35. Includes a review of your garden snapshot, professional design recommendations, a \$25 giftcard toward materials, and a leisurely walk through the garden center to get you started.



always GROUNDBREAKING NEWS

Altum's Horticultural Center and Landscape will celebrate 52 years in business this spring.

It is second-generation owner, Dana Altum's vision that the upcoming years will be spent inspiring customers at Altum's soon-to-be (Fall 2010) new location just four minutes north on Michigan and 146th Street.

"We are excited for a more intimate experience for our customers and as always, we want to build on the long-term relationships we have with them," says Dana.

The wooded lot previously occupied by the Woods Edge Greenhouse is filled with **mature trees** and **shaded walkways**—a natural fit for Altum's. "If you would have asked us what we envisioned for customers, this was it, an inspiring ambience that will be a naturally beautiful backdrop for all the best gardening has to offer."

In the meantime, Altum's is in full swing at its current location.

"We're going to 'wow' you this spring and summer and keep you posted on the progress. **Until then, we're here when you need us.**"



MARCH CHECKLIST

REALLY? ANOTHER LIST? NO WORRIES, THIS ONE'S FUN!

rediscover your imagination

It can't hurt, right? Somewhere in there, you've got stylish ideas and creative projects to spare. Maybe you can picture the yard or garden you've always wanted. Maybe not. Either way, let's talk!

beat weeds to the punch

Apply a bit of **Turf & Ornamental Grass Weed Stopper** before spreading a fresh layer of **Altum's premium Hardwood and Forest Fines Mulch** in tree and shrub beds.

check for winterburn



We're not the only ones to feel the effects of a long, cold winter. Call or email us for pointers on spotting winterburn/injury to your plants and the recommended course of action.

start fresh

Empty out containers and fill with **fresh Altum's potting soil** custom blended for maximum flower power.

banish winter-bare

Bring on the color, baby! Liven up your flower-beds and containers with colorful, frost-tolerant pansies and other cool-loving annuals. Add a dose of **Blooming & Rooting** for big, healthy blooms all season.

let them eat...fertilizer

Give your trees, shrubs, perennials, and bulbs some much-needed sustenance with **All Purpose Fertilizer 10-10-10**.

plant one on your family

Show your love with a handful of veggie seeds this spring. Have everyone pick their favorite vegetable or herb, then stage your own spring farmer's market right on your kitchen windowsill.

green up

Save paper and sign up for the Altum's enewsletter at www.altums.com. And, do something good for plants and the planet...recycle your black, plastic garden pots at our **Drop-Your-Pots Recycling Zone**.

let's grow together

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