NEW RIVER OFFERING TWO GARDENING WORKSHOPS IN JUNE

[BECKLEY, WV] New River Community and Technical College is offering two gardening workshops on the Beckley Campus during the month of June.

“Maintaining Your Garden,” a two-hour workshop, will be offered Thursday, June 17, from 6-8 p.m. The instructor is David Richmond, WVU extension agent for agriculture. Topics for discussion include proper tillage, soil management, time of planting and harvesting, and crop diversification.

Richmond also will discuss watering practices, pest identification and general gardening practices to help control disease and insects. Through applications of time-honored techniques and principles, a garden can yield rewards all season long.

“Creating a Backyard Habitat,” a workshop designed to introduce gardening and birding techniques to create a friendly space for songbirds and native butterflies, will be offered Monday, June 21, from 6-8 p.m. The instructor is Master Gardener Polly Reynolds.

A backyard habitat can be developed in even the smallest of spaces; or, you might choose to do a complete overhaul of your current landscape to incorporate wildlife-friendly elements. Whatever the scope of your project, you should know that even a few small changes will attract wildlife to your yard.

These workshops are non-credit offerings that will be taught at New River’s Office of Workforce Education on the Beckley campus. Cost for each is $25. Class size is limited and preregistration is required. For more information, or to register, call (304) 929-6735 or (304) 872-4520.

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