Kenton County Cooperative Extension Service

Main Office & Outdoor Education Center (OEC)
10990 Marshall Road
Covington, KY 41015
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Satellite Classrooms - Durr Annex
3099 Dixie Highway
Edgewood, KY 41018

Register in person, by phone or on-line @www.kentoncountyextension.com.
Registration required for all classes.
Some classes may require a fee.
All checks payable to “Kenton County District Board.”

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Cooperative Extension Programs Help Individuals, Groups and Communities Help Themselves

Your Kenton County Extension Service provides research-based educational programs in the areas of Family and Consumer Sciences, Agriculture, Horticulture, 4-H Youth Development and Community Development.

Class Schedule: August 2015 - February 2016

Gardening & More!

Fall Lawn Care
Thurs., Aug. 20, 2015, 6-8 pm, OEC Barn
Did you know that fall is prime time to renovate an old lawn, or start a new one? Late fall is also the best time of the year to fertilize. Come learn how it’s done.

Growing & Using Dried Flowers
Thurs., Sept. 3, 2015, 12 - 12:45 pm, Durr Annex, Edgewood
Many favorite flowers are easy to grow, dry and preserve for use in wreaths, crafts, cooking, and decorations. Come ready to be inspired! Bring a sack lunch; learn while you munch.

Overwintering Tropical Plants
Tues., Sept. 8, 2015, 12-12:45 pm, Durr Annex, Edgewood
Learn how to keep tropical hibiscus, jasmine, passion vine, citrus, and other warm-season plants happy here over the winter without a greenhouse. Bring a sack lunch; learn while you munch.

Retaining Walls
Thurs., Oct. 1, 2015, 6-8 pm, OEC & Barn, Marshall Rd.
Learn how to build a low retaining wall in your yard or garden. Hear how to choose the right materials, and watch as we put in a wall at the Outdoor Education Center.

Growing Herbs for Mexican Cooking: More Than Cilantro!
Thurs., Oct. 15, 2015, 6-8 pm, Durr Annex, Edgewood
Mexican cooks use a wide array of culinary herbs; some of them will grow quite happily in a pot or your garden. See what they look like, learn how to grow them, taste them, and take a little bit home to use over the weekend. Limited to the first 30 paid registrants. $5.00 fee.

Growing & Harvesting Persimmons
Tues., Oct. 20, 2015, 12-12:45 pm, Durr Annex, Edgewood
Persimmon trees are native to Kentucky, and their fruits are delicious. Come learn how to grow your own, harvest wild ones, or just taste a persimmon treat. Bring a sack lunch; learn while you munch.

Friendly Fungi in the Garden
Tues., Nov. 3, 2015, 12-12:45 pm, Durr Annex, Edgewood
Have you heard about mycorrhizae and “Beneficial Fungi”? Come hear about some of these amazing organisms, and how they benefit your plants and soil. Bring a sack lunch; learn while you munch.

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Most classes are held at either the Durr Extension Center, 10990 Marshall Road, Covington, or our Annex office at 3099 Dixie Highway. Call 356-3155 for information or to pre-register.
Why Water?
Fri., Sept. 4, 10 am, Durr Annex, Edgewood
Water, of all the nutrients, is the most important and serves many essential functions. The human body is approximately 65% water. This water performs a lot of functions that are critical to staying healthy. While we can live for a long time without food, we can survive only a few days without water or some other liquid to hydrate our bodies.

Is it Good or Bad for Me?
4 Sessions - join us for one, two or all four.
All sessions 6 pm, Durr Annex, Edgewood
Coffee with Ronda Tues., Sept. 8
Oh, Nuts! Tues., Sept. 15
All about Chocolate Tues., Sept. 22
Eggciting Foods Wed., Oct. 21
Are you confused about the benefits or problems with consuming certain foods? During this 4-part series, we will investigate 4 of our most favorite and often controversial products: coffee, nuts, chocolate, and eggs. Join us for one, two or all four sessions.

Fall Floral Centerpiece
Wed., Nov. 18, 2015, 6-8 pm, Durr Annex, Edgewood
Come make a fresh floral arrangement for your Thanksgiving table. It’s easier than you think! Bring kitchen scissors and pruners; we supply the rest. $12.00 fee. Limited to the first 25 paid registrants.

Evergreen Holiday Centerpiece
Thurs., Dec. 3 2015, 6-8 pm, Durr Annex, Edgewood
A Kenton tradition. Come make a floral centerpiece for your holiday table. Bring gloves and pruners; we supply the rest. $12.00 fee. Limited to the first 25 paid registrants.

Smartphone Apps for Gardeners
Fri., Jan. 8, 2016, 12 – 12:45 pm, Durr Annex, Edgewood
There are lots of terrific apps out there. Come see and try out some of our favorites. For either Android or Apple Smartphones. Bring a sack lunch; learn while you munch.

Spring-Planted Bulbs
Thurs., Jan. 28, 2016, 12 - 12:45 pm, Durr Annex, Edgewood
It’s time to think spring. Get some new ideas for your yard or garden. Many of these bulbs are super for pots, too. Bring a sack lunch; learn while you munch.

Increase the Energy Efficiency of Your Home
Thurs, Oct. 8, 2015, 10 am
Durr Annex, Edgewood
Fall is a great time to address the energy efficiency in your home. Cost saving tips to reduce your winter utility bills will be taught and participants will learn how to complete an in-home self-assessment.

Retired, Now What?
Tues., Oct. 13, 2015, 6 – 7:30 pm
Durr Annex, Edgewood
Individuals are retiring younger and younger, but what should they do with their newfound “free” time? This class will help retirees discover leisurely activities, maybe find a new place to live, or even start a new career! These ideas and more will be covered during this great class for retirees.

Medicare
Thurs., Oct. 15, 2015, 2-2:30 pm
Durr Annex, Edgewood
Have questions about Medicare benefits? This class will help you understand the ins and outs of this benefit.

Basic Investing
Tues., Oct. 27, 2015, 6-7:30 pm
Durr Annex, Edgewood
A class on basic investing focusing on understanding and accepting risks, investment choices (stocks, bonds, mutual funds) setting goals, and diversification.

Investing for Retirement
Thursday, November 12, 2015, 6-7:30 pm, Durr Annex, Edgewood
Class will focus on ways to utilize your investments to aid in reaching retirement goals.

Got Radon? Why Care?
Monday, November 16, 10 am
Durr Annex, Edgewood
Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States. It lurks unseen and unknown in many houses in Northern Kentucky. Learn about what it is, where it is found, health concerns, how to get a free test kit for use in your home, and how to correct levels if they are higher than recommended.

Pepper Power in the Garden
Thurs., Mar. 3, 2016, 12-12:45 pm, Durr Annex, Edgewood
Grow something fun from an amazing rainbow of peppers, both sweet or hot. Check out what’s new for 2016. Learn how to grow your own from seed. Bring a sack lunch; learn while you munch.

Vertical Garden Planters
Feb. 2016
Make and take home a “Vertical Garden” that’s a beautiful wall of wood planter boxes for your small-space garden. Easier on the back and knees, too. Watch for more information to come.
Food, Fun and Nutrition

Cooking Up Diabetes Self-Management
3-Part Series; Tuesdays, Oct. 13, 20, 27
All classes 1-4:30 pm, Durr Annex, Edgewood
The Northern Kentucky Health Department and the Kenton County Cooperative Extension Service are collaborating on this 3-part class series to help people better manage their diabetes. Topics will include what is diabetes, healthy eating, preventing complications and more. The classes will be taught by a Registered Nurse/Certified Diabetes Educator and a Registered Dietitian/Licensed Diabetes Educator from the Health Department. The Kenton County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences will instruct on ways to prepare healthy foods, including a delicious lunch at the final session. The class is open to people with diabetes and their family and friends.

Pie Crust Basics
Tues., Oct. 27, 2015, 10 am, Durr Center, Marshall Rd.
OR Tues., Nov. 3, 2015, 6 pm, Durr Center, Marshall Rd.
Participants will be instructed on the basics of making a pie crust as they create their own fruit pie to take home and bake or freeze.

Holiday Panorama
Tuesday, November 10, 4-6:30 pm, Durr Center, Marshall Rd.
Before you know it, it will be time to “Deck those Halls” again! During this open house, stop by and you will see a variety of decorating and easy gift giving ideas, plus try some delicious food ideas. Your fee will include generous “tastes” plus a book of instructions and recipes for items shown and tasted. Class size limited.
Class fee: $8.00. Checks payable to Kenton Co. District Board.

Ancient Grains
Thursday, November 12, 6 pm, Durr Annex, Edgewood;
Repeated: Friday, November 20, 10 am at the Boone County Extension Service (Call 586-6101 to register for November 20 session.)
Ancient grains, such as spelt, farro and others, are appearing in our markets. Learn about these “special” grains—their characteristics and recommended cooking techniques.

Kenton County Farm Harvest Tour
September 19, 9 am-5 pm, Rain or Shine!

Kenton County locations will open their doors to the public for the fifth Kenton County Farm Harvest Tour, a festive day of down-on-the-farm family fun. This self-guided tour features some of Kenton County’s finest farms, exciting interactive activities and the chance to discover the roots of food grown in our region.
One new stop has been added this year: The Free Radical Ranch has demonstrations and fun-filled activities planned. You will once again be invited to visit the Independence Farmers’ Market, the Kenton County Cooperative Extension Outdoor Education Center, Redman’s Farm and Winery, Poverty Hollow Farm, Funk’s Hickory Ridge Farm, Triple J Farms, Rising Phoenix Farm, Atwood Hill Winery, Ed-Mar Dairy, Northern Kentucky Horse Network at Kenton County Fair Grounds, Honey Locust Farms, and the Kenton County Library Durr Branch.
4-H Clover Bud Meetings
Third Wednesday of each month, 7 pm, Durr Annex, Edgewood
First meeting scheduled in September 2015
Do you have a child who wants to join 4-H but is not 4-H age? This club is for you. Children in school K-3 are invited to become a Clover Bud. We will do fun activities such as crafts, cooking and science each month.

County Fair 4-H Animal Projects
Wed., Sept. 23, 6:30 pm
Durr Center, Marshall Rd.
Are you curious what it would take to show a pet or livestock project at the county fair? This information-filled class is designed to help you decide. In addition to learning about the different projects from leaders and 4-H members, you will learn about community 4-H clubs that are specific to pets or farm animals. Come learn with us...it’s fun!

Horse Education Programs/Clubs
All interested youth desiring to participate in horse programs must enroll in 4-H and complete six hours of instructional training in order to be eligible for participation. Certified horse hours are offered September thru March.

Reality Store
Offered October through April
4-H Reality Store process helps young people determine whether their career aspirations provide the income for their desired lifestyle. This program is offered to schools for 8th-12th grade students October through April. Contact the Extension office for information and two months prior to scheduling.

Livestock Programs - Youth must begin participation November 2015
Youth desiring to participate in 4-H livestock must complete six hours of instruction to be eligible for participation. Certified 4-H livestock hours are offered October-January 2016 (3 hours completed by December) if you are new to 4-H, please contact the Extension office by October 15 for information.

4-H Dog Club
Starts in January 2016
6-7:00 pm, Durr Annex, Edgewood
Help your dog learn basic behaviors, impulse control, sit, stay, down, loose-leash walking and more.

Bring a Buddy to Sew
Mondays, January 25 to March 7, 2016
4-6 pm, Durr Annex, Edgewood
This is the first 4-H sewing unit for clothing construction. Completion of this class is required for youth (ages 9-18) to participate in more advanced sewing projects and special sewing project days.

Babysitting Basics Classes
Held throughout the year at various locations
Youth aged 12 years or older will learn the basics of babysitting including child development, safety and first aid, care of infants and children, and learning activities for young children.

4-H Shooting Sports Club
Looking for Leaders
If you are interested in becoming a certified 4-H shooting sports volunteer, please contact Denise Donahue at 859-356-3155.

Transferring Photos
1-2:30 pm OR 6-7:30 pm.
(Please choose one.)
All classes at Durr Annex, Edgewood
Have you wanted to send a photo from your digital camera to a friend or relative and don’t know how? This class will demonstrate how to transfer pictures from your camera to your computer in minutes. It will teach you how to save, view, and send your photos to the whole family! Part 2 of this class will walk you through step-by-step to making your photos look better than ever utilizing software on the PC. Please bring camera with photos or card with photos to the class. Must have prior computer knowledge. Class is limited to first 8 callers for each class (minimum 5 participants for class to be held).

Internet Safety and You: Do You Feel Safe Online?
Tues., Sept. 22, 2015, 6 – 7:30 pm, Durr Annex, Edgewood
Who can see your information? Where does your information go? Are you safe? All these questions are answered and more at our Internet Safety class. This class will teach you how to be safe on multiple platforms (Facebook, Smartphone, email, surfing the web, etc.)