

Raingardens and Beyond: Healthy Yards, Clean Water

You can help keep our lakes, rivers and streams clean by the simple changes you make in your yard care choices. This workshop explores the latest in healthy yard care practices, including proper use of fertilizers, disposal and reuse of yard waste, keeping sidewalks ice free and managing runoff onsite. This workshop is designed to move participants quickly from an overview of healthy yard care practices to a completed raingarden design for their property with one-on-one assistance from Metro Blooms landscape designers and Hennepin County Master Gardeners. Register now. Some locations fill up fast. The \$15 workshops will be offered from mid-April to mid-June:

Date	Day	Time	Location
24-Apr	Wednesday	6 - 9 pm	Brooklyn Park Community Center
25-Apr	Thursday	6 - 9 pm	St. Louis Park Rec Center
27-Apr	Saturday	10 - 1 pm	Audubon Park Rec Center. Minneapolis
7-May	Tuesday	6 - 9 pm	Chanhassen Public Works Building
8-May	Wednesday	6 - 9 pm	Fire Station, Vadnais Heights
9-May	Thursday	6 - 9 pm	Nokomis Park Rec Center. Minneapolis
11-May	Saturday	9 - 12 pm	Longfellow Park Rec Center. Minneapolis
14-May	Tuesday	6 - 9 pm	Brooklyn Center Community Center
15-May	Wednesday	6 - 9 pm	Brookview Community Center. Golden Valley
16-May	Thursday	6 - 9 pm	St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church. Minneapolis
21-May	Tuesday	6 - 9 pm	St. Barnabas Church. Plymouth
1-Jun	Saturday	1 - 4 pm	North Regional Library. Minneapolis

Whether you are an experienced gardener or have never tried gardening before, these eco-friendly gardening workshops will help you learn how to:

- Capture rainwater on site with raingardens.
- Redirect our downspouts and install a rain barrel.
- Plan your own garden with one-on-one assistance from landscape designers and Hennepin County Master Gardeners.
- Use beautiful native plants in your garden landscape.
- Adopt healthy yard care practices for you and for our clean waters.

Participants are also eligible for a low-cost onsite consultation and raingarden design rendering from a landscape design professional.

“Metro Blooms has been partnering with Twin Cities Metro communities to provide low-cost raingarden workshops since 2005,” said Metro Blooms Executive Director Becky Rice. “In 2013 alone, over 400 workshop attendees installed 140 raingardens. An average-sized residential raingarden captures approximately 400 gallons of runoff every time it rains 1 inch, so each of us can make a substantial impact.”

To register, visit [metroblooms.org](http://metroblooms.org) or call 651-699-2426. Or mail payment to Raingarden Workshop Registration, P.O. Box 17099, Minneapolis., MN 55417. Enclose a check, payable to Metro Blooms and be sure to include the workshop location, your name, address, zip code, phone number and email address. Fee: \$10-15 per workshop.

Sponsored in part by the cities of Minneapolis, Edina, Champlin, St. Louis Park, Brooklyn Park, Bloomington, Fridley, Plymouth, Brooklyn Center, Crystal, Golden Valley, New Hope, Robbinsdale, Dayton, Maple Grove, Rogers and Medina as well as the Rice Creek Watershed District, Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, Mississippi Watershed Management Organization, Elm Creek Watershed Management Organization, Bassett Creek Watershed District, Shingle Creek and West Mississippi Watershed Management Organization, Coon Creek Watershed District and Nine Mile Creek Watershed District.

Metro Blooms, a non-profit organization, works to strengthen communities by promoting environmentally-sound landscaping that beautifies neighborhoods and protects our environment

## 2012-2013 School Year

### Summary of 4th Grade Class Visits & Events

2013 - 15 schools, 70 classes, 1848 students.

#### Lesson 1: What is a Watershed and Why do we Care?

WMWA Budget includes: 24 Classes

Date	School	School District	Watershed	# of Classes	# Students	Funded By
17-25 Jan	Zachary Lane Elem. School	Robbinsdale	Bassett	4	96	City of Plymouth
12-Mar	Noble Academy	MN Hmong Charter School	Shingle	2	48	WMWA
13-Mar	Northport Elem. School	Robbinsdale	Shingle	4	80	WMWA
27-Mar	Oakwood Elem. School	Wayzata	Minnehaha	2	48	City of Plymouth
15-Mar	Gleason Lake Elem.	Wayzata	Minnehaha	1	25	City of Plymouth
25-26 Mar	Plymouth Creek	Wayzata	Bassett	5	127	WMWA
29-Apr	Kimberly Lane	Wayzata	Bassett	5	125	WMWA
7-May	St. Vincent de Paul	Catholic School (BP/Osseo)	W. Mississippi	2	54	WMWA
21-May	Meadow Lake Elem	Robbinsdale	Shingle	4	80	WMWA
30-May	Oxbow	Anoka-Hennepin	W. Mississippi	2	63	WMWA
4-5 June	Weaver Lake Elem	Osseo	Elm	4	124	WMWA
Total funded by WMWA:				28	701	
Total Funded by City of Plymouth:				7	169	

## 2013-2014 School Year

### Summary of 4th Grade Class Visits & Events

#### Lesson 1: What is a Watershed and Why do we Care?

Date	School	School District	Watershed	# of Classes	# Students	Presentation Hours used	Funded By
17-18 Sept	Woodland Elem	Osseo	W. Mississippi	5	160	7	WMWA
2 Oct.	Monroe Elem	Anoka-Hennepin	W. Mississippi	4	119	5	WMWA
3-4 Oct	Ch/BP Academy	Anoka-Hennepin	W. Mississippi	7	142	7	WMWA
3-4 Oct	Weaver Lake	Osseo	Elm Creek	4	150	5	WMWA
10, 21-22 Oct	Oxbow Creek	Anoka-Hennepin	W. Mississippi	6	180	8.25	WMWA
25-Oct	Rogers	Elk River	Elm Creek	4	120	6.5	WMWA
28-Oct	Meadow Lake	Robbinsdale	Shingle	5	107	6.25	WMWA
Spring TBD	Kimberly Ln	Wayzata	Bassett Creek	6			WMWA

Spring TBD	Plymouth Creek	Wayzata	Bassett Creek	5		WMWA
Spring TBD	Rush Creek	Osseo	Elm Creek	5		WMWA
Spring TBD	Rice Lake	Osseo	Elm Creek	4		WMWA
Spring TBD	Oak View	Osseo	Shingle Creek	6		WMWA
Spring TBD	Elm Creek	Osseo	Elm Creek	3		WMWA
Spring TBD	St. Vincent de Paul	Parochial	W. Mississippi	2		WMWA
Spring TBD	Earle Brown Elem.	Brooklyn Center (class 27-30)	W. Mississippi	6		WMWA

Total funded by WMWA:	72	978	45
Average/class:		27	1.3
Average/school:	4.8	139	6

**\*\*New Schools in 2013-2014 school year**

## 2012-2013 School Year

All events listed were in 2013

### Lesson 2: The Incredible Journey-Project WET Water Cycle Activity

WMWA Budget includes: 8 Classes

Date	School	Watershed	# of Classes	# Students	Funded By	
10-May	Noble Academy	MN Hmong Charter School	Shingle/W. Miss	2	51	WMWA
Cancelled	Northport Elem. School	Robbinsdale	Shingle	0	**TRPD is doing same activity	
21-May	Kimberly Lane	Wayzata	Bassett	5	125	WMWA
3-Jun	St. Vincent de Paul	Catholic School (BP/Osseo)	W. Mississippi	2	54	WMWA
			Total:	9	230	

### Community Events

WMWA Budget includes: 6 events

Date	Event	Location	Watershed	# of attendee:	Funded By
12-13 Apr	Plymouth Yard & Garden	Plymouth	Bass/Shingle	TBD	WMWA
20-Apr	Earth Fest	Brooklyn Center	Shingle/W. Miss	TBD	WMWA
23-May	Plymouth Env. Quality Fair	Plymouth	Bassett	TBD	WMWA
22-May	STEM Fair	Rogers Elem. School	Elm	TBD	WMWA
22-Jun	New Hope City Day	New Hope	Bass/Shingle	TBD	WMWA