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Watch it Grow Garden Tour Series

Toledo, Ohio—Stroll through the Toledo Zoo's beautiful gardens and see how they grow, bloom and change throughout the season. Different aspects of gardening will be highlighted each month along with historical information about the gardens, greenhouses, and Conservatory.

These hour-long tours are FREE with regular Zoo admission and are scheduled on the 3rd Wednesday from June through September at 10:30 am. Conducted by Master Gardener Lori Fenton, participants should meet in front of the Conservatory (near the Aquarium). No reservations required nor attendance at all of the sessions--come when you can. Master Gardeners receive one hour of continuing education credit for each tour attended.

June 15 - Planting Your Garden: Tour topics include: selecting the proper plant; spacing; light requirements; soil preparation; container gardening and starting a photo reference. Featured flowers in bloom will include: roses; daylilies; California poppies; allium; iris; peonies; hybrid lilies; geum; liatris and yarrow.

July 20 - Maintaining Your Garden: Learn about proper grooming, dead heading, weeding, fertilization, cultural practices, pruning perennials and container maintenance. Featured flowers in bloom include: monarda, echinacea, daylilies, hibiscus, gomphrena, benary's giant and profusion zinnias.

August 17 - Evaluating Your Garden: Topics include: evaluating your garden, what worked, what didn't; collecting seed and planning for next year. Featured flowers in bloom include: anemone; hibiscus; annuals.

September 21 - Preparing Your Garden For Winter: Learn about amending soil, plan and prune for the birds and fall and winter landscape. Featured flowers in bloom include: asters; phlox; annuals; goldenrod and gaillardia.

The Toledo Zoo is open daily from 10 am to 5 pm and is located on the Anthony Wayne Trail (US 25), four miles south of downtown Toledo. For more information and all the affordable fun at your Toledo Zoo, please visit www.toledo zoo.org or call (419) 385-4040. Lucas County residents are admitted free of charge each Monday from 10 am to noon. ID showing proof of residency is required.

The Toledo Zoo is committed to inspiring others to join in caring for animals and conserving the natural world. As part of that mission, The Toledo Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), a leader in global wildlife conservation. AZA member institutions are dedicated to providing excellent care for animals, a great experience for visitors and a better future for all living things.

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