Reynolds Community College to host Spring Garden Fest on Goochland Campus

RICHMOND, Va. (March 25, 2014) – Just in time for spring planting, Reynolds Community College, the Goochland-Powhatan Master Gardeners and the VA Cooperative Extension will host the Annual Spring Garden Fest, a day filled with valuable gardening classes, workshops, demonstrations and displays. The event, scheduled for Saturday, April 26 will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine, on the college’s Goochland Campus located at 1851 Dickinson Road in Goochland.

Spring Garden Fest offers classes and workshops on a variety of horticultural topics of interest to the home gardener. A $10 pre-registration fee covers all classes for the day with a modest additional charge for materials for hands-on workshops, attending the keynote presentation by Becky Heath from Brent & Becky’s Bulbs, or registering at the door.

The public is invited to stop by any time during the event at no cost, to stroll the beautifully renovated campus landscape and display gardens, get horticultural questions answered, visit the kid’s planting area, and shop vendors selling plants and other garden-related items.

More than 20 different gardening sessions will be conducted throughout the day including “Successful Shade Gardening,” “Unusual Edibles” and “How to become a Purple Martin Landlord.” Attendees are encouraged to register early for the gardening sessions as space is limited and sessions fill up quickly. Throughout the day, local Master Gardeners will also be on-hand to answer questions and give gardening tips.

Reynolds Horticulture Specialist Scott Burrell noted, “At Spring Garden Fest we will have great plants for purchase and area vendors will offer their specialty plants for sale, too. This event offers the public a smorgasbord of demonstrations, displays and workshops on hot horticultural topics like practical home plant propagation, and planning a ‘moon garden’. The end of April is the time in Central Virginia to purchase plants and learn more tips on better gardening. Come learn and plant, plant, plant!”

For more information and a full list of available gardening sessions and to register, visit www.gpmga.org or call 804.556-5841.

Serving over 20,000 students annually, J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College is the youngest and third largest of 23 community colleges in Virginia. The College operates three campuses serving residents in the City of Richmond and the counties of Henrico, Hanover, Goochland, Powhatan and Louisa.