Tomato gardening workshop set for July 23 at Henry library

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Home gardeners struggling with tomato plants can learn how to troubleshoot common issues at an upcoming free workshop hosted by the University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener Program at the Henry Public Library.

The workshop will take place at 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 23, at 702 Front St. Participants will learn how to identify and address typical problems that affect tomato plants, with guidance from trained Master Gardeners.

The class is free. Registration is requested to ensure enough space and materials are available. To register, visit the extension at tinyurl.com/4eubm78x.

For information or to request reasonable accommodations, contact the Master Gardener/Master Naturalist Coordinator at bettyann@illinois.edu or 309-364-2356.

The University of Illinois Extension serves as the public outreach arm of the university, helping families, businesses and communities apply research-based knowledge to real-world problems.

Learn the 'Language of Flowers' on July 17 at Granville library

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The Putnam County Public Library District is pleased to host "Language of Flowers," a special presentation by Marcy Lautanen-Raleigh from Backyard Patch Herbs at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 17, at the Granville branch.

Attendees will explore the captivating world of floriography, the Victorian-era practice of conveying messages through flowers. Participants will discover the symbolic meanings behind various blooms and learn how "talking bouquets" were once used to communicate sentiments too delicate to be spoken aloud.

The event will feature a live demonstration on the creation of tussie-mussies and elegant floral arrangements, offering a practical and artistic look at this timeless tradition. Participants will also have the opportunity to interpret a curated selection of symbolic bouquets, applying the knowledge they've gained in a meaningful and interactive way.

This program is free and open to the public. For information, call 815-339-2038. The Granville Branch is located at 214 S. McCoy St.

IVCC tuition due July 30; payments, aid confirmation required

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Tuition for Illinois Valley Community College students is due Wednesday, July 30.

Students must pay in full, arrange a payment plan or notify the college they will be using financial aid to prevent being dropped from the roster and having to re-enroll, according to a news release.

A delay could cost students their preferred schedule if class seats are filled, forcing them to choose another class section or wait longer to take the course.

According to the release, most enrollees who miss the tuition deadline and are dropped are quickly reinstated when they respond to a notification. This year, students will be receiving a combination of mailings, emails, texts and phone calls before the deadline approaches.

IVCC Bursar Miguel Hermosillo urges students to take prompt action if they receive the notifications. Timing is also key in establishing payment plans, which, if done early, can result in smaller installments.

"Students appreciate that payment plans give them time to pay," Hermosillo said in a news release.

Payment plans, payments, and class schedules can be arranged using the IVCC Self-Service portal.

Financial aid does not automatically kick in at enrollment, so students must verify with the College to ensure their financial aid is released for payments. The news release said, nearly half of the enrollees receive some sort of financial aid.

For information, call the IVCC cashier's office at 815-224-0213.

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