

## **The Friends of Milford Library and the Milford Recreation Department's Benson-Crump Memorial Community Gardens Program**

*are pleased to announce*

their eighth season teaming up to co-sponsor four exciting spring gardening lectures at the Milford Public Library on New Haven Avenue. All lectures are free, open to the public, and begin promptly at 7:00 pm. in the library Program Room. Coffee, tea, and light pastries will be served. Bring a friend and all your gardening questions and enjoy all four fun and informative lectures. For more information, please call 783-3307.

**Monday, March 22, 2010 - “*Root Cellars*” - Preserving Your Gardens Bounty with Bill Duesing, Executive Director of The Northeast Organic Farming Association.**

Learn how to make your own invaluable storage structure for your vegetables, fruits, nuts, and more while reducing expenses, maintaining freshness, and feeding your family all year long. Extremely popular years ago, root cellars are rapidly growing in popularity once again.

**Monday, April 12, 2010 - “*Improving Your Soil*” - Lecture and Soil Sample Drop Off with Greg Bugby of the Connecticut Agricultural Station.**

It's all about the soil, so what's in yours? Bring a sample of your garden soil in a gallon baggie for drop off and the Ag Station will analyze it for you. Learn how you can improve your soil organically, what soil type is right for what you are growing and the importance of earthworms and composition.

**Monday, April 19, 2010 - “*Creating A Garden of Color*” - How to Use Spring and Summer Annuals and Perennials to Add Pizzazz to Your Garden. Presented by Filanowski Farm.**

Learn some helpful tips on companion planting and how to design and liven up your garden with color. Come and check out many new flower varieties for 2010 as well as many beautiful old favorites that are a must in every garden.

**Monday, May 10, 2010 - “*Beyond Herbs*” - Creating an Amazing Herb Garden with Medicinal and Culinary Herbs with Carole Miller, master gardener and owner of TopMost Herb Farm in Coventry, Connecticut.**

Learn how to grow medicinal and culinary herbs organically both inside and outside and pick up many useful tips on the vast amount of uses these amazing herbs have.