Little hands invited to explore Children’s Garden

Georgetown, Del. Children love to get their hands dirty when they play outside – but how often is it a learning experience, feeling the texture and smelling the aroma of healthy planting soil? Sussex County Master Gardeners will supply such an opportunity as they introduce the new Children’s Garden during their Annual “Day in the Garden” Open House on Saturday, July 12, 2008 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Parents and their children can watch the caterpillars enjoy fine dining at the Caterpillar Café. Flit and flutter along with the butterflies! How many different kinds can be found and what are their favorite flowers? Families will learn how to start and pot a new plant to take home. Teepees planted with gourds and vines will provide the perfect backdrop for young explorers. Feel fuzzy Lamb’s Ears and experience the aromas that leaves and flowers produce.

Don’t forget to bring a camera!

In addition to the new children’s feature, “A Day in the Garden” will feature horticulture demonstrations and advice the public has found so informative over the years. Approximately 25 Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer questions, examine patients at the sick plant clinic and share their love of Delaware horticulture.

The Children’s Garden is part of the Master Gardener’s Demonstration Garden located behind the University of Delaware’s Elbert N. and Ann V. Carvel Research and Education Center. The blue and gold tent marks the entrance to full sensory experience that only nature (and some expert green thumbs) can provide.

The Carvel facility is located on Route 9, a quarter of a mile west of Sussex Tech High School and on the same side of the road. It is approximately 4.5 miles west of the Route 113 intersection. There is ample parking and the event is free to the public.

For more information about “A Day in the Garden” or the Sussex County Master Gardeners, and full directions, please visit their Website at www.rec.udel.edu or contact Tracy Wootten at (302) 856-7303, ext. 538 or Karen Adams, ext. 540.

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