

Learn The Art Of Floral Design At Flower Arranging Workshop

Flower lovers and gardeners are invited to get creative at a Flower Arranging Workshop on July 16, 2026, from 6 to 7 p.m. at the MarshallPutnam Extension Office (509 Front St, Henry, IL 61537). This workshop will be led by dedicated University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener volunteers, who will share tips and techniques for creating beautiful floral arrangements. Participants will learn the basics of floral design, including flower selection, balance, and arranging techniques that can be used at home. Fresh, seasonal flowers - including dahlias, zinnias, and other garden favorites - will be provided, many of which will be cut directly from a Master Gardener's own garden. Each participant will create a custom arrangement to take home.

Registration fee of \$10 covers all materials needed to create your arrangement. Register online at go.illinois.edu/FlowerJuly.

For questions or if you need an accommodation to participate, please contact Emily Hansen at emhansen@illinois.edu or 815-433-0707. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time to meet your access needs.

Quick Hits

(From Toluca Front Page)
Layoffs Illinois Companies, Hawthorne Race Course
The latest Illinois Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act notices include Ekland Tool of Franklin Park laying off 112 workers and Saddle Creek corp. of Edwardsville laying off 78 due to plant closures. Hyster-Yale Materials Handling of Danville revised its layoff number from 28 to 76 in a planned relocation. On June 3, Hawthorne Race Course warned that it could lay-off 290 workers in Stickney due to bankruptcy.

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Melba
Little Melba is a five-month old puppy who is playful, active and smart as can be. She'll also climb right into your lap with a wagging tail for lots of attention. She'll need an active lifestyle (with a bit of training) – perfect for someone looking for a constant companion and maybe a dog sports partner! Melba is spayed, micro-chipped and current on all her shots.

Almond
Five-month old Almond is a beautiful ginger kitten living in Daisy's Room. She likes to stay perched up high, so visitors might not notice her right away. She is quiet and keeps to herself and can often be seen snuggling up with Dill. She is spayed, micro-chipped and current on all her shots.