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True or False? Test Your Evergreen Knowledge by Matthew Bucholz

We've all seen them— evergreens— the trees and shrubs that stay green all year. They are a nice dash of color in a winter landscape filled with white snow. Below there are six statements about evergreens that maybe true or perhaps are a colorful deception. You decide. All six answers can be found at the bottom of the page. Good luck and no peeking!

1. Most evergreen trees prefer full shade.
 2. Holly, ivy, and mistletoe— all Christmastime staples—are all evergreens.
 3. Many species of the oak tree are evergreen.
 4. Evergreens can be found in Antarctica.
 5. For every Christmas tree planted, two or three seedlings are planted to replace it.
 6. Browning of pine tree needles is normal in a healthy tree.
- Facts taken from Wikipedia, yankeemagazine.com and colostate.edu

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Eastern White Pine Trees are nice examples of an evergreen tree.

Events of Interest

1/12- "Composting Basics" workshop. 10AM. Urban Roots Garden Ctr. 428 Rhode Island St. Buffalo, 14213. Pre-registration required. Call 362-8982 (Thurs-Sun) to reserve.

Free Gardening Classes Abound in Buffalo by Matthew Bucholz



"Dig" into some of the exciting topics presented in local seminars.

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Looking for something to do during those drab days of winter? There are plenty of free gardening classes that abound in Buffalo all-year round. There are two places that I look to find information on free seminars— Menne Nursery and Urban Roots Garden Center.

Menne Nursery— found in Amherst, NY tends to offer many classes throughout the year. Most of their classes are free and include everything from birding, wreath-making, perennials, and much more. Pre-registration for each class is required (see website for more information). Unfortunately, they tend to take a break in January and February but check www.mennenursery.com on occasion. I have attended a perennials seminar here which turned out to be helpful!

Urban Roots Garden Center— is a Buffalo-based nursery found on Rhode Island St. near Richmond on the West side. Urban Roots also provides free classes throughout the year. There are many classes coming up in the upcoming months: A "Houseplants" seminar is taking place on Sun. January, 20th at noon. On Sat. February 9th at noon there will be a "Gardening in Small Spaces" class. Pre-registration is required (see "Events of Interest" for phone number and info). I have also attended seminars here and they are definitely worthwhile so check them out! Website: www.urbanroots.org

Answers:

1. False, they prefer full sun to part sun.
2. True
3. True
4. False, the harsh climate prevents much plant growth
5. True
6. True

Fast Fact: The town of Kingstree, SC was named after a lone white pine tree that was found on the banks of the Black River. King George (of Britain) was so impressed with its size and uniqueness that he claimed it and made his seal on the bark.