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# back by popular demand:
## West Virginia State University Extension Service offers additional small fruits workshop

**Growing techniques and tips for producing your best small fruits**

**WHO:** WV State University Extension Service

**WHAT:** Small fruit workshop, $10 registration fee

**WHEN:** Thursday, March 19, 2009 from 9am until noon

**WHERE:** South Charleston Public Library (downtown South Charleston on DStreet)

Overwhelming public response to the first small fruits workshop demanded we hold another one. This workshop will teach participants the basic growing techniques for small fruit production. The class will cover fruit production for strawberries, blueberries, blackberries, raspberries, and grapes. Topics discussed in the workshop will include where to plant small fruits, how to maximize production, care of your small garden, and how to harvest and use your fruits. There will be advance ordering of plant materials at the event.

"Now is the perfect time to think about growing your own fruits at home. Knowing where the produce is being grown is the ideal scenario, and from your backyard is as local as you can desire," says Scott Byars, Program Leader for Agriculture and Natural Resources. "We want to share our expertise with individuals to develop the skills necessary to grow their own fruits."

The workshop requires a $10 registration fee (cash or check). Door prizes and giveaways will be distributed throughout the workshop. Registration for the workshop is requested before Tuesday, March 17, by contacting Jeanie Sutphin at (304) 766-5711 or email at sutphinj@wvstateu.edu. In case of inclement weather conditions, an alternate date will be determined. Each participant will then be notified of the make-up date.

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