

# BIRCHBANK FARMS

2020/2021 SCHOOL YEAR

1826 Platt St, Niles, MI 49120

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**Class Title:** LANDSCAPING DESIGN & PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS  
**Category:** Vocational  
**Grades:** Requires interview with instructor. Class size limited to 3 students. Must be 15 years old.  
**Levels:** Advanced  
**When:** To be determined and will vary according to weather and job site locations. 12 sessions of 1 hr 20 min for a total of 16 hrs instruction.  
**Where:** Birchbank Farms  
1826 Platt St, Niles, MI 49107  
**Instructor:** Janine Frizzo  
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**PLEASE NOTE: CLASS DATES AND TIMES MAY CHANGE IF ANY CLASS MUST BE SPLIT UP TO MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING AND STUDENT SAFETY.**

## Class Description

Landscaping will take the student into the professional world of landscaping with an overview of managing clients, developing garden plans, budgeting with some practical experience in a professionally landscaped garden.

The syllabus is a general guideline. Projects, skill goals and order may be changed to better suit the skill level of a particular student. Each student will be required to finish an individual or group project before the end of the semester.

## SYLLABUS/OUTLINE

### Semester 1

1. Interview and project selection from one of 3. Design for new private client, design for historical bldg,, design for edible limited space garden
2. How to start a business. Legalities, business plan. finances. Employees.
3. Equipment selection for specific purpose and budget.
4. Marketing, interviews, resume
5. Rough draft of drawn garden plan with specific plants.
6. Further plan work.site issues, soil tests, drainage, light, pollution, water, predators, maintenance

7. Fine tune presentation
8. Financial estimates, options. Seed and plant purchases
9. Preparatory work on seeds, plant cuttings, cold frame preparation for spring
10. Historical trends, by period and location, nationality
11. Gift packages , gift certificates Photo and hard copy of plan for presentation.
12. Bonus....seed box.mini herbal greenhouse

## SEMESTER II

1. Review of last semester's work
2. Marketing..the real deal competition
3. A plan for your home
4. A plan for a public place in town
5. A final choice, seed and plant selection, budget.
6. Visit site and presentation to client
7. Starting seeds and working with cuttings
8. A community donation
9. Load trailer, truck, tool prep
10. Work site
11. Work site
12. Bonus.....hardscape work for self, planter and base

### **Attendance / Tardy Policy/COVID and Illness Policy**

Your student's attendance and participation in class are required. Illness and pre-approved absences, family emergencies and weather or pandemic related closures will be excused. Make up work for absences in excess of two classes will be assigned if necessary. Your student is required to attend at least 80% of the classes scheduled.

Late arrivals interrupt other student's learning and will not be tolerated on an ongoing basis. If your student has a scheduling conflict and requires some flexibility, we will try to work with you but this must be discussed with and approved by Ms. Frizzo in advance.

There is a ten minute passing period. Students will be expected to assist in clean up and respect the class schedule. All students should endeavor to arrive on time, ready to learn. All students will leave their coats and bags in the entryway. Separate hooks are provided. Shoes will be removed or sanitized at the door. Students will then be required to wash their hands prior to the start of class and again at the end of class. Students will not share supplies and will have a designated place to put their supplies. The classroom will be sanitized by the teacher in between each class.

***IF THE STUDENT OR ANY MEMBER OF HIS/HER FAMILY HAS A FEVER OR CONTAGIOUS DISEASE THEY SHOULD STAY HOME. WE ENCOURAGE ALL OF OUR STUDENTS TO PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE AND RECEIVE TIMELY VACCINATIONS, ESPECIALLY FOR CHICKEN POX AND THE FLU AND CORONAVIRUS, IF AND WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.***

**Questions, please visit our website or send us an email.**