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**Pike Nurseries announces July and August gardening classes**

*FREE classes and events are in full bloom at local garden center*

**ATLANTA (July 15, 2015)** – The dog days of summer are here, and gardens are at their peak with a late season show of beautiful color and flora. To help customers make the most of their home and garden during these sizzling months, the experts at Pike Nurseries are hosting FREE classes on a variety of gardening topics. Guests will even receive 15 percent off on selected items when attending any customer class at the garden center.

**Plant a Pet-Friendly Environment Class**

*Saturday, July 23 at 9 a.m. at all Pike Nurseries store locations*

Homes, backyards and gardens can be a great place for pets to play, enjoy fresh air and exercise. Creating a pet-friendly space is easy and will give owners a peace of mind when their furry friends are out and about for the day. During this free class, Pike Nurseries experts will teach guests which indoor and outdoor plants are safe to have around pets and which plants they should avoid.

**Growing and Repotting Orchids Class**

*Saturday, August 13 at 9 a.m. at all Pike Nurseries store locations*

While orchids may seem difficult to grow, they are actually a very easy and low-maintenance houseplant with elegant, exotic-looking flowers that can last for months! Garden experts will give guests the rundown on all things orchids, including proper watering, feeding and repotting tips.

**Gardening for Beginners Class**

*Saturday, August 27 at 9 a.m. at all Pike Nurseries store locations*

*Back to basics!* For first-time gardeners or those just looking for a refresher, Pike Nurseries is offering a free class focused on gardening basics just in time for the fall growing season. Experts will be on hand to answer all questions, and guests will learn how to determine their soil type and sunlight, what to consider when choosing a plant and general planting and watering information.

For more information on the FREE gardening classes and events offered at Pike Nurseries, please visit

<http://www.pikenursery.com/pages/pike-classes-events>.

**ABOUT PIKE NURSERIES**

Ever committed to its customers' gardening success, Pike Nurseries takes pride in taking the guesswork out of gardening. Offering superior knowledge, quality and selection in a friendly, caring environment, Pike Nurseries has been an Atlanta icon for over 50 years. Founded in 1958 by Pete Pike, its ability to adapt to market conditions and community needs has made it a respected Southern institution. As Atlanta's oldest garden chain, Pike

Nurseries has 16 retail locations in the Atlanta, GA and Charlotte, NC areas. Now led by CEO Mike Kunce, Pike Nurseries looks forward to continued growth as it keeps Atlanta and Charlotte beautiful, one landscape at a time.

For more information, please visit Pike Nurseries online at [www.pikenursery.com](http://www.pikenursery.com).

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