

Frederick County GARDEN SMART



WINTER 2024

Our mission is to educate Maryland residents about safe, effective and sustainable horticultural practices that build healthy gardens, landscapes and communities. Most of our services are FREE.

Plan to Attend January, February & March 2024 Master Gardener Seminars

Join us for FREE seminars, suitable for both beginning and advanced gardeners, at the University of Maryland Extension office, 330 Montevue Lane, Frederick. Registration opens 3 weeks before each seminar. Use the links below or call 301-600-1595. *Seminars focused on growing vegetables and other edibles are marked GIEI (Grow It, Eat It).*

Saturday, January 13, 10 am – noon

Invasive Plants

Find out why non-native plants—especially invasives—are harmful for native birds, butterflies and other pollinators. You will learn to accurately identify and control invasive plants.

► bit.ly/FCMG2024Invasives

Saturday, January 20, 10 am – noon

Garden Pruning

Learn what to prune in the winter and early spring and how to prune to get the most out of your plants.

► bit.ly/FCMG2024Pruning

Saturday, February 3, 10 am – noon

Bay-Wise Principles

Encourage wildlife; control storm water runoff; mow and water efficiently; mulch appropriately and recycle yard waste; fertilize, plant and manage yard pests wisely; and protect the waterfront. These 'best practices' can earn you Bay-Wise certification—and a distinctive yard sign.

► bit.ly/FCMG2024Bay-Wise

Saturday, February 24, 10 am – noon

Indoor Plants and Wellness

Having indoor plants just makes us feel better. Learn about the therapeutic benefits of houseplants. Identify plants that can make for a healthier indoor environment.

► bit.ly/FCMG2024IndoorPlants

Saturday, March 9, 10 am – noon

Bee Habitats

A successful pollinator garden consists of more than pretty flowers. Shelter is a necessary element in supporting our critical insects. Join us in learning about native bee habitats, and learn how to make a bee hotel you can hang in your garden.

► bit.ly/FCMG2024BeeHabitats

Saturday, March 23, 10 am – noon

Creating a Flower Cutting Garden and Flower Arrangements

Learn how to design, plant, and harvest flowers from your own cutting garden. Discover the best sun and shade annuals for cutting and how to maintain the garden for maximum production. We also will demonstrate techniques for creating arrangements.

► bit.ly/FCMG2024CuttingGardens

See page 2 for preliminary info
on seminars and special events
planned for
April through November 2024.

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Get Answers to Your Gardening Questions at <https://extension.umd.edu/ask-extension>



The University of Maryland Extension's team of Certified Professional Horticulturists, Extension faculty, and Master Gardeners answer yard and garden questions from Maryland and Washington, DC, residents. They strive to answer questions within 48 hours, Monday-Friday, and offer this advice to users: "For the fastest answers, search our website first. Read our tips for submitting good photos."

The 2024 Master Gardener training class is FULL. If you are interested, please try for 2025.

For more information: Susan Trice, MG Coordinator, 301-600-1596, strice@umd.edu, 330 Montevue Lane, Frederick, MD 21702. Also visit us at <http://www.facebook.com/mastergardenersfrederickcountymaryland> and <http://extension.umd.edu/frederick-county/home-gardening>

Seminars and Special Events Planned for April through December

Watch for details in future issues of this publication and on the FCMG Facebook page.

APRIL

Saturday, April 13, 10 am – noon
Keystone Plants in a Pollinator Garden

Saturday, April 13, 10 am – 2 pm
Master Gardeners at Thurmont Greenfest
Information on environment-friendly gardening at the Thurmont Regional Library

Saturday, April 20, 10 am – noon (GIEI)
Planting the Spring Vegetable Garden

Saturday, April 27, 9 am – 2 pm (or until sold out)
Annual Plant Sale
Thousands of plants at the Frederick Fairgrounds

MAY

Saturday, May 4, 10 am – noon
Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

Saturday, May 18 & Sunday, May 19, 1-5 pm
Frederick Garden Tour
Tours of the Demonstration Garden & displays at the Frederick County Extension Building

Saturday, May 25, 10 am – noon (GIEI)
Growing Herbs Here and There

JUNE

Saturday, June 8, 10 am – noon (GIEI)
Summer Veggie Gardening

Saturday, June 15, 10 am – noon
Pollinators Love ♥ Herbs

Saturday, June 22, 9:30 am – 1:30 pm
Annual EarthFest
Family-friendly activities and displays offered by Master Gardeners and other groups at the Extension Building

JULY

Saturday, July 13, 10 am – noon
A Walk in the Garden: Pollinator Gardening Basics

Saturday, July 20, 10 am – noon (GIEI)
Container Gardening

AUGUST

Saturday, August 3, 10 am – noon
Growing Up Wild
For educators who work with children 3 to 7 years old; adults only

Saturday, August 10, 10 am – noon
Make & Take Mini-Garden
For 1st to 12th graders

Saturday, August 10, 1 pm – 3 pm (GIEI)
Fall Season Vegetable Gardening

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 7, 10 am – noon (GIEI)
Seed Saving for a Sustainable Kitchen Garden

Saturday, September 14 – Saturday, September 21
Master Gardeners at the Great Frederick Fair
Displays, demonstrations and advice in Building 44 – City Streets/ Country Roads

Saturday, September 28, 10 am – noon
Pawpaws, a Little Known Treasure

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 5, 10 am – noon
Mindfulness in the Garden

Saturday, October 12, 10 am – noon
Propagating Native Plants
Limited to 12 participants

NOVEMBER

Saturday, November 2, 10 am – noon
Right Plant, Right Place: Design Fundamentals

Saturday, November 9, 10 am – noon
Honey, I Shrunk the Lawn

Gardening Videos: Perfect for Winter Viewing

Whether it's herbs, vegetables or fruits, there's a video for that! Now's the time to make garden and landscape plans, to get a jump on springtime. Check out the U of MD Extension Home and Garden Information Center (HGIC) YouTube channel to learn about growing food and other garden topics—insects, lawns, trees and shrubs, wildlife—at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwqjsyyQpwZ-HhcFE9L6ung>

Tips for Selecting and Caring for Indoor Plants

Indoor plants can brighten up your home, especially during the winter months in Maryland. Along with the rewards of houseplants come the challenges of keeping them healthy. Learn about plant care, plant problems, and specialty and seasonal plants such as poinsettias, amaryllis, and orchids. See: <https://extension.umd.edu/resource/growing-and-caring-indoor-plants>

This publication has a new name! We will continue to inform readers of upcoming Master Gardener events and provide info and advice on smart gardening practices for Frederick County.

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