

# What Can We Do For You?

*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 Winter 2023 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 7, 10 am – noon (GIEI)**

### Landscaping Solutions for Wet Areas in Your Yard

Do you have wet areas on your property? Learn about ways to solve the problems they cause. We will discuss hydrography and how to create a good flow of water across your landscape.

► [bit.ly/FCMG23WetAreas](http://bit.ly/FCMG23WetAreas)

**Saturday, January 14, 10 am – noon (GIEI)**

### Think You Want a Vegetable Garden? Make a Plan!

Wondering how to plan a home vegetable garden? Learn what kind of garden will fit your needs, when to start, what to plant, and how much is enough. We will share tips on finding resources for planning, garden supplies and seeds.

► [bit.ly/FCMG23VegGardenPlanning](http://bit.ly/FCMG23VegGardenPlanning)

**Saturday, January 21, 10 am – noon (GIEI)**

### Winter 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/FCMG23WinterPruning](http://bit.ly/FCMG23WinterPruning)

**Saturday, February 4, 10 am – noon (GIEI)**

### Seed Starting & Transplanting

Join us for an overview of basic vegetable gardening. Learn how to plan, locate, plant, and maintain your vegetable garden. Find out which plants are best started from seed and when. We will demonstrate how to start and plant seeds.

► [bit.ly/FCMG23Seeds-Transplanting](http://bit.ly/FCMG23Seeds-Transplanting)

**Saturday, February 18, 8 am – 2 pm**

### Elements of a Pollinator Garden

Learn the 4 elements that are essential to creating a garden that attracts and sustains pollinators year-round. We will offer advice on building your own pollinator-friendly habitat, including lists of plants.

► [bit.ly/FCMG23PollinatorGarden](http://bit.ly/FCMG23PollinatorGarden)

**Saturday, February 25, 10 am – noon**

### Right Plant, Right Place: Design Fundamentals

Use basic design principles in your flower gardening to add interest and increase impact! Learn about basic landscape design concepts that can be easily applied to any garden—including shape, color, texture, framing, rhythm, focal points, and other considerations. A good course for new as well as experienced gardeners.

► [bit.ly/FCMG23DesignFundamentals](http://bit.ly/FCMG23DesignFundamentals)

**Saturday, March 4, 10 am – noon (GIEI)**

### Composting & Garden Soil Preparation

From composting to recycling, learn ways to benefit the environment and your garden. We also will offer tips and techniques for using worms to transform your kitchen scraps into nutrition-rich plant fertilizer in a small space inside your home.

► [bit.ly/FCMG23CompostingSoilPrep](http://bit.ly/FCMG23CompostingSoilPrep)

**Saturday, March 11, 10 am – noon (GIEI)**

### Planting the Spring Vegetable Garden

Growing potatoes, broccoli, onions, and peas requires early planning. Learn what to plant and when to start planting spring vegetables. Find out how row covers and mulching can increase your success.

► [bit.ly/FCMG23SpringGarden](http://bit.ly/FCMG23SpringGarden)

**Saturday, March 18, 10 am – noon**

### Pull This, Plant That:

### Invasive Plants & Native Plant Alternatives

Find out why and how to replace non-native plants—especially invasives—with natives that help our native birds, butterflies and other pollinators. You will learn to accurately identify 12 invasive species (the “dirty dozen”); find out how to control them (without herbicides); and discover native alternatives that are beneficial and beautiful.

► [bit.ly/FCMG23InvasivesToNativePlants](http://bit.ly/FCMG23InvasivesToNativePlants)

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## More Seminars Planned for Spring, Summer and Fall

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

### SPRING

Saturday, March 25, 10 am – noon

**Creating a Flower Cutting Garden & Flower Arrangements**

Saturday, April 29, 10 am – noon (GIEI)

**Small-Space Veggie Gardening**

Saturday, May 6, 10 am – noon

**Growing Herbs Here & There**

Saturday, May 13, 10 am – noon (GIEI)

**Planting the Family Garden**

Saturday, June 3, 10 am – noon (GIEI)

**Small Fruits & Berries**

Saturday, June 10, 10 am – noon

**Pollinators Love ♥ Herbs**

Saturday, June 17, 9:30 am – 1:30 pm

**Earth Appreciation Day:**

**Bees, Blooms & Bodacious Bugs**

Held at the Pollinator Garden at the  
Frederick News Post

### SUMMER

Saturday, June 24, 10 am – noon (GIEI)

**Container Gardening**

Saturday, July 1, 10 am – noon

**Understanding Our Watershed**

Saturday, July 8, 10 am – noon (GIEI)

**Harvesting & Storing the Garden's Bounty**

Saturday, July 22, 10 am – noon

**Make & Take Mini-Garden**

For 1<sup>st</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Free for children. \$5 fee for adults to  
plant their own mini garden.

Saturday, July 29, 10 am – noon (GIEI)

**Integrated Pest Management (IPM)**

Saturday, August 5, 9 am – noon

**Growing Up Wild**

For educators who work with children from 3 to 7 years old.  
Adults only. Limited to 25 participants.

Saturday, August 12, 10 am – noon

**Indoor Plants & Wellness**

Saturday, August 19, 10 am – noon (GIEI)

**Fall Season Vegetable Gardening**

Saturday, August 26, 10 am – noon

**Seed Saving for a Sustainable Kitchen Garden**

Saturday, September 9, 10 am – noon

**Mindfulness in the Garden**

Saturday, September 16, 10 am – noon (GIEI)

**Advanced Garden Techniques**

### FALL

Saturday, September 23, 10 am – noon

**Pawpaws, a Little Known Treasure**

Saturday, September 30, 10 am – noon (GIEI)

**Fall Cleanup & Winterizing the Garden**

Saturday, October 7, 10 am – noon

**Propagation of Native Plants**

Saturday, October 14, 10 am – noon

**The Crucial Role of Oaks**

Saturday, October 21, 10 am – noon (GIEI)

**Fall & Winter Pruning**

Saturday, October 28,

**Honey, I Shrunk the Lawn**

## Get Answers to Your Gardening Questions

<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.*"

## Learn About Gardening Under Lights

Whether you want to just dip your toe in the water with a simple spotlight for a lone plant or to set up a shelved light stand or large terrarium, there's a lot to learn about how light characteristics affect plants and which of today's lighting options makes the most sense for your needs and budget. The *Maryland Grows Blog* offers a four-part series of articles aimed at giving you a framework you can build on as you feel comfortable. For the introductory article, see

<https://marylandgrows.umd.edu/2021/11/29/an-introduction-to-gardening-under-lights/>

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