

Where Gardeners Bloom

Master Gardener Seminars for beginning & experienced gardeners alike!

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UNIVERSITY OF
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EXTENSION

MASTER
GARDENER

Seminar Information

SEMINARS ARE FREE *

TIME 10am-noon*
* unless noted

WHERE UMD Extension Office
330 Montevue Lane
Frederick

TO REGISTER

Use links below descriptions
or call 301-600-1595

Join us for seminars for beginning
and advanced gardeners alike.

Doors open at 9:30 am.

The following categories denote
the focus of each seminar.

GIEI Grow it Eat it

POL Pollinators

LG Landscape Gardening

B-W Bay-Wise

TH Therapeutic Horticulture

Walk-ins are welcome, space permitting

For more information about the
Frederick County Master Gardeners go to
bit.ly/FCMG-Home-Gardening

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MAR 4 **GIEI SERIES**
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

MAR 11 **GIEI SERIES**
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

MAR 18 **POL**
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 and control invasive plants and discover native alternatives that are beneficial and beautiful.

bit.ly/FCMG23InvasivesToNativePlants

MAR 25 **LG**
Creating a Flower Cutting Garden & 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/FCMG23CuttingGarden

APR 29 **GIEI SERIES**
Small-Space Veggie Gardening

What techniques work best in small or limited spaces? Find out how to plant square-foot and raised-bed gardens for maximum output from a minimum of space. Get tips and techniques for three types of succession planting.

bit.ly/FCMG23SmallSpaceGardening

MAY 6 **GIEI SERIES**
Growing Herbs Here & There

Learn about the variety of both annual & perennial herbs you can grow in-ground and/or in containers. See how you can plant an herb garden as well as merge herb plantings into your flower and vegetable beds. Take a look at how herbs are grown throughout our demonstration garden, including in our clever herb spiral.

<https://bit.ly/FCMG23GrowingHerbs>

MAY 13 **GIEI SERIES**
Planting the Family Garden

Join us in the Demonstration Garden for a hands-on experience planting the home garden. Learn about seeds and transplants, planting techniques, planting for pollinators, and basic IPM (integrated pest management).

bit.ly/FCMG23FamilyGarden

JUN 3 **GIEI SERIES**
Small Fruits & Berries

Learn how to choose, plant, maintain, care for, and harvest small fruits and berries. Get recommendations for new varieties and tips on when and how to prune.

bit.ly/FCMG23SmallFruitsBerries

JUN 10 **POL**
Pollinators Love ♥ Herbs

Find out how herbs support our endangered pollinators. Think Parsley, Dill and Butterflies! Some herbs host the caterpillar stage of certain butterflies. Many herb flowers supply pollen & nectar to nourish bees, butterflies and other pollinators. We'll guide you in planting and decorating your own mini-garden. Materials will be provided but bring your gardening gloves. Pre-registration is required; limited to 24 adults.

bit.ly/FCMG23PollinatorHerbs

JUN 17 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM **POL**
Earth Appreciation Day: Bees, Blooms, & Bodacious Bugs at The Extension Office

Join us for this family event at the Frederick County Extension Office, 330 Montevue Ln, Frederick, MD. There will be tours, as well as a wealth of information and activities for the whole family!

JUN 24 **GIEI SERIES**
Container Gardening

Even in the limited space of a deck, porch, patio, or balcony, you can create your own garden oasis! See how to grow vegetables, herbs, small fruits, and decorative plants in a variety of containers. Learn how to select the proper plants for different size containers, to group plants by their needs, and to elevate containers to provide easy access without stooping and bending. bit.ly/FCMG23ContainerGardening

JUL 1 **B-W**
Understanding Our Frederick County Watershed

Bring the family for hands-on learning about the importance of our watershed and its link to the Chesapeake Bay. Find out about macro invertebrates and how they can help to determine water quality, then explore a stream and learn about what lives there. *Pre-registration is required; limited to 20 adults and children. Children must be accompanied by an adult.* bit.ly/FCMG23OurWatershed

JUL 8 **GIEI SERIES**
Harvesting & Storing the Garden's Bounty

Now that you have grown it, what will you do with it? Explore different techniques for storing your garden's bounty of vegetables, fruits and herbs. We will discuss drying, freezing, dry storage, and other tried-and-true methods. bit.ly/FCMG23HarvestingStoring

JUL 22
Make & Take Mini-Garden (for 1st-12th graders)
Design and plant a decorated miniature garden to take home! Plants and decorations will be provided but bring your gardening gloves. Pre-registration is required since class is limited to 15 children. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Free for children. Adults may plant their own mini garden for \$5; note it on the registration and pay (cash or check) at class. bit.ly/FCMG23MakeTakeMiniGarden

JUL 29 **GIEI SERIES**
Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

Manage pests with ecosystem-based methods to minimize the use of pesticides. Learn how to identify, prevent, and manage plant problems using biological control, habitat changes, and cultural habits. bit.ly/FCMG23IPM

AUG 5 9 AM – 12 PM **YG**
Growing Up Wild

For educators who work with children from 3 to 7 years old. Adults only. Limited to 25 participants.
Growing Up Wild prepares educators to teach young children by building on their sense of wonder about nature through a wide range of activities and experiences. For more info see <https://bit.ly/FishWildlifeGrowingWild> for details. Participants will receive a certificate, a guide, and (if needed) approved credits. Pre-registration is required. bit.ly/FCMG23GrowingUpWild

AUG 12 **TH**
Indoor Plants & 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/FCMG23IndoorPlantsWellness

AUG 19 **GIEI SERIES**
Fall Season Vegetable Gardening

Begin to plant now for a harvest in the fall. Find out what to plant and when to plant it. Discover the benefits of making and using row covers. bit.ly/FCMG23ThirdCropVeggies

AUG 26 **GIEI SERIES**
Seed Saving for a Sustainable Kitchen Garden

Learn seed-saving basics to ensure you always have a supply of your kitchen-garden favorites. An overview of plant reproduction will be followed by a hands-on demo and seeds to take home for next season. *Pre-registration is required.* bit.ly/FCMG23SeedSaving

SEP 9 **TH**
Mindfulness in the Garden

Experience the healing power of the garden and plants. We will start with a discussion of the benefits of plants to your wellbeing and then take a walk in the demonstration garden for mindfulness activities. bit.ly/FCMG23Mindfulness

SEP 16 **GIEI SERIES**
Advanced Garden Techniques

Comfortable growing standard vegetables? Ready to grow the more difficult and demanding options? Learn tips and techniques to expand your options and growing seasons. bit.ly/FCMG23AdvGardenTechniques

SEP 23 **YG**
Pawpaws, a Little Known Treasure

Discover a native gem you can grow right in your own backyard! Find out how and why to grow this large, tasty fruit—and how native plants can help your entire garden thrive. Tour the pawpaw patch in our Demo Garden. bit.ly/FCMG23Pawpaws

SEP 30 **GIEI SERIES**
Fall Cleanup & Winterizing the Garden

What's the best way to start the spring season? Fall clean-up! Learn about final harvesting, plant overwintering, soil preparation for next year, and planting onions and garlic for harvest in the spring. bit.ly/FCMG23FallCleanup

OCT 7 **POL/B-W**
Propagation of Native Plants

Native perennials are a wonderful addition to any landscape! Find out about the benefits of native perennials and why they're essential for pollinators and wildlife. Join us to learn how to propagate various natives and expand your garden, then take a few plants home. *Class size is limited to 15 participants.* bit.ly/FCMG23PlantPropagation

OCT 14 **YG**
The Crucial Role of Oaks

Over 500 mammals, birds and insects depend on oaks for survival. Explore the special characteristics of oaks and their crucial role in the ecosystem. Learn about the extraordinary diversity of oaks and how to identify some of the varieties native to our area. The presentation and hands-on activities are geared to all ages. bit.ly/RCMG23Oaks

OCT 21 **GIEI SERIES**
Fall & Winter Pruning

Learn what to prune in the fall and how to prune to get the most out of your plants. bit.ly/FCMG23FallPruning

OCT 28 **B-W**
Honey, I Shrunk the Lawn

Small changes to our yards can have a big impact on our environment. Join the grassroots movement to restore biodiversity by turning turf into a part of the Homegrown National Park! Learn more at homegrownnationalpark.org. bit.ly/FCMG23ShrinkingLawns

NOV 4 **LG**
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. bit.ly/FCMG23RightPlant

